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Throughout our history, immigrants and refugees have strengthened our nations’ economic and civic life and over the years NIIC has showcased successful models of integration across the country.

However, recent months have been hard on our nation’s core value of receiving and welcoming immigrants. Lady Liberty weeps. Refugee admissions fall to historic lows; Muslims are banned from the U.S.; DREAMers and those with Temporary Protected Status lose their provisional legal status in our nation; deportations are ramped up; 14,000 immigrant children are being held in prisons; and women and children are tear gassed as they seek asylum at our Southern Border. This is not the America we know, or the American values of freedom, welcoming, and opportunity that we embrace.

But beyond the headlines, NPNA, its members and allies all across the country have done magnificent work to support our immigrant communities. From Portland, Maine to Portland, Oregon, immigrants and allies have come together to advance pro-immigrant policies, create new models of immigrant integration, and build coalitions across racial lines to change our political climate. For NPNA in the past year, our Family Protection and Legal Services Network has assisted 147,391 immigrants with naturalization, DACA, and family deportation protection services, we have battled to tear down this Administration’s “Second Wall” of naturalization barriers, and worked with new allies to lead the campaign to support refugee resettlement. Our members have led vigorous, historic, and often winning naturalization, voter registration, and get out the vote campaigns from Florida to Oregon, from California to Maine, and with Virginia, New York, Michigan, Wisconsin, Kansas, Texas, Colorado, Nevada, Arizona, in between!

2018 will be a critical launch year for our brand-new New American Dreams Platform as well. In the next few years, NPNA and its members will work to advance this Platform - a vision of the clear and simple steps we can and should take in the areas of Full Citizenship; Refuge; English; the Economy; Education; Healthcare; Access to Justice; and Welcoming. We will work with our members and allies such as the Refugee Council USA, Migration Policy Institute, UnidosUS, and Welcoming America to advance specific, concrete victories in cities and states across the nation, and to outline a national vision of what an America for all can be. During the coming year NPNA will be joined by our new Senior Policy Advisors, retiring Congressman Luis V. Gutierrez (D-IL) and retired Congressman Robert Dold (R-IL), who will travel the nation in supporting our New American Dreams Platform.

We welcome you to the 11th Annual National Immigrant Integration Conference, hoping that you will leave with New American Dreams and revitalized with a spirit that will carry us from Resistance to Victory!

Warmly,

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WELCOME

To all our Sisters and Brothers in the Struggle,

On behalf of the nearly 100,000 members of both CASA and CASA in Action, it is my great honor and privilege to welcome you to the 2018 National Immigrant Integration Conference (NIIC), welcome to Virginia!

This year, the CASA family is proud to work with NAKASEC, our key partner in the fight for justice in Virginia, to co-host this year’s NIIC. This year’s NIIC will be the first time two organizations partner with NPNA to co-host the conference, a partnership that exemplifies the need for us all to work together in our struggle for justice for all working-class families.

This past year has been among the most difficult for our immigrant community in modern history. From policies separating immigrant families on the border and in the interior to those designed to limit and punish documented immigrants and refugees from accessing benefits, the Trump administration has weaponized the racist rhetoric and demonization of our communities that has so deformed electoral campaigns in this country.

Despite the crisis, this past year has also bore witness to remarkable progress that has swung the pendulum towards justice thanks to the courage of immigrant leaders themselves working in concert with allies around the country. Together, we have litigated to protect fundamental constitutional rights and we have elected candidates to office at the local, state and federal level that are more representative of the diverse communities they will serve. The Commonwealth of Virginia, site of this year’s NIIC, has been home to remarkable victories we are eager to share with all attendees. America watched in horror as white nationalist criminals took over Charlottesville for a weekend, but Virginia voters got the final say when they rejected their candidates and in doing so elected the first Latinas, first Asian American women and the first transgender woman to the Virginia House of Delegates.

This year’s NIIC theme is From Resistance to Victory. The theme underscores the deep crisis facing our communities, our continuing struggle for justice, and the hard work we will do together across these days to construct the campaign toward victory. Together, we will rise.

¡Bienvenidos a NIIC!

Gustavo Torres
Executive Director,
CASA, CASA in Action
안녕하세요
(an-yoong-ha-sayo- hello in Korean!)

On behalf of the National Korean American Service & Education Consortium (NAKASEC) and Affiliates—Korean Resource Center (KRC-Southern California), HANA Center (Greater Chicago) and NAKASEC Virginia (Northern VA)—we welcome you to the 2018 National Immigrant Integration Conference (NIIC)!

NAKASEC is thrilled and honored to co-host this year’s NIIC with our dear friend and incredible partner, CASA.

NAKASEC VA’s and CASA’s community leaders come together to ensure immigrants are welcome and have integration opportunities at the municipal, county, state and national levels. Through our co-hosting of the NIIC, we strive to exemplify the importance and power of coalition work and multi-ethnic community movement building.

Founded in 1994, NAKASEC’s mission is to organize Korean and Asian Americans to achieve social, racial and economic justice. Opening its offices seven years ago in what is now home to the 5th largest Korean American community in the nation, NAKASEC VA engages thousands of Asian American Virginians through social services, organizing and advocacy campaigns and a state-wide civic engagement program. As the first Asian American organization to co-host the NIIC, we hope to highlight the contributions and leadership of our community within the larger and very diverse immigrant service and organizing arenas.

Sincerely,

Becky Belcore
Co-Director

Immigrant communities are experiencing an intense and sustained attack that has fomented a culture of hate, division and fear and is tearing our families apart. While it has a complicated history that includes once serving as the capitol of the Confederacy and more recently a racist uprising in Charlottesville, Virginia also was a stronghold of the Civil Rights Movement and is witnessing the rapid growth of a vibrant and diverse immigrant community. As such, we chose the subtheme From Resistance To Victory to shine a light on the resilience of our communities and their collective power to affect positive change that benefits all marginalized people, even in the most difficult of times.

This year’s NIIC plenaries and tracks will provide the opportunity for us all to learn from one another, strategize together and strengthen our collaborations. We look forward to your participation and thank you so much for everything you are doing for immigrant communities!
Now in its 11th year, NIIC is the largest conference on immigration in the U.S. and plays a central role in the powerful, diverse and broad immigrant and refugee rights and integration field. A core project of the National Partnership for New Americans (NPNA) and its member organizations—37 of the largest regional immigrant rights organizations in 31 states—NIIC convenes policymakers, academics, corporate and community leaders, researchers and practitioners, faith and labor leaders and funders from across the country. At the NIIC, the many different spokes of this field gather to develop relationships, build campaigns, amplify shared values, be inspired, build relationships, and share ideas, strategies, lessons learned and new information and innovations. It is an important space for leaders and organizations, and strengthens collaborations and partnerships that power work at the local, regional and national level. NIIC also encapsulates NPNA’s commitment to an inclusive democracy that welcomes, integrates and uplifts all refugees and immigrants, recognizing the vital contributions and impact they have on our nation. Each year, NPNA co-hosts the NIIC with member organizations in a different region of the country.

NIIC 2008-2018

NIIC 2018 will serve as a crucial space for all working on behalf of immigrants and refugees and in support of a more inclusive, welcoming democracy. NIIC 2018 will include 10-12 Issue Area Tracks on pressing topics impacting immigrants and refugees. Each Track is designed and led by a team of experts in the area. A “Call for Proposals” about these sessions, as well as ideas for the NIIC mainstage and our Plenaries which speak to the entire NIIC audience, will be shared with the NIIC community in late April/early May 2018 to provide input to the program teams. A preliminary schedule for NIIC 2018 will be available by September. Questions and suggestions about the NIIC program should be directed to Conference Coordinator Cynthia Greenberg at cynthia@partnershipfornewamericans.org.

For further information, please contact Conference Coordinator Cynthia Greenberg at cynthia@partnershipfornewamericans.org.
Immigration has long been a part of the Virginia story, from the Jamestown colonists, followed by waves of English and then German and Scots-Irish settlers through to today’s diverse melting pot comprised of immigrants and children of immigrants originating from a vast, diverse array of countries. Virginia has been made stronger and more vibrant through the presence and contributions of these “New Virginians”.

The story of immigration to Virginia cannot be told however without acknowledging some of the darkest moments in its history such as the pain inflicted on Native Americans who first inhabited this land and those forced onto its shores through the transatlantic slave trade that brought millions of enslaved Africans into and through Virginia. As the former home to the capital of the confederacy, Virginia bears a unique historical burden and responsibility in its efforts to correct the wrongs of the past and guide its path towards inclusion, integration and justice for all its residents. The courage demonstrated by the struggle for freedom waged by those harmed and enslaved, and their descendents, all the way through to the Civil Rights Era here in Virginia, stand as a remarkable example from which today’s struggle for immigrant rights is modeled.

Today, 42% of new immigrants in Virginia are from Asia, 35% are from Latin America, 10% are from Africa, and less than 10% are from Europe.

Currently, El Salvador, India, Mexico, the Philippines, and Korea top the list of countries-of-origin for immigrants to Virginia as a whole. 68% of all foreign-born Virginians live in Northern Virginia where they comprise 23% of the region’s total population.

The portrait of Virginia is changing fast, growing richer and more diverse and at the same time challenging to an older, simpler understanding of what it means to be a Virginian.

We have seen this play out in local and statewide elections, where some candidates have espoused extreme anti-immigrant, fear-mongering platforms believing it to be a winning formula in low-turnout elections. However, as recent elections in 2017 and 2018 have demonstrated, the electorate in Virginia, characterized by an increasing share of immigrant voters, vociferously rejected these platforms of hate and instead voted a remarkably diverse array of champions of inclusion to office. In 2017, Virginia elected 2 Latinas, an Asian American woman and a Transgender woman all for the first time ever to the House of Delegates. Following record turnout in the 2018 mid-terms, 3 Women candidates beat back anti-immigrant candidates in Virginia Congressional Districts 2, 7 and 10 to earn a seat in the US House of Representatives for the first time.

It is truly an exciting time in Virginia! We look forward to sharing these and many other stories about accomplishments made in OUR VIRGINIA at this year’s NIIC.
NPNA is a national multi-ethnic, multi-racial network that harnesses the collective power and resources of the country’s 37 largest immigrant coalitions in 31 states. NPNA’s particular focus on providing community-based immigration legal services has helped shape the immigrant integration sector. Over the years, NPNA has assisted 27 of our member organizations to become certified by the Department of Justice to provide immigration legal services; assisted in creating 71 member “Cities for Citizenship” with the leadership of Mayors Rahm Emanuel of Chicago, Bill de Blasio of New York, and Eric Garcetti of Los Angeles; and developed the “Community Navigator” model of training to empower over 11,300 such Navigators, predominantly immigrant women, to deliver community-based immigration legal services through NPNA member groups. Our aim is to achieve a vibrant, just, and welcoming democracy for all. Immigrants are the soul of our organization, and immigrant communities inspire, implement, and champion our work.

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- Alabama Coalition for Immigrant Justice
- Arkansas United Community Coalition
- CASA (MD, PA, VA, DC)
- Causa (OR)
- Center for Popular Democracy
- Coalition for Human Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles (CA)
- Colorado Immigrant Rights Coalition
- Comunidades Unidas (UT)
- Florida Immigrant Rights Coalition (FL)
- Global Cleveland (OH)
- Hispanic Interest Coalition of Alabama
- Junta for Progressive Action (CT)
- Latin American Coalition (NC)
- Maine People’s Alliance
- Make the Road (NY, NJ, PA)
- Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition (NH, MA)
- Michigan United
- National Korean American Service & Education Consortium (IL, CA)
- Nebraska Appleseed
- New York Immigration Coalition
- OneAmerica (WA)
- Pennsylvania Immigration and Citizenship Coalition
- Progressive Leadership Alliance of Nevada
- Promise Arizona
- Somos Un Pueblo Unido (NM)
- Tennessee Immigrant and Refugee Rights Coalition
- The Resurrection Project (IL)
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- Consejo de Federaciones Mexicanas (COFEM)
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- El Centro de Igualdad y Derechos (NM)
- Georgia Latino Alliance for Human Rights (GLAHR)
- Idaho Community Action Network (ICAN)
- Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement (ICCI)
- Montana Organizing Project (MOP)
- Movement of Immigrants in America (MIA)
- New Hampshire Alliance for Immigrant Rights (NHAIR-MIRA)
- People’s Action
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We also extend our thanks to the almost 150 volunteers who joined us to help make NIIC a success.
The New American Dreams Platform is a vision of what full justice, equality, and respect for human rights would look like if implemented for all Americans, including for the nation’s diverse immigrant and refugee communities. These are achievable policy solutions that elected officials and candidates for office should embrace.

**FULL CITIZENSHIP FOR ALL**

We believe that we cannot have a true democracy without a system that includes all people. Congress must pass comprehensive immigration reform that provides an attainable road to citizenship for undocumented people and protects existing immigration pathways through family migration and diversity visas. Congress should also foster “active citizenship” for New Americans by funding civic leadership, reducing barriers to voting, and promoting greater civic participation. In addition, we must eliminate unfair barriers to naturalization – such as exorbitant application fees and linguistic requirements – while reducing the application backlog. In all this work, we must remember that U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) is a customer service agency with a separate and distinct mission from agencies geared towards immigration enforcement.

**AMERICA AS A REFUGE**

Our country has a proud history as a beacon of freedom and safety. We need to honor that history by ensuring that people seeking refuge from violence and exploitation have adequate pathways to lawful immigration, regardless of their country of origin, race, religion, or sexual orientation. Congress should also amend the Temporary Protected Status (TPS) program to allow for a path to permanent residence for those with TPS if they have established lives in the U.S. We must ensure that all people can meaningfully seek asylum in the U.S. and end travel, immigration, and refugee resettlement bans. Finally, we should hold Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to the highest standards of civil policing conduct and reject actions and rhetoric that treat civil immigration enforcement as a military issue.

**ENGLISH AS A GATEWAY**

We believe that English acquisition is the gateway for New Americans’ full participation in our democracy, our economy, and our communities. Language barriers keep millions of immigrants from achieving their full potential. The U.S. should promote the acquisition of English skills by providing New Americans with access to 300 hours of English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) at no cost, within a year of arrival. Governments at the federal, state, and local level should significantly increase funding for ESOL program that use flexible and innovative models and clarify that other workforce-related funding streams can be used flexibly to support ESOL programs.

**BUILD OUR SHARED PROSPERITY**

America should invest in and cultivate New Americans’ creativity and entrepreneurship in a way that works to build our shared prosperity while respecting workers’ rights and dignity. This can be achieved by expanding access to workforce development programs, including adult education as well as integrated education and training programs. We can also support New Americans in building their assets by encouraging small business ownership and home ownership, and by getting enforcing protections against discriminatory and predatory lending practices. We can also advance our economy and promote competitive balance among employers by providing protections for undocumented workers from abusive and retaliatory employment practices and enhancing enforcement of worker rights.

**QUALITY EDUCATION**

America should advance policies that close the opportunity gap for students, including racial and language-based disparities, and allow for those who are most impacted by inequalities to have a meaningful voice in decision-making related to educational systems. It is vital that such changes begin early with improved access to affordable, high-quality, and culturally competent early childhood education and care. Throughout a child’s education, parent engagement programs should be responsive to the multietnic, multilingual nature of the diverse communities they serve. States should also promote access to higher education by enacting equity policies that allow all students to attend public institutions at the same in-state tuition rates as their fellow high school graduates, regardless of immigration status.

**A HEALTHY AMERICA**

New Americans make enormous contributions to the health care of our entire population. We must affirm that affordable health care is a basic human right, regardless of immigration status. There are a number of steps we can take to ensure that everyone has access to affordable health care, such as enacting policies to make employer-based health coverage more affordable, strengthening safety-net programs, and removing barriers for legal immigrants to access federally funded health care programs. We must also work to ensure
that public health programs and health care providers are culturally and linguistically competent, with a workforce that reflects the diversity of the communities they serve. Mental health services should also be expanded to reach a larger number of immigrants and refugees, particularly those who are suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder and those who have been negatively impacted by increased immigration enforcement. Such services should be accompanied by public education campaigns aimed at eliminating the stigma that is often associated with seeking mental help.

