

# Rolando's Rights Study Guide



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## He knows his rights...



Do you know yours?



## **Rolando Returns for His Money**

Rolando goes back to his old job. They owe him money.



The company didn't pay him for his last two weeks of work.





The company refuses to pay him.

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# What Happened?

Rolando gets back to his new job. He is late. The supervisor, Marco, is not happy.



Rolando's coworker, Janus, asks him what's going on. Another coworker hears them talking.



ripped off = someone took your money

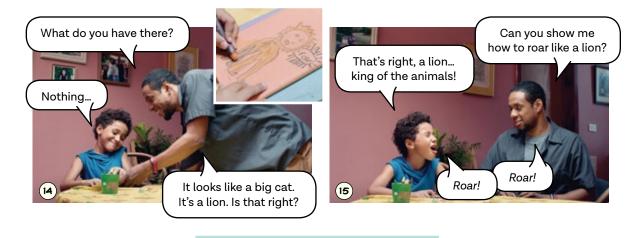
## **The Lion Roars**

At the Parking Garage

Rolando tells his wife, Silvia, that his old company is not going to pay him.



Rolando has a part-time evening job a few days a week. Before he leaves, he speaks with his son, Lionel.



Rolando tells Silvia he will find a solution. He will get the money his old company owes him.





Rolando's part-time job is at a parking garage. He has a daydream in a customer's car.



In Rolando's daydream, he gets a big check.

There's a knock on the car window. It brings Rolando back to reality. It was only a daydream...



daydream = dreaming with your eyes open

**back to reality** = return to the real world

# **Taking Action**

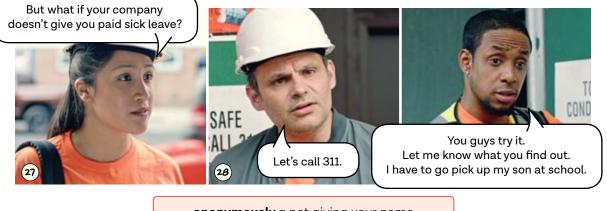
Back at the construction job... Rolando and Janus see a sign about calling 311.



Another worker, Cecilia, has a story too. She didn't get "paid sick leave" from their company.



They decide to call 311 to get help.



**anonymously** = not giving your name

# Let Me Hear Your Voices!

Rolando picks up Lionel at school. The class is practicing a play.



The teacher welcomes Rolando.













# Learning about DCA (the Department of Consumer Affairs)



# Meeting at the DCA Office

They go to DCA. They learn about their rights.



file a complaint = make an official report about a problem to get a solution



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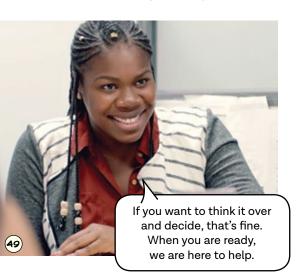




Do you want to file a complaint? We'll contact the company to get your money.



DCA is ready to help.



## **Sharing the News**

Let's Practice It

Rolando and Janus practice talking about wage theft.



On the job, the workers share the news about paid sick leave with other coworkers.



You mean if someone in my family is sick, paid sick leave covers that too?









It's like a play. Rolando practices his lines with Janus.



Their supervisor appears and overhears them.





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"Paid Sick Leave."

## **Rolando Knows His Rights**

Rolando returns to his old job. He shows the foreman the Workers' Bill of Rights.





## **Everyone Knows Their Rights**

The workers tell the supervisor that they know about paid sick leave.



# **They File Complaints**

A couple of weeks later, the workers decide to file complaints with DCA.



with DCA.



# **Lionel Can't Roar**

Lionel is sick. He can't go to school.



Silvia will stay home to take care of Lionel. She won't lose her pay.



I spoke with my company and they said it's fine. I have worked there long enough. It's my right.



Next time, it will be my turn... After I've been with the company longer and we win our fight.

# Victory!

Marco makes an important announcement.

You were right. Everyone who works here 120 days or more gets paid sick leave.









Yeah... It's our right!

### Rolando roars...



# Who We Are

Complete the sentences. Follow the example.

Marco · Silvia · José · Rolando Lionel • DCA representative • Cecilia and Janus

to get paid sick leave. I speak up for my rights.

