

**COALITION FOR HUMANE IMMIGRANT RIGHTS OF LOS ANGELES  
THE NATIONAL PARTNERSHIP FOR NEW AMERICANS**

**PRESS ADVISORY**

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**More than a Dozen Workshops and Sessions to Highlight Need to Educate and Serve Millions on  
Administrative Relief Program**

***First major conference post President Obama's announcement on Immigration Relief has been  
updated to include 16 new workshops on Implementing Administrative Relief.***

Los Angeles, CA – The National Partnership for New Americans (NPNA) and the Los Angeles Host Organization, Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles (CHIRLA), is expecting nearly a thousand experts on immigrant integration from throughout the United States at the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual National Immigrant Integration Conference (NIIC 2014) December 14-16, 2014 to be held at the Los Angeles Convention Center.

Conference planners have added an additional set of 16 workshops and sessions to the three-day conference focusing on “Implementing Administrative Relief”. The workshops range from discussions on Regional coordination of services to the approximately 4.7 million undocumented immigrants who may benefit from President Obama’s November 20<sup>th</sup> announcement on immigration relief, to using technology, providing legal support, making services sustainable, fundraising, and partnering with local consulates, cities, and other institutions.

Registration is still open at <http://www.integrationconference.org/registration/> and a schedule of events is at <http://www.integrationconference.org/schedule/>.

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) Director Leon Rodriguez, who will be coordinating administrative relief efforts for the President, is providing the keynote address during a Monday morning plenary.

The three-day Conference kicks off Sunday, December 14, with one of the largest educational forums in the country to date on Administrative Relief. The Forum highlights President Obama’s Executive Action announcement of November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014, and includes expert opinions on who qualifies, who does not qualify, how to prepare, and how to avoid fraudulent offers. The forum is free of charge and doors open at 8:30 a.m. although seating is limited to 10,000 people.

Five plenaries feature nationally-recognized immigrant rights movement, labor, faith, education, and business leaders such as María Elena Durazo, Dr. Manuel Pastor, and Oscar Chacón, elected officials including the mayors of various major urban centers, and academy award journalists and actors such as Barkhad Abdi, Maria Hinojosa, and Roger Guenveur Smith. For information on each of the plenary speakers, visit <http://www.integrationconference.org/schedule/>.

Nationally-renowned figures in the immigration reform movement such as Ben Monterroso at Mi Familia Vota, Saket Soni at the National Guestworker Alliance, and Steven Choi at the New York Immigration Coalition will present workshops during one of the more than 30 sessions under 9 tracks available for Conference goers. Track titles include: Strengthening our Nation through Workforce Development, From Naturalization to Citizenship, Education Services and Systems, Affordable Care Act from an Immigrant's Perspective, and the Economic Opportunity, Inclusion and Stability, amongst others. For detailed information on the Tracks and Sessions, please visit <http://www.integrationconference.org/program/>.

Conference goers can also enjoy the New Americans Exposition open every day from 8 am to 6 pm Sunday, 10 a.m. to 6p.m. Monday, and 10 am – 3 pm Tuesday. The Expo is a collection of some of LA's best small businesses, non-profit organizations, and vendors serving the immigrant community.

**Press credentials are required.** Please contact Charlie McAteer at [CMcAteer@weareoneamerica.org](mailto:CMcAteer@weareoneamerica.org) for credentialing at least one day before the start of the conference. A press packet and a green room will be available for credential members of the press.

WHAT: 7<sup>th</sup> Annual National Immigrant Integration Conference

WHEN: Sunday, December 14, 2014 through Tuesday, December 16, 2014

WHERE: Los Angeles Convention Center, South Hall

WHO: The National Partnership for New Americans (NPNA) and Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles (CHIRLA), amongst other sponsors and local hosts.

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