**ACCESS TO JUSTICE**

Fairness and due process are hallmarks of America’s legal system. We should ensure that our immigration system respects our founding traditions by ensuring that immigration-related agencies operate in a transparent manner and abide by Constitutional and statutory protections. We should clearly distinguish between criminal law enforcement and civil immigration enforcement by narrowing the definition of “aggravated felony” back to its original intent, ending mandatory detention, and ending collaborations between ICE and local law enforcement. We should extend the right to counsel to those in immigration court, especially for the most vulnerable populations such as children, the developmentally disabled, and asylum-seekers. The government’s growing use of for-profit prisons is a major aggravating factor in the expansion of immigrant detention as corporations funnel their profits into lobbying for more and more immigrant detention bed space. The use of such facilities should end, and any detention facilities should meet strict oversight standards that reflects their purpose as civil detention facilities and should not mimic punitive, criminal detention institutions.

**WELCOMING AND INCLUSIVE SOCIETY**

Despite our long history as a nation of immigrants, the U.S. lacks a single, coherent immigrant integration strategy. We believe that Washington should establish a Federal Office of New Americans to help relevant federal, state, and local agencies develop and implement policies and programs that are responsive to the needs of New Americans. This new office should include a National Immigrant Integration Policy Council composed of national stakeholders and subject matter experts to serve in an advisory capacity. The office should establish a public/private partnership that provides area-based awards to select localities in order to support the creation and implementation of holistic integration plans that address the civic, linguistic, and economic needs of New Americans and promote the long-term engagement of receiving communities. We should also create a partnership between Washington and local governments on a national communications strategy to highlight the contributions of immigrants, build unity between New Americans and receiving communities, and counter racist narratives of fear and hate.

The National Partnership for New Americans thanks the following organizations for adding their expertise to this platform:
The Naturalize NOW! Campaign is a nationally coordinated nonpartisan effort to encourage eligible legal permanent residents to take the first step in fully participating in America’s democracy by becoming US citizens. Through application assistance events, communications, outreach, and coordinated policy strategies, Naturalize NOW! is expanding access to citizenship, civic engagement, and permanent protection for immigrant communities. The Naturalize NOW! Campaign features events led by community partners, mayors’ offices, members of congress, and labor unions who recognize that naturalization is a critical strategy to build power and secure protection for immigrant communities. Together, we support communities to naturalize, empower immigrants - both economically and civically, permanently protect immigrant families, and preserve access to participation in our democracy by immigrant communities.

Building off of the momentum of the Naturalize NOW! Campaign, in early July 2018, the National Partnership for New Americans and a broad coalition launched the Campaign to Tear Down the Second Wall. The Campaign aims to reduce the “second wall” of currently over 750,000 citizenship applications backlogged by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) and pressure the agency to limit the waiting time for citizenship applicants to no longer than six months, whereas it currently exceeds over 20 months in certain parts of the country. The Campaign also aims to increase transparency within USCIS and publicly encourage and directly support lawful permanent residents to Naturalize NOW, despite hurdles, looking forward to 2020. We are currently fighting for these objectives by educating and supporting our communities to naturalize; enlisting Congressional and Mayors’ support for tearing down the second wall; and litigating, based on our Freedom of Information Act request, to find out the reasons why USCIS is delaying immigrants’ ability to become citizens and voters.

For more information or to join the campaign, reach out to Diego Iñiguez-López at the Partnership for New Americans at diego@partnershipfornewamericans.org.
Cities for Citizenship (C4C) is a major national initiative of 71 participating cities and counties aimed at increasing citizenship among eligible U.S. permanent residents and encouraging cities across the country to invest in citizenship programs. It is chaired by New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio, Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel, and Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti, with support from the Center for Popular Democracy and the National Partnership for New Americans. Citi Community Development is the founding corporate partner.

There are currently 8.8 million lawful permanent residents (LPRs) who are eligible to naturalize across the United States. Yet, each year fewer than nine percent of those who are eligible to naturalize take the important step of applying for citizenship due to a variety of barriers. Cities and counties play an integral role in promoting naturalization, removing the barriers that prevent LPR’s from completing the citizenship process and, ultimately, fostering a more inclusive, robust and representative democracy and stronger economy.

Since C4C’s inception in 2014, C4C cities and counties have been at the forefront of this effort, helping to lead the way in creating scalable naturalization programs and policies that can be replicated across the country. C4C members have launched city-wide communications campaigns promoting naturalization, hosted oath ceremonies, allocated funding for naturalization services, collaborated with local credit unions to develop pathways for LPRs to afford the application fee, provided financial counseling and empowerment services, and have passed local resolutions supporting naturalization.

Now, more than ever, cities and counties recognize the need to support and welcome the many benefits that immigrant communities bring to their jurisdiction. Over the past year, Cities for Citizenship has grown to 71 cities and counties across 32 states. We invite all cities and counties to join Cities for Citizenship! Learn more at www.citiesforcitizenship.org.
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PLENARIES

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SUNDAY DECEMBER 9

PLENARY 1
NIIC WELCOME & KICK OFF
1:30pm-1:45pm

SPEAKERS:
Becky Belcore, Co-Director, National Korean American Service & Education Consortium
Josh Hoyt, Executive Director, National Partnership for New Americans
Eva Miliona, NPNA Co-Chair; Executive Director, Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition
Gustavo Torres, Executive Director, CASA

NEW AMERICAN VICTORIES: STATE & LOCAL INTEGRATION WINS
1:45pm-3pm

This plenary will explore the robust and crucial work happening at the local and regional level, uplift municipal and state-level leadership and cross-sector partnerships on issues ranging from drivers licenses and state ids to resistance to ICE, education and health access, and legal service provision. This plenary will speak to the organizing efforts necessary to achieve these wins.

SPEAKERS:
Councilwoman Helen Gym, Philadelphia, PA
Vice Mayor Dale Holness, Broward County, FL
Ben Monterroso, Executive Director, Mi Familia Vota
Bitta Mostofi, Commissioner, New York City Mayor’s Office of Immigrant Affairs
Jonathan Paik, Executive Director, Korean Resource Center-Los Angeles; National Korean American Service & Education Consortium
Rachel Peric, Executive Director, Welcoming America
Catalina Rodriguez Lima, Director, Baltimore Mayor’s Office of Immigrant Affairs

MONDAY DECEMBER 10

PLENARY 2
THE WOMEN’S WAVE: WOMEN’S LEADERSHIP, IMMIGRANTS, REFUGEES & OUR SHARED VISIONS
5pm-6:30pm

Women’s visions, voices, leadership and power have shifted American politics, organizing, civic engagement, culture and the economy in innumerable ways throughout history -- and this last year is a particular standout, from the grassroots to the Capitol. This conversation among women leading across numerous sectors will examine the shared concerns and experiences of immigrant and refugee women and how these intersect with a vision towards a more inclusive democracy.

SPEAKERS:
Ana Maria Archila, Co-Executive Director, Center for Popular Democracy
Luisa Blue, Executive Vice President, SEIU
NYS Assemblymember-Elect Catalina Cruz
Patrice Lawrence, National Policy & Advocacy Director, UndocuBlack
Linda Sarsour, Board Member, The Women’s March; Co-Founder MPowerChange
Angelica Salas, Executive Director, Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles
Dr. Leana Wen, President, Planned Parenthood Federation of America

PLENARY 3
OUR VIRGINIA STORY: HOW VIRGINIANS ARE TURNING RESISTANCE INTO VICTORY
8:45am-10:15am

The portrait of Virginia continues to evolve, growing richer and more diverse and at the same time challenging to an older, simpler understanding of what it means to be a Virginian. America watched in horror as white nationalists took over Charlottesville for a weekend in 2017, but Virginia voters got the final say the same year when they rejected their candidates and in doing so elected the first Latinas, first Asian American women and the first transgender woman to the Virginia House of Delegates. In January 2019, three new women Representatives- Elect will take their seat in Congress after beating anti-immigrant incumbents. Where does Virginia go from here and what can learned from the Virginia experience?
PLENARIES

PLENARY 4
AMERICA AS A REFUGE
12:00pm-1:30pm

Nationalist anti-immigrant political parties and leaders are on the rise across the west; this, as violence, persecution, poverty and climate change push millions from their homes in the search of safety. How might we stem the rising tide of xenophobia and ensure the United States remains a nation of refuge? What roles can faith communities, local elected officials and human rights advocates play? Panelists will explore current flash points in global migration, their political context, and their implications for our work to protect and safeguard immigrants, refugees, asylum seekers and Temporary Protected Status (TPS) recipients. The plenary will also uplift efforts to build organizing connections, solidarity and coordination between the immigrant and refugee rights movements, including the recent #RefugeForFamilies Campaign, a migrant-led response to the Central American exodus and caravans heading North.

SPEAKERS:
Oscar Chacon, Executive Director, Alianza Americas
Mayor Wilmot Collins, Helena, MT
Kica Matos, Director of Immigrant Rights and Racial Justice, Center for Community Change
Suzanne Sahloul, Founder & Executive Director, Syrian Community Network
Naomi Steinberg, Senior Director, Policy & Advocacy, HIAS

MODERATOR:
Stephanie Stephens, We Are All America Campaign Manager

PLENARY 5
MOVING INTO ACTION
5pm-6pm

Over the last year we have witnessed an upsurge of action by immigrants and refugees, including young immigrant takeovers of Congressional offices and elected officials leading civil disobediences, all culminating in the largest mid-term voter turnout in 50 years. This plenary will lift up the importance of our “Full Citizenship” civic engagement continuum: organizing and marching, speaking out, naturalizing, registering and getting out the vote, running for office -- all as the basics for moving forward justice and concrete immigrant integration victories. This Plenary, which will spotlight some of our most courageous public leaders, will speak to the action that we all need to take every day in our communities and our schools and our workplaces; that we will need to take in 2019 in our States and Cities; and that we will need to take in 2020 in our nation.

SPEAKERS:
Congresswoman Pramila Jayapal (WA-7)
Ben Jealous, Gubernatorial Candidate, MD
Gustavo Torres, Executive Director, CASA
Steve Choi, Executive Director, New York Immigration Coalition; NPNA Co-Chair
Eva Millona, Executive Director, Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition; NPNA Co-Chair
Additional Special Guests to be Announced

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PLENARY 6
A HOUSE UNITED: NARRATIVE CHANGE, JUST IMMIGRATION & AMERICA’S FUTURE
8:30am-10:00am

To advance a winning strategy in the movement for just immigration, we must commit to working together to discover and popularize a unifying story that leans into the collective ambivalence most Americans feel about immigrants, overcomes the passion deficit among the American public that has stalled our movement’s growth, and ties fair and just immigration to the fate of the world for most Americans. What will it take to achieve this spirit of radical cooperation within our movement, and what are the narratives and stories that will help us win? This plenary will explore this question through both panel discussion and group collaboration, surfacing new ways of thinking about the issues, our communities, and America’s pluralist future.

SPEAKERS:
Mehrdad Azemun, National Field Director, People’s Action
Maria Rodriguez, Executive Director, Florida Immigrant Coalition
Rashad Robinson, Executive Director, Color of Change (Invited)
Saket Soni, Executive Director, National Guestworkers Alliance

MODERATOR:
Bridgit Antoinette Evans, Executive Director, Pop Culture Collaborative

PLENARY 7
NEW AMERICAN DREAMS FOR NEW AMERICANS
11:45am-1:00pm

The sound and fury of the immigration debates disguise what the U.S. historically has done and continues to do well. Across this nation hundreds of thousands of citizens work together through our schools, unions, faith institutions, businesses, nonprofits, and local governments, to support large numbers of immigrants and refugees as they arrive, work, contribute, and build a better life for themselves and their families - all while making this nation stronger. NPNA’s “New American Dreams Platform” encourages sensible efforts at the local, state, and federal level to support the process of immigrant integration. What are the
integration initiatives that are most strategic, and most effective to help achieve our national motto of “E Pluribus Unum” (“Out of Many, One”)? Where should we be putting our efforts during the next few years? How do these efforts build a counter-narrative to the anti-immigrant rhetoric that is convulsing our nation?

**SPEAKERS:**
Nisha Agarwal, Senior Advisor, Deputy Mayor’s Office, New York City
Congressman Carlos Curbelo (FL-26)
Felicia Escobar, Director of Immigration, The Beacon Fund; Formerly White House Domestic Policy Council
Congressman Luis Gutierrez (IL-4)
Congresswoman Grace Meng (NY-6)
Janet Murguía, President & CEO, UnidosUS

**MODERATOR:**
Steve Choi, Executive Director, New York Immigration Coalition; NPNA Co-Chair

**PLENARY 8**
**NIIC CLOSING: EYES ON THE FUTURE**
2:45pm-3:30pm

2018 has been a complex and transformational year in the United States and across immigrant and refugee communities. We will close out NIIC 2018 with eyes on the future, looking toward 2020 and beyond.

**SPEAKERS:**
Becky Belcore, Co-Director, National Korean American Service & Education Consortium
Josh Hoyt, Executive Director, National Partnership for New Americans
Steve Choi, NPNA Co-Chair; Executive Director, New York Immigration Coalition
Eva Miliona, NPNA Co-Chair; Executive Director, Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition
Gustavo Torres, Executive Director, CASA
Special Guests to be Announced
AMERICA AS A REFUGE: REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT, ASYLUM, TPS & THE REFUGEE CRISIS

Our country has a proud history as a beacon of freedom and safety. Sadly, our nation’s light dimmed in 2018, a year marked by unrelenting attacks against immigrants, refugees, Temporary Protected Status (TPS) recipients and asylum seekers. This track provides a series of strategy sessions and workshops, featuring leaders in the field and opportunities to delve deeply into the issues. Together we will explore creative campaigns, coalitions, advocacy initiatives and programs aimed at ensuring the United States remains a nation of refuge.

RESETTLEMENT 2.0: WHAT’S NEXT FOR THE U.S. REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT PROGRAM?
Sun Dec 9 / 3:30pm-4:45pm / SALON A
Refugee Resettlement is at dire risk. Since taking office, Trump has launched ongoing attacks on refugee resettlement, from halting refugee admissions as part of his travel ban to nominating the virulently anti-immigrant/refugee Ronald Mortensen to lead the Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration at the State Department. Refugee numbers continue to dwindle, and Trump set next year’s resettlement cap at a new historic low at just 30,000 refugees—less than a third of the U.S. average admissions goal of 95,000.

As a result, the infrastructure for refugee resettlement has been devastated, with 76 resettlement agencies slated to close or severely reduce services and more likely. These devastating policy changes for refugees and asylum seekers are echoed at the local level in many U.S. states, including the introduction of measures to restrict resettlement or withdraw from refugee services. How might we use this moment of crisis to rethink refugee resettlement in the United States? What kind of unlikely alliances are being successfully built to leverage public support for refugees?

SPEAKERS:
Basma Alawee, State Refugee Organizer, Florida Immigrant Coalition
Mary Giovagnoli, Executive Director, Refugee Council USA
Kayse Jama, Executive Director, Unite Oregon
Erol Kekic, Executive Director, Immigration and Refugee Program, Church World Service
Suzanne Akhras Sahloul, Founder and Executive Director, Syrian Community Network

MODERATOR:
Stephanie D. Stephens, Campaign Manager, We Are All America

DEFENDING FAMILY UNITY
Mon Dec 10 / 10:30am-11:45am / SALON K
The US government’s recent actions—ripping babies from their parents’ arms, caging toddlers, and detaining families in for-profit jails—mark a heartbreaking new low in a decades-long downward spiral that has eroded protections for immigrant children and families in many ways. These actions, however horrific, are not without precedent. The history of forced family separation in the United States includes the practice of removing indigenous children from their families and sending them to “Indian schools” and ripping African American families apart through the horror of slavery. Today’s family separation crisis extends well past the border. Families have been and continue to be separated through the Muslim ban, through follow-to-join applications slowed down or halted completely through the U.S. Refugee Resettlement Program, and through continued deportation tactics employed by ICE.

And today, even as the fight continues to reunite our families, we are aware of another looming crisis: More than 276,000 US-born children who have a parent with Temporary Protected Status (TPS) will face separation when these programs end for Nicaraguans, Salvadorans, Hondurans, and Haitians next year.

