

Financial Statements Together with
Report of Independent Certified Public Accountants

IMMIGRANT JUSTICE CORPS, INC.

For the years ended August 31, 2017 and 2016

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

To the Board of Directors of the
Immigrant Justice Corps, Inc.

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Immigrant Justice Corps, Inc. (“IJC”) which comprise the statements of financial position as of August 31, 2017 and 2016, and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management’s responsibility for the financial statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor’s responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor’s judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to IJC’s preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of IJC’s internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Immigrant Justice Corps, Inc. as of August 31, 2017 and 2016, and its changes in net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Grant Thornton LLP

New York, New York
March 1, 2018

IMMIGRANT JUSTICE CORPS, INC.
Statements of Financial Position
As of August 31, 2017 and 2016

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash	\$ 2,670,404	\$ 2,119,178
Pledges receivable, net (Note 3)	6,274,076	8,185,105
Prepaid expenses and other assets	<u>27,811</u>	<u>1,368</u>
Total current assets	8,972,291	10,305,651
Security deposit	55,620	55,620
Fixed assets, net (Note 4)	<u>19,463</u>	<u>28,598</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 9,047,374</u>	<u>\$ 10,389,869</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	<u>\$ 75,465</u>	<u>\$ 154,507</u>
Total liabilities	<u>75,465</u>	<u>154,507</u>
Commitments (Note 10)		
NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted	2,697,832	2,050,257
Temporarily restricted (Note 7)	<u>6,274,077</u>	<u>8,185,105</u>
Total net assets	<u>8,971,909</u>	<u>10,235,362</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$ 9,047,374</u>	<u>\$ 10,389,869</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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Statements of Activities
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	2017			2016		
	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total
REVENUES AND SUPPORT						
Contributions and grants (Notes 7 and 8)	\$ 664,029	\$ 3,600,717	\$ 4,264,746	\$ 1,964,750	\$ 7,087,605	\$ 9,052,355
Donated goods and services (Note 5)	10,527	-	10,527	28,195	-	28,195
Interest income	6,892	-	6,892	-	-	-
Net assets released from restriction (Note 7)	5,511,745	(5,511,745)	-	3,120,795	(3,120,795)	-
Total revenues and support	6,193,193	(1,911,028)	4,282,165	5,113,740	3,966,810	9,080,550
EXPENSES						
Program services	5,108,185	-	5,108,185	4,898,391	-	4,898,391
Management and general	323,490	-	323,490	438,092	-	438,092
Fundraising	113,943	-	113,943	69,918	-	69,918
Total expenses	5,545,618	-	5,545,618	5,406,401	-	5,406,401
Change in net assets	647,575	(1,911,028)	(1,263,453)	(292,661)	3,966,810	3,674,149
Net assets, beginning of year	2,050,257	8,185,105	10,235,362	2,342,918	4,218,295	6,561,213
Net assets, end of year	\$ 2,697,832	\$ 6,274,077	\$ 8,971,909	\$ 2,050,257	\$ 8,185,105	\$ 10,235,362

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Statements of Cash Flows
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	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Change in net assets	\$ (1,263,453)	\$ 3,674,149
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities		
Depreciation expense	12,451	11,607
Changes in assets and liabilities		
Decrease (increase) in pledges receivable	1,911,029	(4,275,105)
(Increase) decrease in prepaid expenses and other assets	(26,443)	58,864
(Decrease) increase in accounts payable and accrued expenses	<u>(79,042)</u>	<u>96,948</u>
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	<u>554,542</u>	<u>(433,537)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Purchase of fixed assets	<u>(3,316)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net cash used in investing activities	<u>(3,316)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	551,226	(433,537)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	<u>2,119,178</u>	<u>2,552,715</u>
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	<u>\$ 2,670,404</u>	<u>\$ 2,119,178</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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Notes to Financial Statements

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1. ORGANIZATION AND NATURE OF ACTIVITIES

The accompanying financial statements include the accounts of Immigrant Justice Corps Inc. (“IJC”), a not-for-profit public charity incorporated in Delaware in 2014. IJC is the country’s first fellowship program dedicated to providing high-quality legal assistance for immigrants seeking citizenship and fighting deportation.

Immigrant Justice Corps is the visionary idea of the Hon. Robert Katzmann, Chief Judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit to provide legal representation to poor immigrants originating as a response to the crisis in legal representation for immigrants that he saw every day as a federal judge. IJC was designed through extensive research and consultation with experts across the legal field. The Robin Hood Foundation (“Robin Hood”) recognized IJC’s unique potential to help individuals escape poverty and incubated the program by providing management and financial support as well as office space during its first year of operation. With seed funding from Robin Hood and the JPB Foundation, IJC welcomed its first class of Fellows in September 2014.

