



589 Asylum Interview Putting C into proceedings

____ This client DOES NOT require an attorney at the interview if we are putting him/them into proceedings.

____ If you would prefer to have an attorney, we can arrange for an attorney to be present at your interview but it would be an additional \$____ **dollars** due on the day of representation.

1. [Identification & Notice of Interview](#)
2. [Fingerprints – Show proof that you took your prints](#)
3. [Map – the address is 75 Hawthorne St., SF, CA 94104](#)
4. [Translator – If you are not fluent in English](#)
5. [Birth Certificates – Take three copies of everything](#)
6. [Dr. Letter – Most recent report](#)
7. [Any other evidence that you feel will help your case.](#)

An attorney will NOT accompany you. You will give your testimony and pick up a decision in two weeks.

On the day of the interview, you must prepare by collecting the following:

1. **Identification & Notice of Interview** – Your identification must be an unexpired passport or a California ID.
2. **Fingerprints** – Before your interview, you will be asked to take your prints. Your appointment notice will show where, when and what time. Once you have taken your prints, the print officer will stamp your notice that you have taken your prints. You must bring the stamped notice to your interview.
3. **Map** – the address is

75 Hawthorne St.
San Francisco, CA 94105
[Map to Asylum Office](#)

Please arrive early to your appointment. You will need to give yourself time to find the address, find parking, pass through the metal detector and check in on the first floor.

4. **Translator** – If you are not fluent in English, you must bring a translator. This can be a cousin, or a friend or a neighbor or even someone from the Regional Center.
5. **Originals** – We have provided the interview officer with your birth certificate, and your children's birth certificates. You must bring the originals with you on the day of your interview. If there is paperwork that you will be providing that you have not taken before please take 3 extra copies for the officer.
6. **Dr. Letter** – Most recent doctor report. If your case is due to a sick child, bring the letter where your child was given a diagnosis.
7. **Other Evidence** – You may bring any other evidence you would like the officer to review. Just remember to bring 3 extra copies.

You will give your testimony and pick up a decision in two weeks.

As you know, in order to present a case before the immigration judge, you must be in court proceedings. The way to enter into court proceedings is to submit an application that will be referred to an Immigration Judge. In this case, we have filed for asylum.

No Attorney - At the beginning of the interview you will be asked to sign a form stating that you wish to move forward without an attorney.

There is no need for your attorney to be present. Your attorney will not speak for you. He cannot translate for you. And he cannot answer for you. Also remember, this is only the first step. The goal is to be referred to the Immigration Court to present a case before a judge.

Answering the Questions: The asylum officer will ask many questions regarding how you entered this country and why you cannot return to your country.

On the application, we have put the reasons that you are afraid to return.

Please also remember, we have not lied on the application and there is no reason for you to lie at the interview.

Please be honest about everything you tell them. You will be asked to swear under oath.

Although your claim of fear to return to Mexico is real, it is not enough to win asylum.

If you are able to prove that the reasons are government or political, you can explain to them that you didn't file within the first year because you were not aware of the laws, or because you didn't know that this application existed, or even because, it is only recently since your child was born that you realized that you faced danger if you return to Mexico.

They will ask if anything bad ever happened in Mexico to you or your family members.

They will ask why you are afraid to return.

The officer will be taking notes the whole time that you are answering the questions.

Who wins Asylum? Asylum has two requirements to win.

1. You must file within one year of entering this country.
2. You must convince them that the fear you face is due to political or government reasons.

After the interview, the officer will thank you and tell you that the interview is over and that you should return in two weeks to pick up your decision.

He will give you a paper with the information you need to return in two weeks.

After two weeks, you will go to the first floor waiting room and that is where you will pick up your decision. They will explain to you that they have not denied your case but they need the Immigration Judge to consider your case. That is how your case will be referred to the immigration judge.

Your first hearing: They will explain to you when is the first date that you will have court. Your attorney **will** accompany you to every court hearing before the judge.

Work Permit: Once your case is filed in the Immigration Court, we will explain what is necessary to complete the work permit process.

If you have any questions after your interview, please make an appointment at the office.