While there is no silver bullet to tackling a situation as complex as the one our migrant families, work towards a solution must be grounded in a solid analysis of how we got where we are and move us toward concrete actions to move the needle toward a better outcome for all families and communities. This session will mix information-sharing with a more hands-on approach that will engage the participants in crafting solutions together.

SPEAKERS/DISCUSSION STARTERS:
Olga Byrne, Immigration Director, US Programs, International Rescue Committee
Julian Lazalde, Civic Engagement & Policy Analyst, National Immigrant Justice Center
M. Lucero Ortiz, Legal Director, Central American Resource Center-DC
Reshma Shamasundar, Vice President, Asian American Advancing Justice-LA

MODERATOR:
Oscar Chacon, Co-Founder and Executive Director, Alianza Americas
TPS: BROADENING OUR CIRCLES OF PROTECTION
Mon Dec 10 / 1:45pm-3:00pm / SALON H
TPS has offered humanitarian protections to about 400,000 people, many of whom have lived in the United States for decades and put down deep roots. This session will provide an update on where the work on TPS is in terms of cancellations, expiration dates, litigation, legislative strategies, and community mobilizing. Despite relatively large numbers of people affected, TPS has been largely invisible to legislators and the public. How can we change that and stop the looming family separation crisis starting now, with the cancellations causing people to lose protections in 2019? Participants will then break into groups to discuss strategy in the short and medium term strategic opportunities along the following lines:

- Individual and collective legal protections—litigation, affirmative asylum, legal screenings
- Legislative advocacy
- Broadening the circles of protection – outreach to faith communities, labor, private sector

Note: This is a strategy/planning session.

SPEAKERS:
Wilna Destin, Member, Unite Here and Plaintiff in TPS Lawsuit
C. Anu Joshi, Senior Director of Immigrant Rights Policy, The New York Immigration Coalition
Abel Nuñez, Executive Director, Central American Resource Center in DC
Patrice Lawrence, National Policy and Advocacy Director, UndocuBlack Network

FACILITATOR:
Isabel Sousa-Rodriguez, Lead Organizer and Membership Director, Florida Immigrant Coalition

THE RIGHT TO SEEK ASYLUM: THREATS & RESPONSES
Tues Dec 11 / 1:15pm-2:30pm / SALON A
The legal right of refugees to seek asylum in the U.S. and receive due process and humane treatment has come under increasing threat. Some of the threats—like the policy of child separation—have received widespread attention, while others—like sped-up proceedings, attempts to eliminate intimate partner violence and gang violence as asylum grounds, increasing detention of asylum applicants, and pressure on immigration judges—have not. This session will explore how these threats are taking shape, and highlight strategies for fighting back.

SPEAKERS:
Denise Bell, Researcher, Refugee and Migrant Rights, Amnesty International
Ghada Ghazal, Associate Director of Research, Karamah
Amaha Kassa, Founder and Executive Director, African Communities Together
Jennifer Quigley, Advocacy Strategist, Refugee Protection, Human Rights First
CULTURE CLASH: DEVELOPING A WINNING NARRATIVE ABOUT NEW AMERICANS TO BUILD A TRULY INCLUSIVE AMERICA

The demographic shifts in the U.S. and the rising power of women and people of color has generated an ugly racial, religious, and gender backlash. There are those pundits that consider a generation of bitter culture wars and power struggle as inevitable. Are there organizing and communications strategies that build alliances to those who support democratic inclusion and pluralistic tolerance to a working political majority in this nation? What have we learned about speaking to and mobilizing our base? About reaching out and connecting with people of good will in middle America? Are there messages and strategies that we pursue that are counter-productive?

WE’RE IN A CULTURE WAR! LESSONS FROM THE FIELD ABOUT ORGANIZING & COMMUNICATING ACROSS TRIBAL LINES

Mon Dec 10 / 1:45pm-3pm / SALON K

There’s no debate about it -- immigration has become a key fault line in a culture war being waged right here in America. It’s also clear that we need a new playbook for these fractious times as white nationalism and tribal politics complicate our fight for immigrant and social justice.

Join us for a candid discussion about how some groups are successfully moving beyond the poles to have tough and honest conversations about people’s real life concerns and figuring out how to advance a broad and inclusive vision of America.

SPEAKERS:
Wendy Feliz, Director of Communications Programming, American Immigration Council -- Also Moderating
Eric Ward, Executive Director, Western States Center
Adam Kruggel, Director of Strategic Initiatives, People’s Action

THE POWER OF “DEEP CANVASSING”: BRIDGING DIVIDES & SHIFTING ATTITUDES ON IMMIGRATION POLICIES

Tues Dec 11 / 10:15am-11:30am / SALON J

As political division in our country has intensified, important policy debates have become even more intractable. In that context, immigrant-rights advocates in California and Tennessee recently teamed up to explore ways to overcome the division and move opinion on pressing immigration issues. These advocates conceived and executed a “deep canvass” to explore new strategies for communicating, reducing prejudice toward undocumented immigrants, and shifting opinion around challenging issues.

This panel will share how the deep canvass - conducted in Fresno, Orange County, and suburban Nashville - developed important new skills for participants and provided valuable insights into demonstrably proven strategies for shifting attitudes. Working together across sites - with the agreement that all involved were both experts and learners - allied and undocumented canvassers alike learned how to share their own stories as vehicles to impact others to help build connection and compassion. And, following weeks of iterating and learning together the most successful approaches, canvassers worked with the research team from Stanford and Yale University to measure the impact of those approaches.

During this workshop, you will hear from the organizers and researchers involved in the project about their experiences, lessons learned, and the impact of the approach on shifting attitudes towards immigrants.

SPEAKERS:
Josh Kalla, Assistant Professor, Yale University
Carmen Medrano, Regional Organizer, Faith in the Valley
Stephanie Teatro, Co-Executive Director, Tennessee Immigrant and Refugee Rights Coalition

MODERATOR:
Kimberly Serrano, Messaging Research Project Manager, California Immigrant Policy Center
FAMILIES AT THE FOREFRONT: FAMILIES, EDUCATION, ENGLISH ACCESS & WORKFORCE

Family stability is a critical fulcrum of communities. Language access and education are a few of the access points for strong immigrant integration and economic stability. This track highlights creative strategies being pursued at the state and local levels to strengthen family success by increasing these integration opportunities through expanded language access programs, creating cross-sector alliances, and increasing parent economic mobility.

TOGETHER FOR EQUITY: ADDRESSING EDUCATIONAL DISPARITIES THROUGH FAMILY-SCHOOL-COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Sun Dec 9 / 3:30pm-4:45pm / SALON B
Engagement that builds relationships among parents, schools, communities, and municipalities can contribute to improving outcomes and closing achievement gaps but must respond to the unique needs of diverse families. In this session, we will discuss best practices to advance equity for multilingual and multicultural students and their families through language access and culturally appropriate engagement and hear about promising community models that utilize asset-based approaches. We welcome participants to share challenges within their community about EL student achievement, family engagement, and language accessibility.

SPEAKERS:
Aara Johnson, Program Director, Minnesota Education Equity Partnership
Iyabo Thompson Anifowoshe, Organizer, Parent Mentor Program at Logan Square Neighborhood Association
Sandra Panopio, Language Access Specialist, City and County of San Francisco Office of Civic Engagement and Immigrant Affairs

MODERATOR:
Laura Gardner, Education and Family Engagement Trainer and Consultant, Gardner & Associates

INNOVATIVE STATE & LOCAL INITIATIVES PAVING THE WAY FOR IMMIGRANT WORKFORCE INTEGRATION

Mon Dec 10 / 1:45pm-3:00pm / SALON A
In an increasingly hostile federal climate towards immigrants, many areas of the United States are seeing state and local government lead the way in developing innovative approaches to support immigrant integration. This session will feature some of these innovative approaches, including the growing trend of state Offices for New Americans, local WIOA plans that are inclusive of immigrant populations and newly developed OJT opportunities for immigrants with international education and experience. In addition to highlighting their individual initiatives in immigrant workforce integration and economic development, the panelists will also feature the importance of multi-sector/multi-stakeholder partnerships in working towards a more national strategy for immigrant integration.

SPEAKERS:
Karen Philippi, Director of the Michigan State Office for New Americans
Nicole Pumphrey, Director of Strategic Partnerships, Welcoming Center for New Pennsylvanians
Rich Stolz, Executive Director, One America
Bryan Warren, Director for the Office of Globalization, Louisville, KY

MODERATOR:
Katherine Gebremedhin, Director of Partnerships and Program Development, WES Global Talent Bridge

TWO-GEN SUPPORT FOR IMMIGRANT PARENTS OF YOUNG CHILDREN: RESPONDING TO THE LOSS OF FAMILY LITERACY PROGRAMS & PROMOTING NEW MODELS TO SUPPORT PARENTS’ ECONOMIC MOBILITY & CHILDREN’S EDUCATIONAL SUCCESS

Mon Dec 10 / 3:30pm-4:45pm / SALON A
Recent changes in funding and policy have largely eliminated support for family literacy and other parent-focused programming, yet these programs are often the most significant avenue through which immigrant parents begin to connect with local community programs and learn about ways to support their children’s and families’ success. Well-designed parent-focused programs have the potential to break cycles of intergenerational poverty by increasing parents’ economic mobility while also promoting their children’s home language skills, cognitive and socioemotional development, and future educational achievement. This session will explore the importance of programming to support the leadership of immigrant parents as well as strategies to push back against current trends to eliminate these programs.

SPEAKERS:
Liza Schwartzwald, Manager of Education Policy, NYIC
Carola Otero Bracco, Executive Director, Neighbors Link
Roxana Norouzi, Deputy Director, OneAmerica

MODERATOR:
Catrina Doxsee, Research Assistant, Migration Policy Institute

IT’S TIME: CHALLENGING STATE ADULT EDUCATION SYSTEMS TO SUPPORT LONG-TERM INTEGRATION SUCCESS

Tues Dec 11 / 10:15am-11:30am / SALON A
Achieving successful long-term civic, economic, and linguistic integration is critically important to ensure the well-being and economic mobility of immigrant and refugee families, as well as the strength of their receiving communities. Adult education programming is the primary means of providing immigrants...
and refugees with key integration knowledge and skills, yet this system currently meets less than 4 percent of need for these services nationally. However, the problem is not only one of scale, but of content—the formal adult education system is not structured to provide instruction adapted to the digital age and which imparts knowledge and skills critical to supporting the successful long-term civic and economic integration of immigrants and their children. This session will explore new approaches at the intersection of the adult education and immigrant integration fields that advocates can champion in their states to better position immigrants and refugees for long-term integration success.

**SPEAKERS:**

Veyom Bahl, Managing Director, Survival, Robin Hood  
Rosalind Gold, Senior Director of Policy, Research and Advocacy, NALEO Educational Fund  
Charles Kamasaki, Senior Cabinet Advisor, UnidosUS  
Betsy Plum, Vice President of Policy, New York Immigration Coalition (NYIC)  
Jen Vanek, Director of Digital Learning and Research, EdTech Center at World Education

**MODERATOR:**

Margie McHugh, Director, National Center on Immigrant Integration Policy, Migration Policy Institute
FIGHTING HATE, FIGHTING FOR RACIAL JUSTICE & EQUITY

This year the Fighting Hate, Fighting for Racial Justice & Equity Track will create space for sharing strategies, knowledge and best practices to counter anti-immigrant, anti-Muslim, and white nationalist movements that threaten the rights and safety of communities across the country. The first session in this track will share new research on the rising tide of organized racist activity and strategies to counter the opposition’s political narratives. The second session will address the threats these movements pose to democratic institutions such as municipalities or universities, and how these institutions--and the communities they serve--can use their power to push back. The third session is focused on grassroots resistance to organized bigotry. Speakers and participants will analyze case studies and share creative approaches to closing the political space in which far-right racist groups operate.

MAPPING HATE MOVEMENTS
Sun Dec 9 / 3:30pm-4:45pm / SALON H
In a new era of emboldened bigotry, anti-immigrant, anti-Muslim, and white nationalist movements are evolving and gaining strength. This session will take a deep look at how hate movements have shifted strategies, where they have consolidated power and funding, and how communities have successfully shut them down. Not all hate groups have the same goals, and they certainly don’t all use the same tactics. As far-right groups appropriate progressive language and open up more political space for their ideology, understanding the shifting landscape of opposition to equal rights for all people is critical.

SPEAKERS:
Arusha Gordon, Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Law
J Roberts, Political Research Associates
Swathi Shanmugasundaram, Southern Poverty Law Center (invited)
Cristina Lopez, Media Matters (invited)

MODERATOR:
Abbas Barzegar, Council on American-Islamic Relations

TOOLS & STRATEGIES FOR COMMUNITY-LEVEL ACTION TO COUNTER WHITE NATIONALIST MOVEMENTS
Mon Dec 10 / 10:30am-11:45am / SALON FG
As white nationalism increasingly shapes mainstream political debates in the U.S., the stakes are rising for communities where anti-immigrant, anti-refugee, anti-Muslim, and anti-Semitic organizing is occurring. This interactive workshop will explore organizing tools and case studies to prepare participants to respond quickly and effectively to different types of far-right activity in their communities. It will provide space for local organizers to brainstorm new strategies and discuss their ideas, challenges, and learnings with others working on campuses and in communities threatened by white nationalism.

FACILITATORS:
Lindsay Schubiner, Western States Center
Andrea Williams, Causa Oregon

DEMOCRACY UNDER THREAT: APPROACHES & PRACTICES OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS
Mon Dec 10 / 3:30pm-4:45pm / SALON FG
What happens when an anti-Muslim group patrols mosques in your city or anti-immigrant forces threaten your city’s immigrant communities? Around the country, local municipalities and governments are pushing back against nativist, anti-immigrant, and white supremacist movements. In this session, we will hear from public officials representing local government agencies about their strategies and approaches to create inclusive and equitable communities.

SPEAKERS:
Priyanka Bhatt, Project South
Bitta Mostofi, Commissioner, Mayor’s Office of Immigrant Affairs, New York City
Nikuyah Walker, Mayor, City of Charlottesville (invited)
Mo Young, Equity and Access Coordinator, Lane County, OR (invited)

MODERATOR:
Deepa Iyer, Race Forward

RESISTANCE TO ORGANIZED BIGOTRY
Tues Dec 11 / 10:15am-11:30am / SALON DE
Around the country, communities are organizing against white nationalist, anti-Muslim, anti-Semitic, and anti-immigrant movements. They are using legal strategies, local organizing, and advocacy to stand up against groups that mobilize bigotry to gain political power. Join this panel discussion to learn about how communities across the country have fought back, the challenges they have faced, how they have responded to hate violence, and the best practices they recommend for others.

SPEAKERS:
Ash-Lee Henderson, Highlander Center
Madihha Ahussain, Muslim Advocates
Dania Rajendra, Cornell’s Worker Institute, Political Research Associates, and Jews for Racial & Economic Justice

MODERATOR:
Lindsay Schubiner, Western States Center
FOLLOWING THE FUTURE: YOUTH LEADERSHIP & IMMIGRANT POWER

Know our history, know our roots, and know our fight. Shut it down and care for each other. Young immigrant leaders have been at the forefront of dismantling White supremacy, xenophobia and injustice through creative organizing and bold direct action. Come join the immigrant youth track to learn how young people are making change, building community and creating a more inclusive, sustainable immigrant justice movement.

THE STORY OF US
Sun Dec 9 / 3:30pm - 4:45pm / SALON C
The false but common narrative of the “DREAMer” is a young, undocumented immigrant with DACA who is a straight A student at Harvard, and is the victim of their parents’ decision to immigrate. This is in part a tactic to distract us from the root causes of migration and to criminalize the majority of our community.

This workshop will challenge that narrative and tell the true Story of US: that the majority of undocumented young people are multiethnic and multiracial (Asian American Pacific Islander, Latinx, Black), LGBTQ people, workers, nonstudents, parents and people who were formerly incarcerated. We will have a session to learn about our history and a chance to discuss and share our humanity beyond political agendas and the “sensational” stories the media wants to sell. Our goal is to build more intersectionality locally and nationally through racial and gender justice lenses.

