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**Phoenix, Arizona** - Film production company Deep Focus Cinema proudly presents the world premiere release of its feature length documentary film, “The Immigration Paradox” on Thursday, Sept. 27 at the Orpheum Theatre, 203 W. Adams St. in downtown Phoenix. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.; the film begins at 7:30 p.m. To buy tickets and watch the official trailer visit [www.TIPMovie.com](http://www.TIPMovie.com).

“The Immigration Paradox” is an important film that investigates the root-cause to the most controversial issue of this century: mass, unauthorized migration. The loss of dignity, separation from family and community division prompted Emmy® Award winning filmmaker Lourdes Lee Vasquez to investigate why people desperately risk their lives to come to the United States. Over the course of seven years searching for answers to this complex social issue, Lee Vasquez interviewed an array of experts and ordinary people from various backgrounds, which include economics, sociology, philosophy, history, policy, and activism.

Due to: the controversial topic, being a young, Hispanic immigrant, Lee Vasquez struggled to find funding to finish her documentary. Nonetheless, her faith in the message and our humanity kept her going even to the extent of selling her car to keep gathering more information. However, her quest took an unexpected twist when she had an encounter with someone she perceived to be her “enemy”; little did she know, that “enemy” would broaden her perspective on the issue of immigration.

“The Immigration Paradox” takes a critical and in-depth look at one of the most divisive challenges in human global history. No matter what your viewpoints or beliefs are regarding this deeply emotional topic; the stories revealed in “The Immigration Paradox” will leave you shocked and with a new understanding about global migration.

“We feel that many hearts and minds will be transformed once people see our documentary,” says Lee Vasquez, as she too was transformed from this journey. “Through ‘The Immigration Paradox’s’ message we hope to open up lines of dialogue that will lead to constructive solutions and help get our humanity out of this vicious



cycle we have kept repeating through centuries.”

Along with an original score composed by Tobie Milford and Henri Bernard there are several local musicians whose songs are placed throughout the film including: Dry River Yacht Club, Michelle Blades, Whisperlights, There Is Danger and Underground Cities.

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The Phoenix red-carpet world premiere at reduced ticket prices was made possible by the generous sponsorship of Raza Development Fund, United Food Commercial Workers and Latinos Unidos. Discount code “TIP2012” at checkout for 50%OFF.

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