

## **The Immigrant Learning Center Hires First Executive Director, Prepares for Future**

MALDEN, Mass, July 15, 2021/ Malden-based The Immigrant Learning Center (The ILC) expanded its leadership team on July 1, 2021, when it welcomed Vincent Rivers as its first executive director. The ILC has been led since its inception in 1992 by the Founder and CEO, Diane Portnoy. Portnoy will continue as The ILC's CEO, concentrating on longer-term strategy for growing and strengthening the organization. Rivers will take on the responsibility of overseeing the day-to-day operations of offering free, year-round English classes to immigrant and refugee adults in Greater Boston; conducting research on the economic contributions of immigrants; and informing Americans about the economic and social contributions of immigrants.

Rivers has been a supporter of The Immigrant Learning Center for more than 20 years as a donor, volunteer and, starting in 2005, a member of the board of trustees. His successful career in banking and investment management makes him a good choice for the financial side of the organization, and his long commitment to the mission positions him well to help The ILC give more immigrants a voice.

Rivers described his pivot from a profit-driven career to a mission-driven one, saying, "I always assumed I would find my way back to my roots. My parents were educators, and education has always been high on my priority list. I wanted to point my career in a direction that has more of a social return. This seemed like the right time, and my longstanding relationship with The Immigrant Learning Center made it the right place for me. I could not be more thrilled for this opportunity to help Diane prepare The ILC for its next stage of growth."

### **About The Immigrant Learning Center, Inc.**

The Immigrant Learning Center, Inc. of Malden, MA, is a not-for-profit organization that gives immigrants a voice in three ways. The English Language Program provides free, year-round English classes to immigrant and refugee adults in Greater Boston to help them become successful workers, parents and community members. The Public Education Institute informs Americans about the economic and social contributions of immigrants in our society, and the Institute for Immigration Research, a joint venture with

George Mason University, conducts research on the economic contributions of immigrants. For more information, visit the website <http://www.ilctr.org>. The ILC can also be found on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, YouTube and Pinterest.

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