SPEAKERS:
Annie Jen Wang, Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund
Bo Boonyarit Daraphant, National Korean American Service & Education Consortium
Manuel Flores, Community School Model Coordinator
Justin Nguyen Phuoc, United WE Dream
Allyson Duarte, Student
Jonathan Jayes-Green, UndocuBlack

MODERATOR:
Stephanie Park, Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund

MOVING TOGETHER
Mon Dec 10 / 10:30AM-11:45AM / SALON K
This workshop will bring together youth activists from across the country who are organizing in different social movements and in different capacities. We will analyze how our identities play into and inform the work we engage in, and how our movements are intimately connected. Come join our moderated discussion and Q&A session to hear our panelists discuss the power of youth-led initiatives, new ways people are approaching activism, and the strength of solidarity between communities.

SPEAKERS:
Alice Lee, Korean Resource Center
Sameerah Haque, HANA Center
Ruja Ballard, American Friends Service Coordinator

MODERATOR:
Jason Taemin Suh, Hana Center

SHUT IT DOWN! YOUTH LED MOVEMENT BUILDING STRATEGY SESSION
Mon Dec 10 / 3:30pm - 4:45pm / SALON B
For undocumented folk only

No Justice, No Peace! The majority of undocumented immigrants live with no access to basic human needs (health care, work, housing and education), and are enduring constant raids and deportations for simply existing in this country. This moment requires young undocumented leaders to share our vision, take up space, exert our leadership, and determine the role of allies. During this strategy session, we will engage in a conversation about our best practices, the moment we are in, and explore disruptive strategies to win our fundamental human rights moving forward.

SPEAKERS:
Jonathan Jayes-Green, UndocuBlack
Sanaa Abrar, United We Dream
Allyson Duarte, Student

MODERATOR:
Steve Yoo, National Korean American Service & Education Consortium

BEYOND SELF-CARE: COMMUNITY-CARE & HEALING JUSTICE
Tue Dec 11 / 1:15pm - 2:30pm / SALON B
Young immigrants of color already experience a great number of challenges living in America. On top of that, being undocumented, an activist and/or organizer whose work directly ties into our personal lives makes burning out, anxiousness, anger and sadness a new normal. Join us for this interactive workshop to not only learn and discuss how to practice self-care but go beyond to do so at a community level. We will think about how to care for oneself and others’ physical, mental and spiritual health to sustain our communities through this fight while healing together.

SPEAKERS:
David Cruz, Interpreter
Guadalupe Ambrosio, Co-Director, NY State Youth Leadership Council
Carlos Daniel Martinez Juela, Treasurer, Alianza CUSP

MODERATOR:
Bo Boonyarit Daraphant, National Korean American Service & Education Consortium
FROM RESISTANCE TO VICTORY: STRATEGIES FOR BUILDING LEGAL & COMMUNITY PROTECTIONS FOR IMMIGRANTS UNDER ATTACK

This track discusses how immigrant and refugee communities are responding to the urgent and continuous attacks from the Trump administration by developing grassroots organizing and other strategies that seek to provide immediate protections for those in the most vulnerable situations and create policies and models for community empowerment. From winning universal legal representation funds to implementing sanctuary policies, the track will explore how directly impacted immigrants are joining together and building power across multi-racial and other coalitions. It will also cover issues particular to immigrants who are detained and fighting deportation, Black immigrants, and LGBTQIA immigrants.

LGBTQIA IMMIGRANTS FIGHTING FOR REPRESENTATION AND LIBERATION
Sun Dec 9 / 3:30pm-4:45pm / SALON K
This session focuses on immigrants who are members of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, or Asexual communities and how they are addressing their particular issues by building community and fighting back.

SPEAKERS:
Tiara Gendi, founding Steering Committee member, Black LGBTQ+ Migrant Project
Rodrigo Velasquez, Senior Legislative Aide, Delegate Kathy Tran, 42nd House District
Isabel Sousa-Rodriquez, Florida Immigrant Coalition (invited)
Umi Vera, Campaign Director, Familia Trans Queer Liberation Movement (invited)

SANCTUARY POLICIES & BEYOND: LOCAL STRATEGIES TO UNDERMINE FEDERAL ATTACKS
Mon Dec 10 / 10:30am-11:45am / SALON C
How can cities and municipalities act as a bulwark against attacks by the Trump administration, including by implementing sanctuary policies and limiting cooperation between Immigration and Customs Enforcement and local police, and creating local inclusive policies such as Municipal ID Cards, Language Access, and Voting in local elections.

SPEAKERS:
Lena Graber, Staff Attorney, Immigrant Legal Resource Center
Theodore Moore, Director of Local Policy and Legislation, New York Immigration Coalition
Mariana Magaña, Policy Advocate, Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights
Margie Del Castillo, Field Coordinator, Virginia Latina Advocacy Network
Lakshmi Sridaran, Director of National Policy and Advocacy, South Asian Americans Leading Together

MODERATOR:
Monica Sarmiento, Executive Director, Virginia Coalition for Immigrant Rights

MULTIRACIAL COALITIONS AND IMPACTED COMMUNITIES LEADING THE RESISTANCE
Mon Dec 10 / 1:45pm-3:00pm / SALON DE
While the ever escalating attacks on immigrants during the Trump administration are intended to spread hate and intimidate its targets, in many communities throughout the nation we are witnessing the rise of an effective strategy of resistance that has become increasingly successful in building power across communities of color. Through innovative approaches in building coalitions across racial lines and organizing impacted communities together, we have seen communities of color from all sectors unite to defend DACA, TPS and stand united to keep families together. This session will explore how these coalitions have worked together and how impacted community members have been successful in the struggle for their own liberation.

SPEAKERS:
JungWoo Kim, Campaign Director, National Korean American Service & Education Consortium
Patrice Lawrence, National Policy and Advocacy Director, UndocuBlack Network
Stephanie Park, Community Organizer, Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund

MODERATOR:
Lydia Walther Rodriguez, Lead Organizer, CASA

BEHIND THE WALLS OF DETENTION
Mon Dec 10 / 3:30pm-4:45pm / SALON K
An honest conversation about what is happening in detention centers around the country, the experiences of those who have gone through the system and how our movement is fighting back.

SPEAKERS:
Richard Lucero, Senior Staff Attorney, Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights
Katrina Dizon Mariategue, Director of National Policy, Southeast Asia Resource Action Center
Simon Sandoval-Moshenberg, Legal Director of the Immigrant Advocacy Program, Legal Aid Justice Center

MODERATOR:
Monica Sarmiento, Executive Director, Virginia Coalition for Immigrant Rights
HOW TO BUILD A LOCAL CAMPAIGN TO EXPAND LEGAL SERVICES & ACCESS TO COUNSEL
Tues Dec 11 / 10:15am-11:30am / SALON B

Over the past several decades the criminalization, incarceration and deportation of immigrants has increased dramatically, creating a system where individuals are incarcerated en masse for civil violations without any of the due process protections in place in the criminal justice system. However, local communities can and have been stepping in to increase and expand community-based legal rights education programs through “Community Navigators” and create due process in the system by establishing publicly-funded programs to provide lawyers to individuals facing deportation. This panel will share best practices and lessons learned from nationwide local campaigns to set up and launch community-based legal service and universal representation programs. Covers data, communications, organizing, due process carve-outs, working in broader coalitions.

**SPEAKERS:**
Shiu-Ming Cheer, Senior Staff Attorney & Field Coordinator, National Immigration Law Center
Sara Cullinane, Director of Make the Road NJ
Claudia Cubas, Litigation Director, Capital Area Immigrant Rights Coalition
Juan Gallegos, Managing Director of CIRC Action Fund, Colorado Immigrant Rights Coalition
Nina Siulc, Director of Research, Vera Institute of Justice

**MODERATOR:**
Julio López Varona, Director Community Dignity Campaigns, Center for Popular Democracy

ANTI-BLACKNESS, XENOPHOBIA, SLAVERY & DEPORTATION: A CASE STUDY IN BLACK MAURITANIANS & HOW RACE PLAYS A ROLE IN IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT
Tues Dec 11 / 1:15pm-2:30pm / SALON FG

Living at the intersection of multiple international and intersectional systems of oppression often has deadly results for Black immigrants. Come learn about the threats facing Black Mauritians today and what people on the ground are doing to fight back.

**SPEAKERS:**
Patrice Lawrence, National Policy and Advocacy Director, UndocuBlack Network
Houleye Thiam, President, National Mauritanian Human Rights Association
Gladys Melo-Pinzon, Niger/Senegal Country Specialist, Amnesty International USA
Ahmed Tidiane, Organizer, Mauritanian Community in Ohio
Yolanda Rondon, ADC Senior Staff Attorney, American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee

**MODERATOR:**
Amaha Kassa, Executive Director, African Communities Together
FULL CITIZENSHIP FOR ALL: BUILDING IMMIGRANTS’ POLITICAL & COMMUNITY POWER

Citizenship is a cornerstone of our democracy, it provides greater access to civic engagement and allows for the nation’s decisions to be properly represented. The pathway to citizenship has faced many historical barriers and is still under attack today. These barriers take different forms such as an inaccurate census or the over 750,000 citizenship application backlogs that are not being processed in a timely manner. We are at a pivotal moment in our nation’s history where the narrative is beginning to change, alliances are forming, and long term political power is being established. This track discusses the challenges that still exist for immigrant communities while lifting up the powerful movement that isn’t just influencing elections but are running in them.

A COMPLETE COUNT: PREPARING FOR THE 2020 CENSUS
Mon Dec 10 / 10:30am - 11:45am / SALON B
As the 2020 Census approaches, the possibility for a full, fair count is under grave risk. There is critical advocacy, messaging, education and planning taking shape across the country. This session will discuss the threats (including the proposed citizenship question, the lack of funding, and the challenges of engaging hard-to-count communities) and the work being done and the work ahead to ensure that the 2020 Census safely counts our communities; organizes for increased resources; and accurately shapes political districts.

SPEAKERS:
Steve Choi, Executive Director, New York Immigration Coalition
Angela Manso, Director of Policy and Legislative Affairs, NALEO Educational Fund
John Yang, President and Executive Director, Asian Americans Advancing Justice

MODERATOR:
Daniel Altschuler, Managing Director, Make the Road NY

CITIZENSHIP IS UNDER ATTACK: LEGAL & ADVOCACY STRATEGIES TO FIGHT BACK
Mon Dec 10 / 1:45pm - 3:00pm / SALON B
The process to become a U.S. Citizen is under attack by the Administration through ballooning backlogs, de-naturalization efforts, notices to appear, amongst others. This session will discuss these attacks and their impact on the community; the work of the legal service providers; and the organizing and advocacy strategy.

SPEAKERS:
Christian Penichet-Paul, Policy and Advocacy Associate, National Immigration Forum
Luis Perez, Director of Legal Services, Coalition of Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles
Melissa Rodgers, Director of Programs, Immigrant Legal Resource Center
Laura Vasquez, Senior Program Manager, Immigration Initiatives, UnidosUS

MODERATOR:
Diego Iníguez-López, Policy and Communications Associate, National Partnership for New Americans

TOGETHER WE WIN: INTERSECTIONALITY, ALLIANCE BUILDING, & THE PATH TO BUILDING LASTING POLITICAL POWER
Tues Dec 11 / 1:15pm - 2:30pm / SALON C
All movements for equal rights have been attacked and has brought us to stand together and have each others’ back for immigrant rights, to workers’ rights to the women’s movement. Identifying the intersections of our work is more important than ever. This session will focus on how the movement has been attacked this past year, where alliances have been built and why now is a critical time to work together and stand united. It will also highlight how local leaders are deciding to run, and how we can continue to leverage this moment to build lasting political power.

SPEAKERS:
Stephanie Cho, Executive Director, Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Atlanta
Amy Lin, Immigrant Rights Program Manager, Chinese for Affirmative Action
Mireya Reith, Executive Director, Arkansas United
Harry Grill, Political Director, Nevada Culinary Union 226, Senior Political Organizer, UNITE HERE
Fatou-Seydi Sarr, Executive Director of African Bureau for Immigrant Services and Social Affairs

MODERATOR:
Julio López Varona, Co-Director of Community Dignity Campaigns, Center for Popular Democracy
HEALTHCARE & OUR COMMUNITIES: PUBLIC CHARGE, MENTAL HEALTH & HEALTH ACCESS/COVERAGE FOR ALL

Immigrants are facing unprecedented challenges to their health and access to health care. Some are working to make it harder to be a healthy immigrant in the United States while others are making inspired efforts to break down barriers. This year’s health-focused track will work through how immigrants and those working with them can simultaneously push forward together towards healthy communities while collaborating to ensure forces that do not have their mental and physical health in mind do not succeed.

DEFENDING OUR COMMUNITIES AGAINST THE PROPOSED PUBLIC CHARGE REGULATION

Mon Dec 10 / 10:30am-11:45am / SALON H
DHS has proposed significantly expanding the definition of public charge, likely leading to both difficult barriers to immigrants trying to enter the U.S. and a deep chilling effect on families who need health, nutrition and housing assistance. This session will explore how agencies, states, cities, community organizations and individuals can respond to this proposal and how advocates are communicating to affected individuals. This session will also set aside time to personalize and submit comments.

SPEAKERS:
Bitta Mostofi, Commissioner, New York City Mayor’s Office of Immigrant Affairs
Jackie Vimo, Economic Justice Policy Analyst, National Immigration Law Center
Juleeah Vang, Policy-Advocacy Program Assistant, Asian Services In Action, Inc.

MODERATOR:
Rebecca Telzak, Director of Health Programs, Make the Road New York

STRENGTHENING MENTAL HEALTH FOR IMMIGRANT & REFUGEE COMMUNITIES

Mon Dec 10 / 3:30pm-4:45pm / SALON DE
This panel will explain how increased immigration enforcement is impacting the mental health of immigrant and refugee communities; how children are being affected by increased enforcement activities; how states and localities can expand clinical services; and alternative ways to achieve mental health for immigrant communities.

SPEAKERS:
Wendy Cervantes, Senior Policy Analyst, Center for Law and Social Policy
Max Hadler, Director of Health Policy, New York Immigration Coalition
Gabrielle Jackson, Mental Wellness Director, UndocuBlack Network
Caitlin Tromiczak, Health & Psychological Wellness Program Manager, Torture Abolition and Survivors Support Coalition

MODERATOR:
Shiu-Ming Cheer, Senior Staff Attorney & Field Coordinator, National Immigration Law Center

EXPANDING ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE FOR ALL

Tues Dec 11 / 10:15am-11:30am / SALON FG
Across the country, immigrant advocates and allies are pushing for healthcare coverage for all, including children and undocumented people. This session will explore several different campaigns and victories, including the perspectives of those on the frontline fighting to expand access to healthcare in their cities and states.

SPEAKERS:
Jesse Hoyt, Campaign Organizer, Healthy Illinois Coalition
Lara Jirmanus, MD, MPH, Family Physician, Cambridge Health Alliance; Fellow, FXB Center, Harvard T. H. Chan School of Public Health; Clinical Instructor, Harvard Medical School
Jorge Martinez, Regional Outreach Coordinator, Oregon Dept of Health Services
Rebecca Telzak, Director of Health Programs, Make the Road New York
Joseph Villela, Director of Policy, CHIRLA

MODERATOR:
Liza Ryan, Organizing Director, Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition

IMMIGRANT INTEGRATION STRATEGIES TO MEET HEALTH WORKFORCE CHALLENGES

Tues Dec 11 / 1:15pm-2:30pm / SALON H
Foreign-trained health professionals are unique assets, bringing multicultural and multilingual talents to meet the needs of an increasingly diverse patient population. In addition to helping to address health disparities, they can be part of the solution to most states’ growing need for physicians and other health workers, especially in rural areas. This session will address policy efforts at the federal, state and county levels and offer concrete examples of programmatic solutions already underway with and for immigrants. Join us for a lively discussion exploring strategies employed and important lessons learned.

SPEAKERS:
Yende Anderson, International Medical Graduate Assistance Program Manager, Minnesota Department of Health
Araceli Gutierrez, Policy Advisor, Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck
Sonia Mora, Senior Manager, Latino Health Initiative

MODERATOR:
José Ramón Fernández-Peña, Director of Health Professions Advising, Northwestern University
WELCOMING & INCLUSIVE SOCIETY: GRASSROOTS, STATE & MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT STRATEGIES

In this track, sessions will explore how both local governments and community members are creating more welcoming environments for immigrants and refugees. From structural change at the municipal level through an innovative “Certified Welcoming” program to publicly-funded legal services to rapid response networks led by impacted communities, participants will learn what is truly working to seed the ground and grow more inclusive communities.