I encourage Rolando and my son to speak up.

for us to speak up for our rights as workers.

me the Workers' Bill of Rights.

I help workers win their rights.

I am \_\_\_\_\_. My name means "lion." I am Rolando's and Silvia's son. I roar like a lion in my school play. I teach my father to roar like a lion too.

I don't see my family as much as I want because I have two jobs. I have the right to be paid for every hour that I work and

My name is \_\_\_\_\_\_. I am married to Rolando.

parents and employees. We are building a life in New York City.

\_\_\_\_\_. We work with Rolando.

Our company did not give us paid sick leave. It is important

construction job where Rolando used to work. Rolando shows

My name is \_\_\_\_\_\_. I am Rolando's supervisor

at the construction job where he works now. Rolando and his coworkers tell me about paid sick leave. It's good for them

My name is \_\_\_\_\_\_. I am the foreman at a

I am a home health aide. My husband and I work hard as

Rolando



**1.** l'm

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3.

4.

5.

6.

We are \_\_\_\_\_











and the company too. 7. I am a \_\_\_\_\_. DCA is the Department of Consumer Affairs. It has an office for worker rights.

. I am married and have one son.

Lesson 1

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# What Happens?

Complete the sentences. Follow the examples.

### give · read · tells · decide · owes · hetp

- 2. That afternoon, Rolando \_\_\_\_\_\_ his coworker, Janus, that his old company will not pay him.
- **3.** The next day, Rolando and Janus \_\_\_\_\_\_ a sign about calling 311 to report unsafe work conditions.
- 5. Cecilia, a coworker of Rolando's and Janus's, tells them that the company did not \_\_\_\_\_\_ her paid sick leave.
- 6. Rolando, Janus, and Cecilia \_\_\_\_\_\_ to call 311 to see if they can get help with their problems at work.

informs • announces • decide • share • have • gives

- Rolando, Janus, and Cecilia learn about the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) from 311. They <u>decide</u> to go to the DCA office together.
- 8. A representative at the DCA office \_\_\_\_\_\_ them about paid sick leave and other New York City worker rights. She gives them some brochures.
- 9. Later, they \_\_\_\_\_\_ the information with their coworkers.
- **10.** One day, Rolando \_\_\_\_\_\_ the Workers' Bill of Rights to his old foreman, José.
- **11.** Rolando, Janus, Cecilia and other coworkers tell their supervisor, Marco, that they \_\_\_\_\_\_ the right to paid sick leave.
- **12.** After a few weeks, Marco \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that the employees will get paid sick leave.

# Where Is It?

Find these things in the story. Write the page number(s). Follow the example.



<ol> <li>a sign that says</li> <li>"DANGER HARD HAT AREA"</li> </ol>	<u></u> pages 1, 4
2. a dust mask	_page
3. a power drill	page
<b>4.</b> a drawing of a lion	page
5. a sign that says "Call 311"	page
6. elephant ears and elephant trunk	page
7. Workers' Bill of Rights brochure	pages
8. NYC Cares for Care Workers brochure	page
9. safety goggles	pages

# Talking about Rights Definitions I

### Find the meaning. Follow the examples.

1.	earn money		the rights of workers; things that are promised by law to workers
2.	worker rights		find an answer to a problem
3.	figure out		have enough money to pay for something
4.	anonymously		meeting "in person" (not on the phone)
5.	afford	1	get money for doing work
6.	meeting face-to-face		without giving your name

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- 7. DCA
- 8. speak up
- 9. file a complaint
- **10.** construction workers
- **11.** domestic workers
- 12. appointment

### workers who build buildings

- people employed in homes or residences to care for a child, to help a sick or elderly person, or do other domestic services (for example, housecleaners, nannies, and home health aides)
- a specific time for a meeting
- make an official report to get a solution to a problem
- say something to help yourself or others
- a New York City agency that protects and enhances the daily economic lives of New Yorkers. It has an office that protects workers' rights and educates businesses on key workplace laws. The DCA office that protects workers' rights is the Office of Labor Policy & Standards.

# Talking about Rights Dialogue I

Complete the sentences. Follow the example.