Immigrant Justice Corps seeks to expand access to counsel by increasing the quantity of immigration lawyers and advocates and the quality of the immigration bar. Each year IJC recruits talented young lawyers (“Justice Fellows”) and college graduates (“Community Fellows”) many of whom are first-generation immigrants and bilingual graduates from the country’s top universities, for a two-year fellowship. IJC trains Fellows to be experts in immigration law and pairs them with leading non-profit legal services providers and community based organizations in New York City, Long Island, the Lower Hudson Valley, New Jersey, Connecticut, and Texas to provide legal services to low-income immigrants.

The Fellows provide a broad range of immigration services. Justice Fellows handle complex immigration cases including deportation defense, applications for asylum, naturalization, green cards and other forms of relief available to juveniles and victims of crime, domestic violence or human trafficking. Community Fellows conduct outreach and legal intake in underserved neighborhoods, and file applications for citizenship, green cards, and Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (“DACA”), under the direct supervision of IJC staff attorneys. Quality legal assistance allows immigrants to avoid deportation and the separation of their families. Immigrants who can improve their legal status are better able to gain lawful employment, receive financial aid to college, access health care and live stable, productive lives in the United States.

IJC is infusing the legal profession with a new generation of lawyers and advocates committed to providing high quality representation and innovative thinking about the delivery of legal services to a vulnerable population, including the use of new technologies.

On November 4, 2014, the Internal Revenue Service (“IRS”) issued a letter in which they determined that IJC is exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and is classified as a public charity under section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Presentation

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (“US GAAP”).

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IJC's net assets, support and revenues are classified based upon the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions. Accordingly, the net assets of IJC and changes therein are classified as follows:

Unrestricted - Net assets that are expendable for any purpose in performing the primary objectives of IJC.

Temporarily restricted - Net assets that are subject to donor-imposed stipulations that will be met either by actions of IJC and/or the passage of time.

Permanently restricted - Net assets that are subject to donor-imposed stipulations requiring that the corpus be retained in a fund of permanent duration and the income therefrom be used for general or specific purposes, as required by donors. IJC had no permanently restricted net assets at August 31, 2017 and 2016.

Revenues are reported as increases in unrestricted net assets unless use of the related assets is restricted by donor-imposed stipulations. Expenses are reported as decreases in unrestricted net assets. Gains and losses on investments and other assets or liabilities are reported as increases or decreases in unrestricted net assets unless their use is restricted by explicit donor stipulation or by law. Gifts of cash and other assets are reported as restricted support if they are received with donor stipulations that limit the use of the donated assets. Expirations of temporary restrictions, if any (i.e., the donor-stipulated purpose has been fulfilled and/or the stipulated time period has elapsed) are reported as net assets released from restrictions on the statement of activities.

Fair Value Measurements

The Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued Topic 820, under the FASB Accounting Standards Codification, which defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value, and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. The standard provides a consistent definition of fair value, which focuses on an exit price between market participants in an orderly transaction. The standard also prioritizes, within the measurement of fair value, the use of market-based information over entity-specific information and establishes a three-level hierarchy for fair value measurements based on the transparency of information used in the valuation of an asset or liability as of the measurement date.

Observable inputs are inputs that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability based on market data obtained from independent sources. Unobservable inputs reflect assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability based on the best information available in the circumstances. Assets and liabilities, subject to the standard, measured and reported at fair value are classified and disclosed in one of the following categories:

- Level 1 - Quoted prices are available in active markets for identical assets or liabilities as of the measurement date. A quoted price for an identical asset or liability in an active market provides the most reliable fair value measurement because it is directly observable to the market.
- Level 2 - Pricing inputs are other than quoted prices in active markets, which are either directly or indirectly observable as of the measurement date. The nature of these securities includes securities for which quoted prices are available but traded less frequently and securities that are fair valued using other securities, the parameters of which can be directly observed.

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Level 3 - Securities that have little to no pricing observability as of the measurement date. These securities are measured using management's best estimate of fair value where the inputs into the determination of fair value are not observable and require significant management judgment or estimation.