RAPID RESPONSE: BUILDING COMMUNITY & POWER IN MIDST OF CRISIS
Mon Dec 10 / 1:45pm-3:00pm / SALON FG
Across our country, communities have been faced with crises. From ICE raids, to subsequent legal, humanitarian, and other needs, these trying times present great challenges and unique opportunities for community leaders. This session will explore how various communities have responded to recent moments of crisis they’ve experienced and will share practical and proactive tools for rapid response.

SPEAKERS:
Elizabeth Alex, Senior Director of Community Organizing, CASA
Luis Guerra, Strategic Capacity Officer, Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc.
Camila Herrera-Fyler, Integration Director, Tennessee Immigrant and Refugee Rights Coalition

MODERATOR:
Isaias Guerrero, Southern Region Organizer, Center for Community Change

FROM COMMUNITY EDUCATION TO UNIVERSAL REPRESENTATION: THE CONTINUUM OF LEGAL SERVICES TO PROTECT OUR IMMIGRANT COMMUNITY
Mon Dec 10 / 3:30pm-4:45pm / SALON J
A growing number of cities and counties are putting taxpayer dollars to providing much-needed deportation defense and legal services to their immigrant communities. Some communities are increasing community-based legal rights education programs through “Community Navigators”, some are increasing access to legal consultations and referrals to pro bono services and many are implementing publicly-funded deportation defense programs using a universal representation model, to ensure that all community members facing deportation are represented in those complex legal proceedings. This panel presents a range of approaches a community can take to deliver much needed legal services and deportation defense and best practices learned from nationwide programs.

SPEAKERS:
Shiu-Ming Cheer, Senior Staff Attorney & Field Coordinator, National Immigration Law Center
Laura Mendoza, Immigration Organizer, The Resurrection Project, Chicago, IL
Maria Ochoa, Community Navigator, The Resurrection Project, Chicago, IL

BECOMING A CERTIFIED WELCOMING COMMUNITY
Tues Dec 11 / 10:15am-11:30am / SALON C
Strong 21st Century communities are ones that connect and include people of all backgrounds to reach their highest civic and economic potential and smart local government leaders across the country are already working to gain this competitive edge. Certified Welcoming provides an exciting new avenue for measuring, promoting, guiding, and validating these efforts. This hands on session will explore how communities can meet the Welcoming Standard to earn the title of Certified Welcoming and build competitive advantage.

SPEAKERS:
Catalina Rodriguez-Lima, Director, Mayor’s Office of Immigrant Affairs, Baltimore City
Laura Tuell, Head of Pro-Bono, Jones Day Law Firm

MODERATOR:
Annie Chen, Vera Institute of Justice, Program Director, SAFE Network
THE POWER & RESILIENCE OF IMMIGRANT WOMEN: SHAPING POLITICS & PROTECTING OUR COMMUNITIES

All across the country, we see immigrant women taking charge of the issues that affect them, their families, their communities. Women of color are demanding to be in positions of leadership, to have our voices and experiences prioritized, and are making things happen. This track session will be focusing on the critical leadership roles women are playing in our movement; how women are reshaping politics; the impact of family separation on women and their families; and the resilience and responsibilities women are taking on to protect and serve their families and communities.

WOMEN EMPOWERED TO LEAD (WE LEAD): IMMIGRANT WOMEN EXPANDING LEGAL SERVICES FOR THEIR COMMUNITIES & THEMSELVES

Sun Dec 9 / 3:30pm-4:45pm / SALON FG
During a time of heightened fear and uncertainty, immigrant women are playing key roles in the provision of immigration legal services to serve and protect their community, while also developing leadership and professional positions, through training models like Community Navigators and the Women Empowered to Lead Program (WE Lead). This session will feature women who will share their stories, their own personal development, why their work is revolutionizing the provision of legal services, and how similar models could be developed locally.

**SPEAKERS:**
- Natalie Gallagher, WE Lead Navigator, Michigan United, Detroit
- Melina Gonzalez, WE Lead Navigator, New York Immigration Coalition, New York City
- Maria Ochoa, Promotora-Community Navigator, The Resurrection Project, Chicago

**MODERATOR:**
- Laura Mendoza, Immigration Organizer, The Resurrection Project

WOMEN KEEP OUR FAMILIES TOGETHER: FIGHTING BACK AGAINST THE POLICIES SEPARATING FAMILIES & ATTACKING IMMIGRANT WOMEN

Mon Dec 10 / 3:30pm-4:45pm / SALON C
Two years into the Trump Administration, its attacks on immigrant families and communities have been relentless. While the policy of separating families at the border - and attempts to indefinitely detain children - have garnered widespread attention and condemnation, the Trump enforcement regime continues to separate countless families through multiple different policy changes. Women, often the primary breadwinners and caregivers for their families, bear the brunt of these attacks, but they are also leading the resistance. In this session, we’ll discuss the unique ways women are harmed by these anti-immigrant attacks and how they’re fighting back to keep their families together and defend their communities.

**SPEAKERS:**
- Lenka Mendoza, Organizer, Dreamers Mother in Action; National Domestic Workers Alliance
- Nekessa Opoti, Organizer, Black Immigrant Collective in Minnesota; UndocuBlack Network
- Jennifer Wang, Deputy Director, for Programs, National Asian Pacific American Women’s Forum

**MODERATOR:**
- Sameera Hafiz, Senior Policy Strategist, Immigrant Legal Resource Center

IMMIGRANT WOMEN LEADING THE MOVEMENT & POLITICAL CHANGE

Mon Dec 10 / 10:30am-11:45am / SALON DE
Our movement is right now majority women of color lead. Together, women are not only taking charge, they are changing the political landscape by choosing to lead in a different way: by adopting inclusive leadership practices that help lift others to lead as well. How have they changed their environment and their communities so that more women of color can lead? How do we support one another?

**SPEAKERS:**
- Virginia Kase, CEO, League of Women Voters
- Nicole Melaku, CEO of Colorado Immigrant Rights Coalition
- Patrice Lawrence, Policy and Advocacy Coordinator, UndocuBlack
- Deni Taveras, Councilmember for District 2, Prince George’s County, MD

**MODERATOR:**
- Trish Tchume, Leadership Program Director, Center for Community Change

OUR BODIES, OUR LIVES, OUR COMMUNITIES: THE INTERSECTION OF IMMIGRATION & REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH & RIGHTS

Tues Dec 9 / 10:15am-11:30am / SALON H
The ability of women of color who are immigrants to control their reproductive lives is not only affected by health policy but also systematic barriers historically tied to race, ethnicity, and immigration status. This panel will highlight key reproductive justice issues that affect the lived experiences of black, Latina, and AAPI women and the intersectional policy solutions that truly center their needs. We plan to explore the policy changes that women of color who are immigrants need to ensure that they have the power and agency to make decisions about their bodies, their lives, and their communities.
SPEAKERS:
Yesenia Chavez, Policy Analyst, National Latina Institute for Reproductive Health
Jaclyn Dean, Policy Manager, National Asian Pacific American Women’s Forum
Jessica Pinckney, Deputy Director for Government Affairs, In Our Own Voice: National Black Women’s Reproductive Justice Agenda

Moderator:
Ann Marie Benitez, Senior Director of Government Relations, National Latina Institute for Reproductive Health
VIBRANT & VITAL ECONOMIES: BUSINESS, THE ECONOMY, IMMIGRANT ECONOMIC POWER & ACCESS

The strength of our economy is tied to an accessible workforce. Immigrants have historically been a key contributor to the nation’s economic growth but can be limited by a lack of resources. Businesses have been a key partner in increasing immigrant access to the economy by providing various tools and advocating for federal, state and local integration policies. This track reveals the key strategies and alliances that have worked across the nation while providing tools for employees and employers.

ASSET BUILDING & WEALTH CREATION THROUGH INTEGRATION & PARTNERSHIP

Sun Dec 9 / 4:00pm- 5:15pm / SALON DE
Access to affordable financial products and services is a critical component to expanding financial inclusion for immigrants. Providing this access very often means meeting immigrants where they are, whether it is integrating financial products and services into service delivery or partnering with responsive and multicultural financial institutions that seek to build long-term financial relationships. This panel will focus on service delivery integration and key partnerships with community development credit unions, highlighting the importance of being banked, business ownership, and mortgage lending.

SPEAKERS:
Rosa Franco, Director of Lending, Neighborhood Trust Federal Credit Union
Richard Garcia, Chief Growth Officer, North Jersey Federal Credit Union
Kasra Movahedi, Director of Center for Economic Opportunity, International Rescue Committee
Martha Nemecek, Assistant Director of Financial Empowerment, Youth Policy Institute

MODERATOR:
Vernice Arahan, Program Officer, Inclusiv

THE ECONOMIC CASE FOR IMMIGRANT INCLUSION: STATE & LOCAL STRATEGIES

Mon Dec 10 / 1:45pm - 3:00pm / SALON C
Communities across the country increasingly see immigrant inclusion as a strategy to promote economic growth. State and local leaders are leveraging economic data and stories on immigrants’ contributions to advocate for welcoming policies or push back against restrictive ones. This panel will explore how the debate over immigration and the economy is playing out in places like Texas, Pennsylvania, Oregon, Michigan, Missouri, and beyond.

SPEAKERS:
Heather Valudes, Community Impact Director, Lancaster Chamber of Commerce and Industry
Liz Cedillo-Pereira, Director, Dallas Office of Welcoming Community and Immigrant Affairs
Kate Sheerin, Public Policy and Government Affairs, Google
Emily Hackerson, Manager, Corporate Social Responsibility, Tyson Foods

MODERATORS:
Kate Brick, Director of State and Local Initiatives, New American Economy

TOOLS TO ENSURE AN ACCESSIBLE & PROTECTED WORKFORCE

Tues Dec 11 / 1:15pm - 2:30pm / SALON DE
Protections for employees and employers are critical to ensuring a strong and stable workforce. Historical systemic inequities created challenges that have prevented immigrants access to jobs while leaving many businesses uninformed on how to best protect their organization. This panel provides a variety of tools to help alleviate these problems by increasing workforce access and ensure protections for employers.

SPEAKERS:
Zuzana Cepla, Policy and Advocacy Associate, National Immigration Forum
Theodore Moore, Director of Local Policy and Legislation, New York Immigrant Coalition
Sergio Suarez, President, North American Institute for Mexican Advancement
Sabrina Terry, Senior Strategist, UnidosUS

MODERATOR:
Rebecca Shi, Executive Director, American Immigrant Business Coalition
SPECIAL SESSIONS

SUNDAY DECEMBER 9

THE LAWYER IS IN: ADVOCACY VS LOBBYING
12pm-1:15pm / EXPO AREA
Hosted by the Alliance for Justice

What is the difference between advocacy and lobbying? Can you support a ballot measure or comment on what candidates are saying? How should you talk with a funder about advocacy? Nikhil Pillai, Counsel at Alliance for Justice’s Bolder Advocacy program, will answer your specific questions, share resources for nonprofits and provide on-the-spot technical assistance about the advocacy rules you need to know.

IN IT TOGETHER: BUILDING BRIDGES ACROSS COMMUNITIES
6:30pm-8:00pm / SALON K
Hosted by YMCA of the USA and Welcoming America

In this interactive special session, leaders from across the non-profit, government, for-profit and funding sectors will come together to engage in dialogue in understanding best practices and strategies to create common ground and effectively build bridges between immigrant and receiving communities. How can we – through cross-sector collaboration - change the narrative about, and attitudes towards, immigrants; reduce misperceptions and mitigate fear; and establish vision of a more cohesive nation anchored in our shared stories of heritage and migration. Join us for an evening of connections and conversations. Light refreshments will be served.

MONDAY DECEMBER 10

2019: CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES FOR FUNDERS & IMMIGRANT & REFUGEE COMMUNITIES & ORGANIZATIONS
10:30am-11:45am / SALON J

The US political and social landscape for protecting immigrant and refugee communities and advancing their interests is looking up after the recent elections. Or is it?

Come listen and discuss with a dynamic funder panel the implications for national and local immigrant advancement, funding and ways forward for advocates, service providers, organizers, allies and funders of the diverse US pro-immigrant field.

SPEAKERS:
Felicia Escobar, The Beacon Fund
Daranee Petsod, Grantmakers Concerned with Immigrants and Refugees
Kavitha Sreeharsha, Emerson Collective
Ivy O. Suriyopas, Open Society

MODERATOR:
Dr. David Danilo Bartelt, Fundación Heinrich Böll México y Caribe

CITIES WORKING TOGETHER
1:45pm-3:00pm / ROSSLYN

Cities for Action is a national coalition of over 175 U.S. mayors and county executives advocating for pro-immigrant federal policies and launching inclusive policies and programs at the local level. The Cities Working Together Panel highlights how sharing best practices and taking collective action has helped coalition cities support immigrant communities. Representatives from the Mayors’ Offices of San Francisco, Denver, Philadelphia, and New York City will share ways in which they have been collaborating with other cities in order to prepare for and raise awareness about the proposed

THE SOUTHERN WALL: THE MEXICAN FRONTERA SUR, ITS IMPACT ON MIGRANTS, & US INVOLVEMENT
1:45pm-3:00pm / SALON J

The panel will explore the Southern Border Plan, a policy developed and implemented by the Mexican government beginning in 2014 in coordination with first the Obama and then the Trump administrations. The panel will focus on how this policy has impacted migrants, predominantly from Central America, who are fleeing violence and poverty in their home countries. Speakers will discuss the material and legal difficulties migrants and refugees face at each stage of their journey: in their countries of origin, on arrival in Mexico, in transit towards the U.S. border or during the asylum process in Mexico. The discussion will highlight broad human rights violations that are inherent in this fundamentally anti-immigrant policy. The recent migrants’ caravan, crossing through Central America and Mexico this fall, demonstrates the ongoing challenges to US immigration policy, as well as the the Trump administration's eagerness to instrumentalize migration issues for political purposes.

Finally, the panel takes place during the first week of the new Mexican administration and so will consider possible reforms by President-elect Andrés Manuel López Obrador, who has promised to focus on Human Rights and the economic development of Mexico’s southern regions.

SPEAKERS:
Zorayda Avila, Alianza Americas
Miguel Angel Paz Carrasco, Voces Mesoamericanas
Ciria Villatoro González, Centro de Derechos Fray Matías de Córdova, Tapachula

MODERATOR:
Dr. Dawid Danilo Bartelt, Fundación Heinrich Böll México y Caribe
public charge rule change; respond to family separation and speak out against family detention; and support litigation challenging the Trump Administration’s anti-immigrant agenda.

**SPEAKERS:**
- **Miriam Enriquez**, Director, Office of Immigrant Affairs, City of Philadelphia
- **Bitta Mostofi**, Commissioner, New York City Mayor’s Office of Immigrant Affairs
- **Jamie C. Torres**, Director, Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs, City and County of Denver
- **Richard Whipple**, Deputy Director of Programs, City & County of San Francisco

**MODERATOR:**
- **Niti Suchdev**, Cities for Action Program Manager

**TUESDAY DECEMBER II**

**THE LAWYER IS IN: ADVOCACY VS LOBBYING**
7am-8:30am / EXPO AREA
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**TRANSFORMATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS THAT ADVANCE RACIAL EQUITY: REDEFINING RELATIONSHIPS AMONG FUNDERS & CBOS**
10:15-11:30am / ROSSLYN
Hosted by the Meyer Foundation & CASA

Advancing equity for immigrants and other people of color requires more than just direct services to help individual clients overcome barriers and achieve success. Achieving equity requires fundamental and lasting systemic changes in the policies, processes, relationships and power structures that shape, control and inhibit individuals’ ability to thrive. Yet, systems change is rarely effected by a single organization operating in isolation nor is it accomplished in the typical 12-month grant cycle. Leaders in philanthropy and community-based nonprofit organizations are increasingly looking for ways to redefine their relationships, moving from transactional grantmaking to transformational partnerships. This panel of community-based organizations and their philanthropic partners will be moderated by the Eugene and Agnes E. Meyer Foundation, who – guided by their Advancing Equity plan – invests in 150 grantee organizations in the Greater Washington DC community to pursue systems change in the interconnected areas of affordable housing, education and workforce development, and financial security.