### appointment • DCA • file a complaint face-to-face • construction • worker rights

Rolando:	What did 311 tell you?
Cecilia:	They said we can get help from (1) They have a special office for (2)
Rolando:	They told me the same thing. They said we could (3) online or do it on the phone.
Janus:	They said we can go to the DCA office too, and we don't need an (4)
Cecilia:	Maybe going there is a good idea. We can speak to somebody (5)
Janus:	Next Wednesday, the (6) site will be closed for inspection.
Rolando:	Let's go then.

# **Talking about Rights Definitions II**

### Find the meaning. Follow the examples.

- paid sick leave have the legal right or moral authority to 1. do something have the right 2. when someone takes your money in an protected by the law unfair way 3. when an employer does not pay you for against the law 4. the hours you worked ripped off 5. pay for time off when you are sick or need wage theft

6.



- 7. owe
- fines and penalties 8.
- union contract 9.
- 10. hijab
- **11.** discriminate against
- **12.** take care of

to take care of a family member who is sick when the law is "on your side" not allowed; illegal

- a head covering worn by some Muslim women
- need to give money to someone
- act negatively toward someone because of race, gender, age, sexual orientation or other protected categories
- an official agreement between a company and a labor organization
- care for; be responsible for
- money or other punishment for breaking a rule or law

# **Talking about Rights Dialogue II**

Complete the sentences. Follow the example.

-	theft • hijab • owes • <u>paid sick leave</u> • ripped me off • take care of • contract • file a complaint • have the right
DCA Rep:	In New York City, workers in companies with five or more employees have the right to (1) <u>Paid sick leave</u> . You can start using your sick leave after four months. And if someone in your family is sick, you can use your paid sick leave. You can stay at home and (2) them and still get paid.
Janus:	Our company didn't give us paid sick leave.
DCA Rep:	We'll help you get it. The company <mark>(3)</mark> you that money.
Cecilia:	We don't have a union (4) Are we protected? We don't want to lose our jobs.
DCA Rep:	The company is not allowed to fire you for getting help from DCA. It is against (5)
Rolando:	I have another problem. My old company <mark>(6)</mark> They didn't pay me for the last two weeks I worked there.
DCA Rep:	That is called (7) The company is required by law to pay you for every hour that you work.
Omar:	I have another question. My wife wears a (8) She is starting a new job. Is that a problem?
DCA Rep:	No, it is not. Workers (9) to wear their religious clothing.
Rolando:	The Workers' Bill of Rights. This is good. This is what I need.
DCA Rep:	Do you want to (10) ? We'll contact the company to get your money.

**Rep** = Representative

# Talking about Worker Rights



Rolando wants to file a complaint. Help Rolando explain what happened to him.

Use the past tense. Circle the correct answers. Follow the examples.

- 1. | worked/ didn't work at a different construction company in the past.
- 2. I got paid / didn't get paid for my last two weeks at my old job.
- 3. | was / wasn't sick and didn't go to work.
- 4. | lost / didn't lose my job.
- 5. The company <u>gave / didn't give</u> me paid sick leave.
- 6. I talked / didn't talk to José, my old foreman.
- 7. | asked / didn't ask for my money.
- 8. José <u>gave / didn't give</u> me my money.
- 9. | called / didn't call 311 for help.
- 10. 311 told / didn't tell me about DCA.
- **11.** | visited / didn't visit DCA with coworkers from my new construction job.
- 12. DCA <u>gave / didn't give</u> us copies of the Workers' Bill of Rights.
- **13.** | <u>shared / didn't share</u> the information about paid sick leave with other workers.
- 14. | showed / didn't show the Workers' Bill of Rights to José.
- 15. José <u>said / didn't say</u> he would talk to my old boss.
- 16. | heard / didn't hear back from José.
- **17.** | <u>filed / didn't file</u> a complaint with DCA.
- 18. | learned / didn't learn about my rights.

# **Know Your Rights**

Match your right with the situation. Follow the example.



