

PROTECTING AGAINST FRAUD



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Catholic Community Services and the Skagit Immigrants Rights Council held a forum Wednesday night warning those seeking immigration or tax help against fraud. Spanish-speaking immigrants are especially at risk as the word notary is used for lawyer in Latin American countries, so they might believe someone who claims to be a notary is a lawyer. Members of the Skagit Immigrants Rights Council spoke to a crowd of about 20 people at Skagit Valley College about the problem of fraud. Numerous families have been swindled out of money because someone has posed as a lawyer or accountant and not provided any services.