**SPEAKERS:**
- **Marjorie Nemes-Galarza**, Chief Development Officer, Latino Economic Development Center
- **Sonia Quinónez**, Northern Virginia Program Director, Meyer Foundation
- **Aisha Young**, Senior Director for Strategy and Equity, The Meyer Foundation

**TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZING & GLOBAL MIGRATION**
10:15am-11:30am / SALON K

Immigrant integration extends beyond our borders. There are global challenges that impact migration across countries. It is now important to build transnational alliances to approach immigrant integration proactively. This session highlights the successes and obstacles associated with organizing across borders in Europe and North America.

**ACCESS TO JUSTICE OFFICE HOURS: TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR UNIVERSAL REPRESENTATION PROGRAMS & IMMIGRATION LEGAL SERVICE CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMS**
11:30am-1:00pm / ALEXANDRIA
Hosted by the Vera Institute for Justice, Center for Popular Democracy, National Immigration Law Center and the National Partnership for New Americans

The Access to Justice Office Hours is a time for organizations to receive technical assistance on designing a universal representation program for your jurisdiction and launching an advocacy campaign; and/or, for organizations that are looking to build capacity for immigration legal services. This technical assistance will be provided by the Vera Institute for Justice, Center for Popular Democracy (CPD), National Immigration Law Center (NILC) and the National Partnership for New Americans (NPNA).

**BUILDING MESSAGES: MOVING PEOPLE TO ACTION**
1:15pm-2:30pm / SALON J

This session will focus on how to build messages for strategic audiences that are designed to move people to action. We will look at some of the most recent public opinion research are immigration-related issues, and then examine how to use that knowledge to build values-based messages that move public thinking in both the short and long term. This session will be livestreamed, to gain access to the livestream or its recording you must complete the following form: https://bit.ly/2Mqt3JT

**PRESENTERS:**
- **Julie Fisher-Rowe**, Director of Narrative, Training, and Journalism, The Opportunity Agenda
- **Lucy Odigie-Turley**, Manager of Research and Evaluation, The Opportunity Agenda
- **Porshea Patterson-Hurst**, Public Opinion Research Associate, The Opportunity Agenda
AFFINITY GROUP CAUCUSES

These important and informal, participant-led spaces have long been part of the NIIC program. The Caucuses are intended to encourage networking, relationship building, strategizing and peer-learning.

Caucuses will be meeting at various times throughout NIIC.

SUNDAY DECEMBER 9

BLACK / AFRICAN DIASPORIC CAUCUS
Hosted by African Communities Together
12pm-1:15pm / ALEXANDRIA

NIIC NATURALIZATION WORKING GROUP
12pm-1:15pm / ROSSLYN

Please join us for a meeting of the Naturalization Working Group (NWG) featuring updates on legislation and policies affecting access to U.S. citizenship. Representatives of USCIS have been invited to share news from the agency, and respond to inquiries about breaking concerns. Topics on the agenda will include the backlog of naturalization applications awaiting adjudication, the timing of USCIS’s 2018 fee study, the status of pilot initiatives on InfoPass appointments and use of iPads during naturalization exams, and federal support for naturalization assistance and citizenship promotion.

The NWG is a coalition that serves as the policy complement to the New Americans Campaign. The NWG strives to improve federal policies and practices related to naturalization and to educate legislators and other policymakers about the need to address barriers to naturalization. Our coalition’s expertise derives from its multiple member organizations that have significant experience in promoting naturalization and in assisting newcomers with the U.S. citizenship process, including immigrants who are serving in our military.

ASIAN PACIFIC ISLANDER CAUCUS
Hosted by Asian Americans Advancing Justice / AAJC, National Korean American Service & Education Consortium and New York Immigration Coalition
6:30pm-8pm / SALON A

BLACK / AFRICAN DIASPORIC RECEPTION & DINNER
Hosted by African Communities Together
6:30pm / Offsite Location

MONDAY DECEMBER 10

MUSLIM/ARAB/SOUTHEAST ASIAN CAUCUS
7:30am-8:30am / SALON H

Contact Nadia Tonova for more information (ntonova@accesscommunity.org).

TUESDAY DECEMBER 11

ACADEMICS & RESEARCHERS
Hosted by Immigrant Integration Lab at Boston College School of Social Work
7:30am-8:30am / SALON FG
NIIC 2018 includes a program of 5 film screenings, all featuring talkbacks with the filmmakers, subjects of the films and experts working on the issues highlighted. Join us for these engaging conversations about our new American stories and dreams.

SUNDAY DECEMBER 9 / 6:30PM-8:00PM

POLITICS & POPCORN: COUNCILWOMAN & TALKBACK
Hosted in partnership with New American Leaders
SALON A

Politicians aren’t often full-time hotel housekeepers, grandmothers, and immigrants working service jobs. But Carmen Castillo changes that when she wins a seat on the City Council in Providence, Rhode Island. Councilwoman follows her as she maintains her job cleaning hotel rooms and takes on her new role in politics. She faces skeptics who say she doesn’t have the education to govern, corporate interests against her fight for a $15/hourly wage in the City, and a tough re-election against two contenders—all while balancing the challenges of managing a full-time job cleaning hotel rooms, and her personal relationships.

Join Council Member Castillo, Councilwoman director Margo Guernsey, and Adriana García Maximiliano (of New American Leaders) for a screening, followed by a discussion of the film and the Councilwoman’s time in office, as well as the unique political challenges and opportunities faced by working women.

SPEAKERS:
Council Member Carmen Castillo
Adriana García Maximiliano, New American Leaders
Margo Guernsey, Filmmaker

WAKING DREAM
Hosted in partnership with NAKASEC
SALON B

Waking Dream weaves together the powerful stories of six undocumented young people as they sit in limbo between deportation and a path to citizenship. After DACA is rescinded, the short documentary series follows the unfolding fate of six of these young people as they fight for legal status in the U.S., struggle with the deportation of family members, and pursue their dreams in a country that is trying harder and harder to push them out. They know their fate must go one direction and they are fighting for their future in America.

Join Director Theo Rigby for a screening of Waking Dream and learn how your organization can set up free screenings of the series, utilize a discussion guide and lesson modules to frame a conversation with your community, and build the capacity of the immigrant rights movement with these powerful stories.

EXPLORING THE INTERSECTION BETWEEN IMMIGRATION & SEXUAL EXPLOITATION:
FILM SCREENING & DISCUSSION
Hosted in partnership with the NoVo Foundation
SALON C

This screening and talkback provides an opportunity to explore the unique vulnerabilities of immigrant girls and women to sexual exploitation and trafficking. Presenters will share a new communications tool—a website and short film series called The Life Story: Moments of Change—which shines a light on the realities of women who have been sexually exploited, elevates their voices and experiences and highlights opportunity for change. Presenters will discuss with the audience the best practices in direct service and legal support for marginalized and exploited immigrant girls and women.

SPEAKERS:
Yvonne Chen, Sanctuary for Families
Maheen Kaleem, NoVo Foundation
Tsering Lama, Adhikaar
POLITICS & POPCORN: TIME FOR ILHAN & PEOPLE LIKE US
Hosted in partnership with New American Leaders

SALON A

On November 8, 2016, a hijab-wearing mother-of-three named Ilhan Omar made history, becoming the first Somali Muslim woman to be elected to state office. She was hailed by the New York Times as, “one of the bright lights in the post-election darkness,” and the documentary film Time for Ilhan intimately chronicles her hard-fought campaign for State Representative in Minnesota’s Senate District 60B, home to the nation’s largest Somali community. A fresh take on the old story of the American Dream, Time for Ilhan offers an inspiring, stereotype-busting portrait of a rising political star as she begins a bold and powerful political career.

Join filmmaker Norah Shapiro and author Sayu Bhojwani for a screening, followed by a discussion of the film and diversity in politics. Bhojwani’s new book, People Like Us: The New Wave of Candidates Knocking at Democracy’s Door, profiles Ilhan Omar and many other candidates from immigrant backgrounds who are winning office around the country, and details the ways that their historic wins serve as a blueprint to the candidates who come after them.

SPEAKERS:
Sayu Bhojwani, New American Leaders
Norah Shapiro, Filmmaker

THE POWER OF STORYTELLING
Hosted in partnership with New American Economy

SALON B

Join us for the world premiere of a new short documentary by Off Ramp Films and a discussion about the ways storytelling can create meaningful change in public discourse. This film follows a young refugee in Utica as she forges her own path, opening her own business, serving the community and growing her family. We’ll also be showcasing films from Clinger Digital and sharing a snippet from This Is Home, a documentary shining a light on the experiences of Syrian refugee families as they arrive in the United States. Winner of the 2018 Sundance Audience Award: World Cinema Documentary, the film is a powerful representation of how individual stories can tell a larger narrative. Afterwards, Katherine Steinberg, the Director of Content Strategy for New American Economy, will talk with Alexandra Shiva (This Is Home), Adam Bedient (Off Ramp Films) and Andy Madeleine (Clinger Digital) about their work. There will be appetizers and light refreshments provided.

SPEAKERS:
Adam Bedient, Off Ramp Films
Andy Madeleine, Clinger Digital
Alexandra Shiva, Filmmaker (This Is Home)

MODERATOR:
Katherine Steinberg, Director of Content Strategy, New American Economy
PERFORMERS & ARTISTS

Batalá's Washington, DC band is part of an international Batalá family, formed in 1997 by Giba Gonçalves as the European wing of Cortejo Afro, an arts education project to help disadvantaged young people. Today, there are six bands in the US and over 30 Batalá bands worldwide. The instruments and clothing are all manufactured in Salvador, Bahia, where the band has a social program that provides jobs for many poor families. As part of our mission, Batalá Washington also operates a community outreach project to teach underserved youth throughout the DC Metro Area samba-reggae rhythms and dance.

Chester Burke Jr. & Company is an Award-Winning ministry of dynamic and anointed psalmists, singers, and instrumentalists. Since its inception, the group has been blessed to sing and travel with the legendary Twinkie Clark of the Clark Sisters, and has ministered all across the Washington DC/Baltimore area and abroad, including The Bahamas, and Europe. They released their hit debut single, “Jesus, I Bless Your Name” and following an album of the same name which won a 2017 Rhythm of Gospel Award for “Contemporary CD of the Year.; Their song “Great God” was the 2017 Rhythm of Gospel “Song of the Year,” and the album was also #28 on the Billboard charts for top selling Gospel Albums. The group had their First Live Recording on June 2, 2018 in the DMV area and new music will be forthcoming soon.

Grupo Etnia is a Washington DC area ensemble that performs traditional Peruvian music and dance. Due to press deadlines, additional information about their artistry and work can be found on the NIIC2018 website.

Jae Jin is an unsigned, independent artist, singer/songwriter, and multi-instrumentalist. In just three years, he has self-released 3 albums. His latest full-length album, titled 'Letters and Drinks' has received numerous award nominations and amassed nearly a million streams on Spotify in its first few months of release. He has been featured on The Huffington Post, SOFARSOUNDS, WorldStarHipHop: has been a part of the prestigious global Communion Residency; and has appeared on the Emmy Award-winning TV show, House of Cards.

KQT-DC (Korean Queer & Transgender Association of DC) is a Korean-American social LGBTQIA+ association that holds events in the DC, Maryland, and Virginia area. They also regularly meet with their sister organization, Korean American Rainbow Parents (KARP).

Allen Majors is a photographer. With the assistance of friends who are accomplished photographers, he has developed an enthusiasm for sharing my view of the world through pictures. The beauty and drama of earth and human activity is astounding, humbling, and moving. He is particularly given to capturing celebrations, different cultures, and the everyday moments that are much of our lives. His photographic interests have been supported by friends around the world who have hosted him, with whom he has traveled, and who have shared with him of their lives.

Verny Varela is an arranger, composer, singer and flutist. Born in Cali, Colombia and raised in the “Barrio Obrero,” home to some of the world’s most famous salsa musicians. A celebrated artistic voice in the Washington D.C. area, Verny Varela is a three-time Wammie nominee, an award given by the Washington Area Music Association. He has worked as singer, composer and arranger for several artists among which is the world celebrated trip-hop, acid jazz and electronica band, Thievery Corporation, for whom he wrote and sang on the albums The Richest Man in Babylon (2002), The Cosmic Game (2005) and Radio Retaliation(2008). In 1997, Varela was Gabino Pampini’s orchestra leader and later played for Tito Gómez’ orchestra with whom he toured Europe and North America. He recorded in 2002 with the Broadway Orchestra of New York on their 40th anniversary album. He released his first album, Amar de Nuevo (Love Again) in 2004, followed by Gracias (Thank You) in 2006; album which he fully composed and musically arranged. In 2012 he released his third album, Evolucion (Evolved). Varela has also recorded a bachata and a fusion album.
AMERICA AS A REFUGE FOR FAMILIES
CANDLELIGHT VIGIL

As this Administration continues its hateful rhetorics and attacks on immigrants and refugees, most recently witnessing U.S. authorities firing tear gas on women and children seeking asylum at the border, join us at a candlelight vigil in front of the White House to:

- remind this Administration that we are a country built by immigrant and refugees, a nation seen as a beacon of hope and liberty throughout the world,
- call on the government to answer with compassion and fairness the humanitarian crisis at the border, and
- demand Congress to end the zero tolerance policies terrorizing our communities and to hold steadfast in giving Not $1 Dollar to the budget of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

Transportation will be provided: On Monday December 10th, after the last plenary of the day, there will be buses leaving the Conference Center to the White House at 6:15 p.m. This will be a one-way ride.

Exact details of pick-up location will be provided during conference.
LEADERSHIP CONVENINGS

CITIES FOR CITIZENSHIP (C4C)

3rd Annual Cities for Citizenship (C4C) Municipal Gathering
Sunday, December 9th
8:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Cities for Citizenship (C4C) is a major national initiative of 71 participating cities and counties aimed at increasing citizenship among eligible U.S. permanent residents and encouraging cities across the country to invest in citizenship programs. It is chaired by New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio, Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel, and Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti, with support from the Center for Popular Democracy and the National Partnership for New Americans. Citi Community Development is the founding corporate partner.

There are currently 8.8 million lawful permanent residents (LPRs) who are eligible to naturalize across the United States. Yet, each year fewer than nine percent of those who are eligible to naturalize take the important step of applying for citizenship due to a variety of barriers. Cities and counties play an integral role in promoting naturalization, removing the barriers that prevent LPR’s from completing the citizenship process and, ultimately, fostering a more inclusive, robust and representative democracy and stronger economy.

This gathering is open to municipalities, community-based organizations, and legal service providers to discuss the work of naturalization, expanding immigration legal services and access to counsel, financial empowerment and effective local strategies to welcome, protect and serve immigrant and refugee communities. Many thanks to the C4C Executive Committee and the C4C Municipal Gathering Co-Partners listed below:

- Cities for Citizenship (C4C) Executive Committee
- Cities for Citizenship (C4C) Municipal Gathering Co-Partners

TRANSATLANTIC MIGRANT DEMOCRACY DIALOGUE

Wednesday, December 12th
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

The Transatlantic Democracy Dialogue (TMDD) is a transnational network of refugee and migrant organizations in the U.S. and Europe who work together to promote and cross train on effective democracy and organizing strategies. The TMDD is led by NPNA, the Migration Policy Group of Brussels, BE, and the Heinrich Boll Foundation of Germany and promotes the exchanging of immigrant and refugee led “best organizing practices”. This year the camp was hosted by the Immigration Council of Ireland in Dublin, Ireland from October 12-14th.

Over 40 participants attended the camp, representing 50 different countries of origin and a variety of European organizations. These attendees received a variety of trainings including community organizing, civic engagement, alliance building, communications and more.