Inputs are used in applying the various valuation techniques and broadly refer to the assumptions that market participants use to make valuation decisions, including assumptions about risk. Inputs may include price information, volatility statistics, specific and broad credit data, liquidity statistics, and other factors. A financial instrument's Level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest verifiable level, not proprietary, and provided by independent sources that are actively involved in the relevant market. The categorization of a financial instrument within the hierarchy is based upon the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. However, the determination of what constitutes "observable" requires significant judgment by an entity. IJC considers observable data to be that market data that is readily available, regularly distributed or updated and does not necessarily correspond to IJC's perceived risk of the respective instrument.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents consist of cash in banks and money market accounts with original maturities of 90 days or less from the date of purchase.

Pledges Receivable/Contributions

IJC records contributions, including unconditional promises to give (pledges), at the time such contributions are made and confirmed from the respective donor. Contributions are considered unrestricted unless a donor-imposed restriction limits the use of such contributions. Contributions restricted for time and/or program-specific purposes are recorded as temporarily restricted net assets and then released to unrestricted net assets when the respective restriction is satisfied. Receivables are written-off in the period in which they are deemed uncollectible. In addition, all pledges are reviewed and assessed on an individual basis for collectability annually. Any pledges deemed uncollectible are reserved or written-off as part of this process.

Fixed Assets

Fixed assets, which consist of furniture, fixtures, equipment, and software costs are recorded at cost or, if donated, at fair value on the date received. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets ranging from three to five years. Leasehold improvements are amortized over the remaining lease term or the estimated life of the improvements, whichever is shorter.

Deferred Rent Liability

IJC's operating lease contains annual escalations in base rent. In accordance with US GAAP, rent expense is recognized on a straight-line basis over the life of the respective lease, rather than in accordance with the lease payments.

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Donated Goods and Services

Donated contributions consisting of both program and event related goods and professional services are recorded at their estimated fair value as both revenue and expense. Donated services are recognized if the services received create or enhance nonfinancial assets or require specialized skills, are provided by individuals possessing those skills, and would typically need to be purchased if not provided by donation. IJC records the estimated fair value of donated services which meet these criteria (see Note 5).

Concentrations of Credit Risk

Financial instruments that potentially subject the Foundation to concentrations of credit and market risk consist principally of cash and cash equivalents on deposit with financial institutions, which from time to time may exceed the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (“FDIC”) limit. IJC does not believe that a significant risk of loss due to the failure of a financial institution to perform exists.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with US GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Subsequent Events

IJC evaluated its August 31, 2017 financial statements for subsequent events through March 1, 2018, the date the financial statements were available to be issued. IJC is not aware of any material subsequent events which would require recognition or disclosure in the financial statements with the exception of the following.

Subsequent to year end, the Class of 2018 of Justice Fellows signed offer letters, resulting in commitments by IJC to this class for the duration two-year agreement. This class’s term begins on September 1, 2018. The commitment due to these fellows is included below:

2019	\$ 1,775,000
2020	<u>1,775,000</u>
Total	<u>\$ 3,550,000</u>

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3. PLEDGES RECEIVABLE, NET

Pledges receivable, net, are summarized as follows at August 31, 2017 and 2016:

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Unconditional promises expected to be collected in		
Less than one year	\$ 5,325,050	\$ 4,050,000
One year to three years	<u>1,000,000</u>	<u>4,325,000</u>
	<u>6,325,050</u>	<u>8,375,000</u>
Less: discount (at rates varying from 1.10% to 3.56%)	<u>(50,974)</u>	<u>(189,895)</u>
Pledges receivable, net	<u>\$ 6,274,076</u>	<u>\$ 8,185,105</u>

4. FIXED ASSETS, NET

Office equipment and software, net, consist of the following at August 31, 2017 and 2016:

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Office equipment	\$ 43,351	\$ 16,776
Software license	3,245	3,245
Furniture and equipment	<u>1,405</u>	<u>24,664</u>
	48,001	44,685
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(28,538)</u>	<u>(16,087)</u>
Fixed assets, net	<u>\$ 19,463</u>	<u>\$ 28,598</u>

Depreciation and amortization expense of fixed assets and licenses fees for the years ended August 31, 2017 and 2016 totaled \$12,451 and \$11,607, respectively.

5. CONTRIBUTIONS AND DONATED GOODS AND SERVICES

IJC received recognizable donated goods and services in 2017 and 2016 from the public in support of operations. The fair value of such donations was \$10,527 and \$28,195, for the years ended August 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively, for legal services provided.

These donated goods and services are recorded as both revenues and expenses in the year received and are included in the accompanying statements of activities.

