

NEW AMERICA MEDIA & THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION  
INVITE YOU TO AN ETHNIC MEDIA NEWS BRIEFING

# Spotting and Avoiding Scams in Our Communities

## WHEN:

Wednesday, December 9th, 11 am to 1 pm  
(Light luncheon/ refreshments will be served)

## WHERE:

Boat People SOS  
11360 Bellaire, Suite 910  
Houston, TX 77072

## WHO:

- Dama Brown, Director, FTC – Southwest Region, Dallas
- Alvaro Puig, FTC Bureau of Consumer Protection, Washington, DC
- Sonia Lopez, Lone Star Legal Aid
- Rick Berlin, Texas Attorney General's Office
- Wafa Adbin, Vice President of Immigration and Refugee Services, Cabrini Center for Immigrant Legal Assistance, Catholic Charities for the Diocese of Galveston-Houston
- Storytellers

## WHY:

Every year scammers defraud our communities of hundreds of millions of dollars by selling fake services and worthless products for everything from immigration, housing and health to debt collection, jobs and education. People are often too scared to report fraud when they have been victimized by it. Our briefing will bring together law enforcement officials, community advocates and consumers to talk about the types of fraud that are on the rise and what people can do to protect themselves and their neighbors. The event is hosted by Boat People SOS.

## RSVP:

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