This transatlantic partnership is critical to better understanding the global issues that impact migration. The camp allows an exchange of ideas from the U.S. to Europe while building a robust network of migrant leaders focused on improving their country’s immigrant and refugee integration. NPNA member organizations represent a diversity of experiences, services, and regional challenges. This range of skills are uniquely suited to help address the diverse migration challenges that are specific to each European country. To assist in translating these experiences into pragmatic solutions are a team of European trainers that co-lead each training.
WE ARE ALL AMERICA

After eighteen months of laying the groundwork, We Are All America was officially launched at last year’s NIIC, bringing together U.S.-based refugee rights and resettlement, immigrant rights, and faith-based groups to reclaim support for policies and practices that protect and welcome those seeking freedom, safety and refuge in the United States.

At the one-year mark, We Are All America has already made significant contributions to the field refugee advocacy (see 2018 In Review) and has grown into a network of local organizers in 15 states with ongoing weekly field coordination.

We Are All America’s National Steering Committee members include:

• Alianza Americas
• America’s Voice
• Church World Service
• Human Rights First
• International Rescue Committee
• Islamic Relief USA
• Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services
• National Partnership for New Americans
• Refugee Council USA
• Welcoming America

For more information or to join the campaign, contact Stephanie D. Stephens at stephanie@partnershipfornewamericans.org or find us online at www.weareallusa.org

2018 IN REVIEW

WE ARE ALL AMERICA BY THE NUMBERS:

• 4 campaigns launched
  • No on Mortensen
  • #WhereRetheRefugees
  • #Welcome75K
  • #RefugeForFamilies

• 9 states with field organizers
• 6 additional states participating
• 287 public-facing events

• 234 organizations participated in refugee support actions
• 300+ local electeds signed up to support refugees
• 42 refugees participated in WAAA field leadership convenings
• 212 participants in advocacy call to action webinars
• 4,150 advocates activated
NPNA LEGAL SERVICES & NAVIGATOR CONVENING

Over the past 10 years, the National Partnership for New Americans (NPNA), has systematically assisted many of its member organizations to build its immigration legal service capacity through nationally coordinated peer-to-peer learning, in-person training and the development of training models such as Community Navigators.

NPNA is now a network of 37 members, 28 Department of Justice (DOJ) recognized organizations with 73 attorneys on staff, 71 DOJ accredited representatives and a total legal service budget of nearly $13 million. In the past year, the NPNA network has assisted 147,391 immigrants with naturalization, DACA, and family deportation protection services, and has trained over 1,314 Community Navigators to provide community outreach and trusted immigration legal services.

At the 2018 NIIC, NPNA will host the “NPNA Legal Services & Navigator Gathering” for legal staff and Community Navigators of our member organizations to learn from one another, discuss legal service and capacity building trends, and share resources.

NPNA Legal Service Staff and Organizers gather at the NPNA, FIRM & We Are All America Joint Convening in June of 2018 in Colorado.
WHERE TO EAT

During your time at NIIC, if you can pry yourself away from the Crystal Gateway Marriott for a few hours to explore the neighboring community and would like to sample some great food for lunch or dinner in the area, we recommend you head South on S. Eads Street (turn left as you exit the main entrance/exit to the hotel). Once headed south, a brief 10 minute walk will bring you to 23rd Street, where the best dinner options in the area are located. We highly recommend the following immigrant owned businesses in the area:

Athena Pallas Restaurant
One of the best kept secrets in Crystal City, frequented almost exclusively by locals serving delicious classic Greek dishes in a space that makes you feel at home, served by the friendliest of staff. Located directly behind Enjera on 22nd Street. Addressed as 556 22nd Street S  
http://www.athenapallasrestaurant.net

Enjera Restaurant
The DC Metropolitan Area is famous for its delicious Ethiopian food, (a reflection of the large Ethiopian community living here) and Enjera is among the best of its kind in the area. 549 23rd Street S, about one block west of the intersection with S. Eads (turn right on 23rd Street when walking from the hotel).
https://enjera1.com

Jaleo
Owned by World Famous Chef Jose Andres, whose tireless work in Puerto Rico after Hurricane Maria complements his consistent work in solidarity with immigrants and refugees. The menu at Jaleo consists of a variety of delicious Mediterranean tapas and small bites washed down with a good selection of tasty wines and drinks. Jaleo is about three blocks to the east of the intersection between 23rd Street and S Eads (turn left on 23rd if coming from the hotel)., at the corner of Crystal Dr and 23rd Street, 2250 Crystal Dr.  
https://www.jaleo.com/location/crystal-city

Kabob Palace and Kabob Palace Buffet
If you like Kabob, you MUST visit this staple of the neighborhood! Come try a few of their full plated, mouthwatering options at this authentic 24 hour spot. 2315 S Eads St, about half a block south of the intersection with 23rd Street.  
http://www.kabobpalaceusa.com
The 2018 NIIC EXPO is a vibrant space showcasing businesses, service providers, advocacy and education groups, and artists who are committed to a new vision for immigrant and refugee integration in the United States.

The Expo will be open during NIIC hours:
Sun Dec 9 / 12pm-7pm
Mon Dec 10 / 8am-7pm
Tues Dec 11 / 8am-4:30pm

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**Map the Impact**

*Map the Impact* of immigration in your area with this interactive tool showcasing immigrant contributions through data and stories from all 50 states, 435 congressional districts, and the 100 largest U.S. metro areas. Visit the map at [MapTheImpact.org](http://MapTheImpact.org).

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Nisha Agarwal is the Senior Advisor to the NYC Deputy Mayor, to boost civic engagement among New Yorkers and build DemocracyNYC’s efforts on immigration, disability, and healthcare. Previously, Agarwal served as Commissioner of the Mayor’s Office of Immigrant Affairs, building landmark initiatives like IDNYC, the City’s municipal identification card, and Cities for Action, a national advocacy coalition of local elected officials. She has also served as the deputy director and co-founder of the Center for Popular Democracy and the executive director of the Immigrant Justice Corps. She is a graduate of Harvard Law School.

Madihha Ahussain serves as special counsel for anti-muslim bigotry at Muslim Advocates and heads the Program to Counter Anti-Muslim Hate, where she works with a coalition of organizations to combat anti-Muslim efforts by public officials. Previously, she interned with U.S. District Court Judge Edward Chen of the Northern District of California; the Asian Law Caucus; and the ACLU of Southern California. Ms. Ahussain received her B.A. with a double major in Sociology, and Psychology and Social Behavior from the University of California at Irvine and earned her J.D. from the University of California, Hastings College of the Law.

Basma Alawee is the State Refugee Organizer with Florida Immigrant Coalition, working on the We Are All America campaign. While Basma holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Material Engineering, like many refugees she was unable to find work in her chosen field upon coming to the United States from Iraq. Basma taught math at The Foundation Academy and volunteered to help refugees at World Relief and Lutheran Social Services. Basma was selected to be the Florida delegate for the UNHCR Refugee Congress. She currently serves on the boards of Refugee Center Online and Southeast Immigrant Rights Network (SEIRN).

Daniel Altschuler is the Director of Civic Engagement and Research at Make the Road New York and the Managing Director of Make the Road Action. He is also an Adjunct Assistant Professor of Public Service of NYU’s Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service. Daniel holds a doctorate in Politics and a Masters in Development Studies from the University of Oxford, where he studied as a Rhodes Scholar.

Yende Anderson, JD, manages the International Medical Graduate Assistance Program at the Minnesota Department of Health, where she oversees the support services, assessment process, and medical residency funding provided by state government to increase the number of immigrant physicians who enter medical practice in Minnesota. Previously, she was executive director of New Americans Alliance for Development, where she led the grassroots effort to create the IMG Assistance Program. She serves on the board of Immigrant Hope, which equips church members to provide low cost immigration legal services.

Vernice Arahon is the Program Officer at Inclusiv, where she helps lead various initiatives to promote and enhance the financial capability and access to safe financial products of unbanked and underbanked communities. Prior to Inclusiv, Vernice worked with the Bureau of Space and Design and Office of Refugee and Immigrant Affairs in the New York City Human Resources Administration as well as the Asian & Asian American Center at Cornell University. Vernice is a graduate of Cornell University’s College of Architecture, Art, and Planning with a B.S. Urban and Regional Studies and concentrations in Asian American Studies and Inequality Studies.

Ana María Archila is co-Executive Director of the Center for Popular Democracy (CPD), one of the largest community organizing networks in the country, with 45 affiliate organizations in 32 states. Previously, she was co-Executive Director of Make the Road New York (MRNY), supporting the organization’s 16,000+ members to shape public policy on housing, education, health care, policing, and civil rights. Together with Maria Gallagher, Archila’s public confrontation of Senator Jeff Flake during Judge Brett Kavanaugh’s Supreme Court confirmation hearings captured national attention.

Yanira Aria, a native of El Salvador and a TPS holder, is the National Campaigns Manager for Alianza Americas. She leads the TPS advocacy, house-to-house outreach, SOMOS / We Are anti-racism programming, and other key campaigns. She also brings more than a decade of experience in the field of public health, with special expertise in community mobilization and participation, community organizing, and capacity building to address health disparities and social justice issues. Yanira graduated from the University of El Salvador in 1996 with a focus on journalism. Yanira is based in the Bay Area of northern California.
Sulma Arias is the Immigration Field Director of the FIRM Campaign at the Center for Community Change. For four years previously, she was the Executive Director of Sunflower Community Action in Kansas, a multi-racial grassroots organization dealing with issues of racial and economic inequality. Prior to Sunflower, Sulma was the Campaign Director for National People’s Action’s Immigrant and Worker Justice program. Previously, Sulma organized leaders to launch a statewide campaign to change the state’s driver’s license law and directed grassroots participation in the introduction and successful passage of Kansas’ in-state tuition bill.

Zorayda Avila is the Capacity Building and Outreach Manager and Director of the Leadership Institute for Alianza Americas, a network of immigrant-led organizations. Prior to joining Alianza Americas, she served as Executive Director for the cultural and education center Casa Michoacán in Chicago. She is a founder of the Transnational Women’s Collective, a bi-national organization bringing together women leaders from the US and Mexico. Avila holds an undergraduate degree from the Universidad de Morelia in Psychology.

Mehrdad Azemun is Senior Strategist for People’s Action, an economic and racial justice organization working in 30 states. In this role, ran the federal electoral organizing for the 2018 election cycle. Before that, he was Organizing Director at the Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights. Mehrdad has nearly 20 years of experience running electoral and legislative campaigns with grassroots leaders at the local state, and national level.

Dawid Danilo Bartelt is the Director of the Heinrich Böll Foundation in Brazil. Bartelt has worked as a journalist, editor, and academic lecturer. From 2002 to 2010, he was the Senior Press Officer of the German division of Amnesty International. He studied in Bochum, Hamburg, Recife (Brazil), and Berlin, and holds a master’s degree and doctorate in History.

Adam Bedient is the primary Direct of Photography for Off Ramp Films. Based in Brooklyn, he has worked as an editor, director, and shooter for the last ten years. He has developed a love for the art of visual storytelling, having the chance to work with the International Rescue Committee, the Environmental Defense Fund, Planned Parenthood, Major League Soccer, and others. In his current role, he seeks to produce work that fosters genuine connection between subject and audience.

Denise C. Bell is a researcher at Amnesty International USA, where she focuses on issues concerning refugees and asylum-seekers. Prior to this role, she led implementation of Amnesty USA’s campaign on the rights of refugees and asylum-seekers. She came to Amnesty USA from the U.S. Department of Justice, where she was an Attorney Advisor on the New York Immigration Court. She was previously a Sudan Country Specialist for Amnesty USA and the campaigner for its Darfur campaign. She has worked in various capacities on forced displacement issues since the mid-1990s.

Ann Marie Benitez serves as the Senior Director of Government Relations at the National Latina Institute for Reproductive Health, where she is responsible for NLIRH’s Washington, D.C. office and oversees all the government relations and policy advocacy work. She comes to NLIRH with over a dozen years of experience in the policy and political arena. For over six years, she was the public policy director for Planned Parenthood Affiliates of California, Inc. (PPAC) and Interim Vice President at the end of her tenure.

Congressman Don Beyer is serving his second term as the U.S. Representative from Virginia’s 8th District. He serves on the Joint Economic Committee, the House Committee on Natural Resources, is Vice Ranking Member of the Science Space and Technology Committee, Ranking Member on the Oversight Subcommittee, and a member of the New Democrat Coalition. He was the Lieutenant Governor of Virginia from 1990 to 1998, and was the Ambassador to Switzerland and Liechtenstein under President Obama. He is a graduate of Williams College and was named a Presidential Scholar by President Lyndon Johnson.

Priyanka Bhatt has served on the executive board for the Moritz Chapter ACLU, was the staff editor for the Ohio State Journal of Criminal Law, and has been a legal intern/extern with the Ohio Public Defender’s Office Wrongful Conviction Project; the Atlanta Legal Aid Society; and the Minority Caucus of The Ohio House of Representatives. Through her master’s program, Priyanka did extensive research on different restorative justice models and completed her capstone on food deserts’ negative impact on women. Priyanka is a recent graduate from Ohio State University,
where she received her Juris Doctorate and Masters of Arts in Public Administration.

**Luisa Blue** was elected Executive Vice President of SEIU in May 2016, after serving on the SEIU International Executive Board from 2012-2016; she is the first Asian Pacific Islander to hold this post at the union. As one of the highest-ranking API union leaders in the nation, she has been at the forefront of making racial and immigrant justice a priority throughout her four decades of union organizing and advocacy. She was recognized in 2015 at the national Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance convention, where she was awarded the Philip Vera Cruz Organizing Award.

**Carola Otero Bracco** is the Executive Director of Neighbors Link. Under her leadership, the organization has quadrupled in size and has become a leader in community-based, bilingual educational and cultural awareness training programs. Previously, Carola spent 12 years working in financial management with General Electric Corporation, Ford Motor Company and Time Warner. She holds an MBA from Duke University and serves on the boards of Northern Westchester Hospital, the National Council for Workforce Education, Nonprofit Westchester, and the New York Immigration Coalition.

**Olga Byrne** is the Director of Immigration for the International Rescue Committee (IRC), where she oversees immigration legal services across IRC’s network of 24 US offices and co-leads a Task Force of experts overseeing IRC’s response to the humanitarian crisis at the US southern border. Previously, Olga was senior researcher at Human Rights First; launched a project at Fordham Law School’s Feerick Center for Social Justice to improve policy and practice impacting immigrant children and families; and managed two federally-funded national programs at the Vera Institute. Olga graduated from Cornell University in 2001 and Fordham Law School in 2004.

**Felicia Escobar Carrillo** is Director of Immigration at The Beacon Fund, which works to unleash individual potential by investing in youth and their families, supporting communities, and removing systemic barriers to success. Previously, Felicia served at the White House Domestic Policy Council; led the White House Task Force on New Americans; worked for state legislators; and advocated for Texas’ Latino community as a UnidosUS State Policy Analyst, among other roles. Felicia earned a Bachelor of Arts from Yale University, Masters of Public Policy from the Harvard Kennedy School of Government, and her J.D. from UCLA School of Law.

**Councilwoman Carmen Castillo** has been representing the Ninth Ward of Providence, Rhode Island since her election to the City Council in 2011. Originally from the Dominican Republic, she has been a room attendant at the Westin Hotel for 24 years. Within two years of working at the hotel, Castillo organized her fellow workers and helped form a union to achieve better wages, respect, and a better future for their families. Councilwoman Castillo is active in her community as an advocate for the rights of immigrants, workers, and women.

**Mary Elizabeth (Liz) Cedillo-Pereira** is the Director of the City of Dallas’ Office of Welcoming Communities and Immigrant Affairs. Previously, Liz served as the Obama Administration’s Senior Advisor at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, where she focused on national immigration policy and community engagement to foster relations in communities across the U.S. She has won numerous awards for commitment to service and excellence in the legal profession. Liz received her Bachelor of Arts in English from the University of Pennsylvania and her Juris Doctorate from Southern Methodist University.