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6. INCOME TAXES

IJC follows guidance that clarifies the accounting for uncertainty in tax positions taken or expected to be taken in a tax return, including issues relating to financial statement recognition and measurement. This guidance provides that the tax effects from an uncertain tax position can only be recognized in the financial statements if the position is “more-likely-than-not” to be sustained if the position were to be challenged by a taxing authority. The assessment of the tax position is based solely on the technical merits of the position, without regard to the likelihood that the tax position may be challenged.

IJC is exempt from income tax under IRC section 501(c)(3), though it is subject to tax on income unrelated to its exempt purpose, unless that income is otherwise excluded by the Code. IJC has processes presently in place to ensure the maintenance of its tax-exempt status; to identify and report unrelated income; to determine its filing and tax obligations in jurisdictions for which it was nexus; and to identify and evaluate other matters that may be considered tax positions. IJC has determined that there are no material uncertain tax positions that require recognition or disclosure in the financial statements.

7. TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS

At August 31, 2017 and 2016, IJC’s temporarily restricted net assets consist of purpose-restricted and time-restricted net assets. The details of IJC’s temporarily restricted net assets for the years ended August 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively follows:

	2016			2017		
	Temporarily Restricted Contributions	Net Assets Released from Restrictions	Balance at August 31	Temporarily Restricted Contributions	Net Assets Released from Restrictions	Balance at August 31
Time-restricted	\$ 6,890,072	\$ (2,702,500)	\$ 7,987,572	\$ 3,190,717	\$ (5,314,212)	\$ 5,864,077
Purpose-restricted						
Fellowships	-	(117,170)	-	-	-	-
Other	197,533	(301,125)	197,533	410,000	(197,533)	410,000
	<u>197,533</u>	<u>(418,295)</u>	<u>197,533</u>	<u>410,000</u>	<u>(197,533)</u>	<u>410,000</u>
Total	\$ 7,087,605	\$ (3,120,795)	\$ 8,185,105	\$ 3,600,717	\$ (5,511,745)	\$ 6,274,077

8. CONCENTRATIONS

For the years ended August 31, 2017 and 2016, IJC received contributions from three sources and one source totaling approximately \$3 million and \$7 million, respectively, and representing approximately 70% and 78%, respectively, of total contribution revenues.

9. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

IJC receives contributions from its board member and organizations affiliated with its board members. For the years ended August 31, 2017 and 2016, such contributions totaled approximately \$105,000 and \$2,500, respectively.

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10. COMMITMENTS

Fellowships: Justice Fellowships & Community Fellowships run for two years, with the possibility of renewing for a third year based on mutual agreement by the Fellow, IJC, and the host organization as well as depending upon need and availability. During the two years of the Fellowship, Fellows' salaries and benefits will be underwritten by IJC.

Fellows are trained by IJC at the start of their fellowship and check-in regularly with Immigrant Justice Corps staff throughout their Fellowship. In-placed Fellows are directly supervised by in-house IJC staff. Fellows also attend monthly meetings throughout the course of the fellowship for professional development, skills training, and support.

Commitments for "out-placed" Justice & Community Fellows that work for external host organizations include salary plus fringe benefits at 25% of salary. Commitments for "in-placed" Justice & Community Fellows that work as IJC employees include salary only since they are considered at-will employees.

At August 31, 2017, the annual commitments for Justice and Community Fellowships are as follows:

	<u>Justice Fellowships</u>	<u>Community Fellowships</u>	<u>Total</u>
2018	\$ 2,523,841	\$ 2,024,778	\$ 4,548,619
2019	<u>1,176,000</u>	<u>1,045,500</u>	<u>2,221,500</u>
Total	<u>\$ 3,699,841</u>	<u>\$ 3,070,278</u>	<u>\$ 6,770,119</u>

Office Space: IJC rents office space under a lease agreement entered into in July 2015, which expires October 20, 2020. At August 31, 2017, the annual rental commitments for leased office space is as follows:

Fiscal Year	
2018	\$ 126,914
2019	130,136
2020	133,447
2021	<u>11,144</u>
Total	<u>\$ 401,641</u>

Office rent expense totaled \$128,907 for the years ended August 31, 2017 and 2016. Included in accounts payable and accrued expenses on the accompanying statements of financial position is deferred rent expense totaling \$54,737 and \$41,789 for the years ended August 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively.

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Equipment Leases: During year ended August 31, 2016, IJC entered into three equipment leases, which expire between the years ending August 31, 2018 and August 31, 2020. At August 31, 2017, the annual rental commitments for leased equipment is as follows:

Fiscal Year	
2018	\$ 10,254
2019	5,676
2020	<u>712</u>
Total	<u>\$ 16,642</u>

Equipment rent expense totaled \$10,644 for the year ended August 31, 2017.