
Clinton Pledges to Start Working on Immigration Reform

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Clinton addressed the issue during a question and answer session in San Antonio with the president of the U.S. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Javier Palomarez, who is a supporter of regularizing the immigration status of undocumented migrants.

Clinton, the Democratic frontrunner, said that, if elected president, she will uphold and continue with the executive measures taken last November by President Barack Obama to legalize nearly half of the 11 million undocumented foreigners living in the United States.

She said that comprehensive immigration reform where people are brought out of the shadows would be “good for our economy.”

The former first lady, who had frequently expressed her commitment to creating a path to citizenship for immigrants, said that immigration reform would make the U.S. labor market more efficient and undocumented workers would stop being exploited.

To illustrate the benefits that changes in immigration policy would bring to the U.S. economy, Clinton said that currently undocumented migrants contribute \$12 billion per year to Social Security without being able to benefit from it.

If immigration reform is approved, the contribution of those people to Social Security would rise to \$21 billion, she claimed.

During her address, Clinton also came out in favor of “opening more doors” to Hispanic

businesses with seminars and conferences that enable them to expand their contacts, as well as initiatives to make understanding the U.S. bureaucracy easier for Hispanic businessmen.

The debate on immigration has become more intense due to comments by real estate magnate and Republican frontrunning presidential candidate Donald Trump, who proposes building a wall along the border with Mexico and deporting all undocumented foreigners.

Clinton said that the Democratic presidential debate on Tuesday evening stood in sharp contrast to the “prejudice and paranoia” that has been heard at the Republican debates.

The former secretary of state also criticized the “harsh and inflammatory language” on immigration being used by certain Republican candidates, who – motivated by the push such statements have given Trump in the voter surveys – have upped their rhetoric against immigrants.