## **Rights:**

- safe and healthy workplace
- overtime pay
- paid <del>sick lea</del>ve
- right to organize
- minimum wage
- discrimination-free workplace

	Situation	Your Right at Work
1.	If you take a day off from work because you are sick, you will still get paid.	paid sick leave
2.	lf you work, you must get paid at least this much.	
3.	If you work over 40 hours in a work week, you must get paid time and a half for the extra hours.	
4.	lf you want to join a union, you can't get fired.	
5.	lf you wear a hijab, you can wear it at work.	
6.	lf your work is dangerous, your employer must protect you.	

time and a half = 50 percent above your regular hourly pay rate

# **Good Question!**



### Put the words in order. Follow the example.

1. going • What's • on • ?

What's going on?

- 2. been off ever Have ripped you ?
- 3. you 311 What tell did ?
- 4. file to want complaint Do a you ?
- 5. you What decide did ?
- 6. say are him you to going What to ?

# What Can You Say?

Choose the best words. Follow the example.



- You are Cecilia. You and a coworker are talking about a problem.
   You know there is a solution, but you don't know the solution yet. You say:
   There must be something we can do. We're going to figure this out.
- 2. Your coworkers are going to call 311 to get information about a City service. You want to know what they learn. You say:
- 3. Your coworker is concerned about filing a complaint with DCA. You know the company can't fire workers for filing a complaint. You tell him:
- 4. Your coworker wants to talk to you, but now is not a good time. You say:
- 5. One of your coworkers is sick, but he says he cannot afford to stay home. You know that your employer must give him paid sick leave. You tell your coworker:
- 6. You and a coworker are victims of wage theft. You know the company is required to pay you. You tell your coworker:

# What Can You Do?

Match the problem with the best solution. Follow the example.

### Problem

### Solution

- **1.** You work in a supermarket. You wear your religious clothing to work. Your boss says, "Take that off please."
- 2. You are a construction worker. Your worksite is unsafe. Your boss says, "Don't worry about it."
- 3. You are a construction worker. You got injured on the job. The boss says, "It's not the company's responsibility."
- 4. You are a home health aide. You are sick. Your employer says, "If you don't go to work, you won't get paid."
- 5. You are a fast food worker. Your manager says he will pay you \$5 per hour in cash for your work.

All New Yorkers have the right to a safe Α worksite. If you are concerned about your workplace, call the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) at 800-321-6742. Or visit the

website: www.OSHA.gov

- В It is the company's responsibility if you get injured on the job. Call 311 and say "workers compensation." You may qualify for some money.
- С You know your rights! You must be paid a minimum wage in NYC for every hour you work. For information on the minimum wage rate or to file a complaint, visit the New York State Department of Labor: www.labor.ny.gov
- You know your rights! If you work in D NYC for more than 80 hours a year, you can earn up to 40 hours of sick leave each year to care for yourself or family member. Call 311 and say, "paid sick leave law" to file a complaint.
- Ε It is against the law for employers to discriminate against workers because of religion or religious clothing. Call 311 and ask for the NYC Commission on Human Rights to help you fight for your rights!

# Watch the Show Who says it?

Watch Rolando's Rights. Listen carefully. Find out who says these lines.

Silvia

Patel

Janus Marco Rolando DCA

representative

### Who says it?

- "Anonymously... That means you don't have to 1. give your name, right?"
- "I don't know all the rules but my friend told me 2. it's for workers without a union contract, like us."
- "We'll work together to solve your problem, and if you 3. want an interpreter in your language, let me know."
- "Workers in New York City have rights and it doesn't 4. matter if you have immigration papers or not."
- "I don't want to make any trouble. My wife is pregnant. 5. I don't want to lose my job."
- 6. "Silvia, do you ever think about leaving?"
- "We made a decision. We came here, worked hard, 7. built a family. This is our home now."
- "Listen everybody. Before you leave, I have something 8. important to tell you."

# Watch the Show What's going on?

What do you think is going on in these pictures?

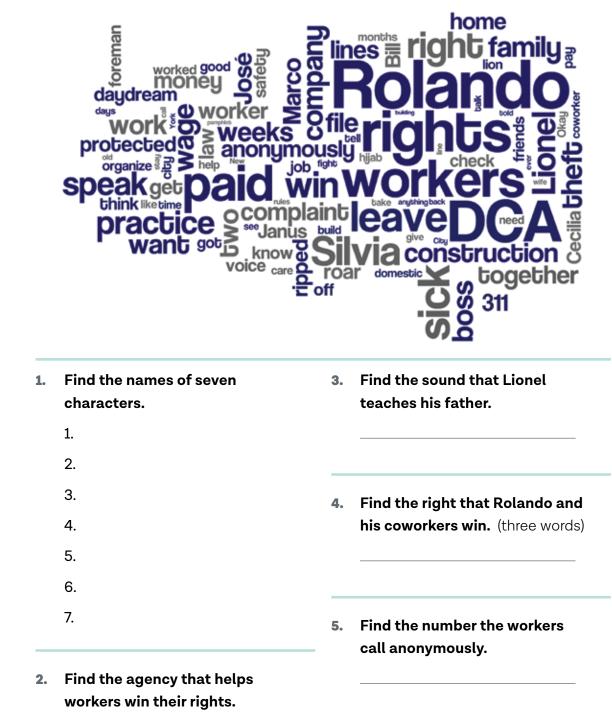




Watch We Speak NYC • Rolando's Rights to find out what is going on. Go to www.nyc.gov/WeSpeakNYC

# **Tell the Story**

Use these words to tell a friend about Rolando's Rights.

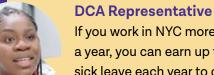


# **Dictionary: Translations of Key Words**

Go to www.nyc.gov/WeSpeakNYC to learn more.

English	Español	中文	Русский	বাংলা	العربية
1. against the law	contra la ley	违法	противозаконный	আইনবিরুদ্ধ	مخالفة القانون
2. construction	construcción	建筑	строительство	নির্মাণ	موقع البناء
<b>3.</b> Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA)	Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) / Departamento de Asuntos del Consumidor (DCA, según sus siglas en inglés)	消费者事务部 (DCA)	Управление по делам потребителей (DCA)	উপভোক্তা বিষয়ক বিভাগ (Department of Consumer Affairs, DCA)	مكتب شؤون الاستهلاك
4. domestic worker	trabajador doméstico	家务工	домашний работник	সাংসারিক কর্মী	مساعد صحي منزلي
<b>5.</b> file a complaint	presentar una queja	投诉	подавать жалобу	একটি অভিযোগ নখিভুক্ত করুন	التقدم بشكوى
<b>6.</b> hijab	hiyab	头巾	хиджаб	হিজাব	حجاب
7. paid sick leave	ausencia laboral paga por enfermedad	带薪病假	оплачиваемый больничный	বেতনপ্রদত্ত অসুস্থতাকালীন ছুটি	إجازة مرضية مدفوعة
<b>8.</b> protected by the law	protegido por la ley	受法律保护	защищенный законом	আইন দ্বারা সুরক্ষিত্ত	محمي بالقانون
<b>9.</b> rights, have the right	derechos, tener el derecho	权利,拥有权利	права, иметь право	অধিকারসমূহ, অধিকার আছে	الحقوق، يحق له
<b>10.</b> wage theft	robo de sueldo	克扣薪水	хищение заработной платы	পারিশ্রমিক চুরি	سرقة الأجور
<b>11.</b> Workers' Bill of Rights	Workers' Bill of Rights / Carta de derechos de los trabajadores	工人权利法案	Билль о правах работников	কর্মীদের অধিকারের বিল (Workers' Bill of Rights)	وثيقة حقوق العمال
<b>12.</b> worker rights	derechos del trabajador	工人权利	права работников	কর্মীদের অধিকার	حقوق العمال

# What You Can Do To Protect Your Rights at Work



If you work in NYC more than 80 hours a year, you can earn up to 40 hours of sick leave each year to care for yourself, your child, or family members.

### Cecilia

For information or to file a complaint with DCA: **Call 311**. If you are outside NYC, call **212-NEW-YORK**. On the web, visit **nyc.gov/PaidSickLeave** or email **PaidSickLeave@dca.nyc.gov** 

### Janus

It is against the law for an employer to retaliate against you for requesting or using sick leave.

### Marco

Employers must give the Notice of Employee Rights created by DCA to new employees. Notices are available in 26 languages at nyc.gov/PaidSickLeave

## Answers

Who	We Are	Wha	t Happens?			Whe	re Is It?
1.	Rolando	1.	help	8.	informs	1.	pages 1, 4
2.	Silvia	2.	tells	9.	share	2.	page 2
З.	Lionel	З.	read	10.	gives	3.	page 2
4.	Cecilia and Janus	4.	owes	11.	have	4.	page 3
5.	José	5.	give	12.	announces	5.	page 5
6.	Marco	6.	decide			6.	page 6
7.	DCA representative	7.	decide			7.	pages 8, 11
						8.	page 9

### Silvia

If you are a paid care worker in NYC, DCA has an office that supports your rights. It is called the Paid Care Division. The Paid Care Division is dedicated to defending the rights of paid care workers, improving the quality of paid care jobs, and strengthening the paid care system. Learn more at www.nyc.gov/dca

### Omar

You have the right to a workplace free of discrimination. For information or to file a complaint, contact the NYC Commission on Human Rights. Call 311 or 718-722-3131 or visit nyc.gov/humanrights

Wage theft is illegal. You have the right to unpaid wages. You can get help and recover your unpaid wages. DCA and the New York State Department of Labor can help. **Call 311** for help.

### Talking about Rights: Definitions I

- 1. get money for doing work
- 2. the rights of workers; things that are promised by law to workers
- 3. find an answer to a problem
- 4. without giving your name
- 5. have enough money to pay for something
- 6. meeting "in person" (not on the phone)
- a New York City agency that protects and enhances the daily economic lives of New Yorkers. It has an office that protects workers' rights and educates businesses on key workplace laws. The DCA office that protects workers' rights is the Office of Labor Policy & Standards.
- 8. say something to help yourself or others
- 9. make an official report to get a solution to a problem
- 10. workers who build buildings
- 11. people employed in homes or residences to care for a child, to help a sick or elderly person, or do other domestic services (for example, housecleaners, nannies, and home health aides)
- 12. a specific time for a meeting

#### Talking about Rights: Dialogue I

- 1. DCA
- 2. worker rights
- 3. file a complaint
- 4. appointment
- 5. face-to-face
- 6. construction

### Talking about Rights: Definitions II

- 1. pay for time off when you are sick or need to take care of a family member who is sick
- have the legal right or moral authority to do something
- 3. when the law is "on your side"
- 4. not allowed; illegal
- 5. when someone takes your money in an unfair way
- 6. when an employer does not pay you for the hours you worked
- 7. need to give money to someone
- 8. money or other punishment for breaking a rule or law
- 9. an official agreement between a company and a labor organization
- 10. a head covering worn by some Muslim women
- act negatively toward someone because of race, gender, age, sexual orientation or other protected categories
- 12. care for; be responsible for

### Talking about Rights: Dialogue II

1.paid sick leave6.ripped me off2.take care of7.wage theft3.owes8.hijab4.contract9.have the right5.the law10.file a complaint

#### **Talking about Worker Rights**

1. worked 10. told didn't get paid 11. visited 2. 12. gave 3. was 4. lost 13. shared didn't give 14. showed 5. 6. talked 15. said 7. asked 16. didn't hear 8. didn't give 17. filed called 18. learned 9.

#### Know Your Rights

- 1. paid sick leave
- 2. minimum wage
- 3. overtime pay
- 4. right to organize
- 5. discrimination-free workplace
- 6. safe and healthy workplace

### Good Question!

- 1. What's going on?
- 2. Have you ever been ripped off?
- 3. What did 311 tell you?
- 4. Do you want to file a complaint?
- 5. What did you decide?
- 6. What are you going to say to him?

### What Can You Say?

- 1. There must be something we can do. We're going to figure this out.
- 2. Let me know what you find out.
- 3. We are protected by the law.
- 4. Let's talk later.
- 5. It's your right.
- 6. We have the right to receive all the money that we work for.

#### What Can You Do?

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2.	А	5.	С
З.	В		

#### Watch the Show: Who says it?

1.	Rolando	5.	Patel
2.	Janus	6.	Rolando
3.	DCA representative	7.	Silvia
4.	DCA representative	8.	Marco

#### Tell the Story

1.Rolando, Silvia,<br/>Lionel, Janus,<br/>Cecilia, Marco, José3.roar<br/>4.2.DCA

9. pages 12, 13

Where Is It?

# Rolando



note: How would you like to handle the NYC logos? Repeat the large NYC each time? Or list each department (I created this in white)



Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs

Consumer Affairs