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**Wendy Cervantes** is a Senior Policy Analyst at the Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP) where she oversees the organization’s policy and advocacy work aimed at supporting low-income immigrants and their families. Previously, Ms. Cervantes was Vice President of Immigration and Child Rights at First Focus; the Director of Programs at La Plaza, a Latino community-based organization in Indiana; and a Program Assistant at the Annie E. Casey Foundation. She holds an M.A. in Latin American Studies and Political Science from the University of New Mexico and a B.A. in Communications from the University of Southern California.
Oscar A. Chacón is a co-founder and executive director of Alianza Americas, an umbrella of immigrant-led and immigrant serving organizations based in the United States of America. Prior to his designation in 2007, Oscar served in leadership positions at the Chicago-based Heartland Alliance for Human Needs and Human Rights, the Northern California Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights, the Boston-based Centro Presente, among others. Oscar is a frequent national and international spokesperson on transnationalism, economic justice, the link between migration and development, migrant’s integration processes, human mobility, migration policies, racism and xenophobia; and U.S. Latino community issues.

Yesenia Chavez is a Policy Analyst at the National Latina Institute for Reproductive Health, leading on immigrant women’s health and rights issues. She is a liaison with congressional offices on these issues and supports NLRH Latina Advocacy Network’s state policy work. Prior to NLRH, she was a Legislative Assistant for U.S. Representative Raúl M. Grijalva and advised the congressman on policy matters pertaining to judiciary, voting rights, gun violence, drug policy, human rights, LGBT, women’s rights, military and defense, and more. She got her start on the Hill through the Victory Fund & Institute’s congressional internship program.

Shiu-Ming Cheer is the Senior Staff Attorney & Field Coordinator at the National Immigration Law Center, where she focuses on challenging immigration enforcement, promoting access to legal status, and integrating a field strategy into NILC’s issue areas. Previously, she was managing attorney at the Catholic Legal Immigration Network’s LA Detention Project and children’s attorney at the Florence Immigrant and Refugee Rights Project. She holds a bachelor’s degree from the University of California, Berkeley, and a juris doctor from the UCLA School of Law Epstein Program in Public Interest Law and Policy.

Annie Chen is the Program Director of the SAFE Network, a national network of cities and counties committed to providing legal representation to immigrants in deportation proceedings and expanding the movement for universal representation. Previously, Annie was the associate program director of the Unaccompanied Children Program at Vera. Annie is a lawyer who practiced at the Legal Aid Society in New York representing detained immigrants and the litigation department of the law firm DLA Piper before joining Vera in January 2013. She holds a BA from Columbia College and a JD from Fordham Law School.

Yvonne Chen serves as the Manager of Outreach for Sanctuary for Families’ Anti-Trafficking Initiative, one of the nation’s leading service providers for immigrant victims and survivors of human trafficking and gender based violence. Yvonne is a fluent Mandarin speaker and manages outreach services to help identify victims and survivors of trafficking. She has also been doing community outreach in massage parlors in order to build relationships with the workers. Prior to coming to Sanctuary, Yvonne worked as a Grants Program Analyst at a fund and has experience working with different refugee populations in the States and South Africa.

Stephanie Cho is the Executive Director for Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Atlanta. She brings over 15 years of experience in labor and community organizing, strategy planning, and fundraising at the local and national level. She has been a community organizer, program director for LGBTQ youth programming, director of training for a national fellowship program, a labor organizer, and organizational consultant. Before coming to Advancing Justice, Stephanie was the Los Angeles Director of the Restaurant Opportunities Center (ROC-LA) where she worked to raise industry standards and wages for LA’s restaurant workers.

Steve Choi is the Executive Director of the New York Immigration Coalition, a coalition of over 200 member groups that represents New York State’s immigrant communities. He has tripled the organizational budget and doubled the size of the organization’s staff since joining in 2013, now overseeing the nation’s largest state immigrant rights coalition and serving as the chief advocate on immigrant rights, education, civic participation, and health care access on the Federal, state and local levels.

Diana Colin is the Director of Civic Engagement at [ADD NAME] (CHIRLA). Her work at CHIRLA began as a student volunteer in 2009, and she was hired on as a statewide campaign organizer in 2013. In 2016, the CHIRLA #InmigrantesEnAcción Electoral Campaign registered 11,297 voters and contacted 127,355 voters and had an 82% voter turnout. During the 2018 Midterm Election, she ran the Immigrant Political Power Project (IPPP) which helped to ID over 140,820 low propensity African American, Latino and immigrant voters.
**Mayor Wilmot Collins** is the Mayor of Helena, Montana. Born in Liberia, Collins arrived to the US as a refugee in 1994. He was elected Mayor in 2017, defeating a four-term incumbent to become the first black person to be elected the mayor of any city in the history of Montana since statehood. Collins is also a Child Protection Specialist with the Montana Department of Health and Human Services; an Adjunct Instructor at the University of Montana, Helena College; and a U. S. Navy Reservist. He holds a Master’s degree in Human Resources Management.

**Assemblrymember Elect Catalina Cruz** will represent Queens’ District 39 (New York City), making her the first DREAMer to hold office in New York and the third to serve in an elected office nationally. She is the president of the Latino Lawyers Association of Queens County and coordinates the Association’s Street Law in Spanish program. Previously, she served as the Chief of Staff to the NYC Council Finance Chair and the Director of the Governor’s Exploited Workers Task Force. Catalina holds BA from the John Jay College of Criminal Justice and a JD from the City University of New York School of Law.

**Claudia Cubas** joined CAIR Coalition in 2011. She manages and coordinates litigation across all three programs at the organization involving issues related to access to justice, detention, and eligibility for relief for children and adults who are detained by ICE with the jurisdiction of the Fourth Circuit. Through her leadership, legal services to detained adults has grown increasing the number of jails visited and cases referred or represented on a pro bono basis.

**Sara Cullinane** is the Director and Co-founder of Make the Road New Jersey, a grassroots, membership-based organization that builds the power of immigrant and working class communities to achieve dignity and respect through community organizing, legal services, policy innovation, and transformative education. She is also an Adjunct Assistant Professor of Public Service at NYU’s Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service. Previously, Sara was a staff attorney and Equal Justice Works fellow at Make the Road New York, representing low-wage immigrant workers in state and federal wage and hour cases and in immigration proceedings.

**Congressman Carlos Curbelo** is the U.S. Representative for Florida’s 26th Congressional District. Now in his second term, he is serving on the prestigious House Committee on Ways and Means. Previously, Curbelo served as State Director for U.S. Senator George LeMieux; was elected to the Miami-Dade County School Board; and co-founded Centre Court Charities, a non-profit organization that runs summertime basketball leagues for high school students. He graduated from the University of Miami with a Bachelor’s Degree in Business Administration and a Master’s Degree in Public Administration.

**Bo (BoThai) Daraphant** is a fellow with the National Korean American Service & Education Consortium. He graduated with a B.A. in International Studies from University of California, Irvine, and is an artist, designer, activist, and an entrepreneur. He has worked on climate refugee stories project, founded an Undocumented Art Collective at UCI, and created a creative project telling stories 16 of undocumented Asian American Pacific Islanders through artworks, writings, and poetry called Bowtie & Friends. Currently, he is managing his own clothing line and is an ambassador/representation for an artist platform start up.

**Jaclyn Dean** is the Policy Manager at the National Asian Pacific American Women’s Forum, where she drives the organization’s policy advocacy efforts. Prior to joining NAPAWF, Jaclyn served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Morocco and also worked for Annie’s List in Texas to help elect pro-choice women in Texas. Jaclyn holds a Master in Public Policy from Harvard University’s Kennedy School of Government and a B.A. in political science and sociology from Rice University.

**Congressman John Delaney** serves Maryland’s Sixth District. His primary focus in office is to restore our nation’s economic competitiveness so that we can have a strong middle class, raise our standard of living, and expand the number of good jobs available to Americans. In 2011, Delaney founded Blueprint Maryland, a non-profit dedicated to invigorating Maryland’s private sector. He is Chairman Emeritus of CapitalSource, and prior to that, he founded HealthCare Financial Partners, making him the only former CEO of a publicly traded company serving in the House of Representatives. Delaney is a graduate of Columbia University and Georgetown University Law Center.

**Wilna Destin** is an organizer with the Union of Needletrades, Industrial and Textile Employees and Hotel and Restaurant Employees (UNITE HERE) Local 737. She is a Haitian TPS holder, a mother,
a wife, a hard-working black Haitian women, and a plaintiff in a TPS lawsuit. She fled Haiti when she had no other choice and for decades has done her part to contribute to this country. She refuses to stay in the shadows; she is standing up for her family and other TPS holders against fear, and she believes that immigrant workers and families still can achieve the dignity and security.

**Christian Dorsey** was elected to the Arlington County Board in 2015 and currently serves as its Vice-Chair. He represents Arlington on the board of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority and is Vice-Chair of its Finance and Budget Committee. He also serves as one of three Arlington commissioners on The Northern Virginia Transportation Commission. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments and of the Transportation Planning Board. Prior to joining the Board, Christian was a senior leader at the Economic Policy Institute, a think tank that promotes economic policies that foster broadly shared prosperity.

**Catrina Doxsee** is a Research Assistant at the Migration Policy Institute’s National Center on Immigrant Integration Policy. She conducts research and policy analysis to promote the successful long-term civic, economic, and linguistic integration of immigrants and refugees with a focus on adult education and workforce development policy. Catrina holds an M.A. from Johns Hopkins University’s School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) and a B.A. from the University of Chicago.

**Miriam Enriquez** is the Director of the Office of Immigrant Affairs for the City of Philadelphia. In her role, she is responsible for providing overall strategic advice on the administration’s immigration policy agenda, as well as recommending and developing policies and programs to integrate immigrants into the social, economic and civic fabric of the City. Enriquez represents the administration on immigration matters on a national level. In this capacity, she communicates with other jurisdictions and is responsible for responding to federal immigration issues that affect the City.

**Bridgit Antoinette Evans** Executive Director of Pop Culture Collaborative, is widely recognized as one of the foremost thought leaders in the culture change strategy field. For Unbound Philanthropy and Ford Foundation, she has led multi-year culture change research and strategy design projects aimed at unearthing breakthrough narrative and engagement strategies for the immigrant rights and gender justice movements. Bridgit was a Nathan Cummings Foundation Fellow, piloting Culture Changes Us, a coordinated learning system designed to accelerate the social justice sectors’ understanding and use of culture change strategy. She received her MFA from Columbia University and BA from Stanford University.

**Wendy Feliz** is the Director of Communications Programming at the American Immigration Council where she creates multidisciplinary, audience-centered communication strategies. She is working to build a broad coalition of groups and individuals who share the goal of creating inclusive and welcoming communities across America.

**José Ramón Fernández-Peña, MD, MPA** is the director of Health Professions Advising at Northwestern University, where he leads efforts to support students interested in pursuing careers in the health sector. He is the founder and executive director of the Welcome Back Initiative and founding member of the steering committee of the IMPRINT coalition. He has advised the White House Domestic Policy Council on the economic integration of foreign-trained professionals and has served as an expert panelist on this topic at national and international forums.

**Marjorie Fine** is a fundraising and philanthropic consultant helping nonprofits and their funders – particularly those who use community organizing as a way to effect social change – to move from surviving to thriving. Current clients include the Four Freedoms Fund, Jewish Voice for Peace, Immigrant Legal Resource Center, Anti-Trafficking Fund, National Partnership for New Americans, NEO Philanthropy and Mi Familia Vota among others. She serves on the boards of the Center for Constitutional Rights and the North Star Fund.
Rosa Franco is the Director of Lending at Neighborhood Trust Federal Credit Union, where she oversees loan portfolio strategy, including design, planning, and implementation of lending products, as well as lending practices and marketing strategies that promote financial empowerment of the unbanked, underbanked, and low-income people. Rosa’s role includes the leverage of impacts through strategic alliances with partner organizations. She developed her career in the two fields that she is most passionate: economic development/financial inclusion and adult education.

Natalie Gallagher is a WE Lead Navigator with Michigan United based out of Detroit. Natalie is moved by art, activism, and academia; pulling all three together she mobilizes both locally and abroad. From political freedom to the permanent protection of immigrant rights, Natalie has capitalized on nonviolent civil resistance to shift moral narratives and build political power. She is completing her Masters in Peace and Conflict Studies at Wayne State University.

Juan Gallegos is the Director of Civic Engagement & Legal Services for the Colorado Immigrant Rights Coalition (CIRC). He immigrated to the United States from Mexico on the 4th of July 2001 when he was 12 years old. Juan attended the University of Nebraska at Kearney and graduated with a Bachelors of Art-Multimedia, and double minor in Spanish and Visual Communications and Design in 2011. In 2009, Juan started volunteering with United We Dream, an immigrant youth-led organization. His work focused on passing the DREAM Act, a fight that is still ongoing today.

Richard Garcia, Chief Growth Officer, North Jersey Federal Credit Union, is a banking executive with a diverse background in Commercial Lending, Financial Analysis, Business Lines of Credit, and Residential Lending. Rich specialized in small businesses, providing loans and cash management services to small and medium size companies. Over the years he has helped 1000’s of small businesses with loan requests. He has managed business banking portfolios of approximately $30mm consisting of closely held business of sales between $2mm to $25mm. His focus is on relationship management, portfolio retention, and the opportunity to provide advisory services to business clients.

Adriana Garcia Maximiliano is the Manager of Alumni Programs at New American Leaders, tasked with developing NAL alumni to be successful candidates and campaign leaders. She serves as a Board Member of Planned Parenthood Advocates of Arizona and the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute Phoenix Alumni Chapter. She was previously a member of the Community and Police Trust Initiative Task Force at the City of Phoenix. She is an alumna of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute, Valle Del Sol’s Hispanic Leadership Institute, New American Leaders, Center for American Progress’ Leadership Institute, and Grand Canyon University.

Katherine Gebremedhin is the Director of Partnerships and Program Development at WES Global Talent Bridge. She is responsible for developing, strengthening partnerships, and collaborating on programmatic initiatives with community-based organizations, government agencies, and academic institutions that work to help immigrant communities successfully integrate into academic and professional settings. Previously, Katherine worked in various capacities in the refugee resettlement sector. She received her BS in Political Science from Eastern Michigan University and her MA in Education and International Development for the University of Leeds.

Tiara Gendi is an Advisory Board Member for Trans and Intersex Rising Zimbabwe and currently working towards building Stronger and Visible communities for Black LGBTQ+ Migrant Project (BLMP) as their DC Network Program Associate, where she helps strengthen the visibility of the Zimbabwean Trans diverse community through lobbying, advocacy and supporting capacity strengthening projects in line with gender identity and expression. Previously, she has worked on Trans Equality as an International and Immigration Fellow in the US with Trans United and as a Youth Fellow at SMYAL (Supporting and Mentoring Youth Advocates and Leaders).

Ghada Ghazal is the Associate Director of Research at Karamah, Muslim Women Lawyers for Human Rights and is an asylum seeker from Syria, a scholar and an interfaith leader. She has spoken and facilitated groups in the field of interreligious and intercultural dialogue around the world, including in Egypt, Lebanon, the Netherlands, Iran, Indonesia, Denmark, Cyprus, Turkey, Italy, Spain, and Jordan. Ghada has a Master’s Degree in Comparative Religions from Hamad Bin Khalifa University, a Master’s Degree in English Language Teaching from the University of Warwick in the UK, and an undergraduate degree in English Literature from Homs University in Syria.
Mary Giovagnoli is the Executive Director of Refugee Council USA. She brings more than twenty years of experience in refugee, asylum, and immigration law and policy to her work at RCUSA. Her previous roles include Senior Director for Public Policy at NAFSA: Association of International Educators; Deputy Assistant Secretary for Immigration Policy at the Department of Homeland Security; Senior Director for Policy at the National Immigration Forum; Director of the Immigration Policy Center at the American Immigration Council; and Senior Adviser to the Director of Congressional Relations at USCIS, among others.

Melina Gonzalez is the LSA Immigration Outreach Organizer/We Lead Navigator for the LSA Family Health Service, which she joined in 2003. She also works with the New York Immigration Coalition & Mayor’s Office of Immigrant Affairs in NYC. Melina is passionate about her work and believes in furthering the economic, civic, and social integration of immigrant New Yorkers by facilitating access to justice and advocating for continued immigration reforms at all levels of government.

Harry Grill is the Political Director of the Las Vegas Culinary Union Local 226, which is the largest local of UNITE HERE, a union representing 270,000 primarily women and immigrant members in hospitality, food service, and gaming. Previously, he led the Culinary Union’s electoral work, widely recognized as playing a pivotal role in the mobilization of Latino, African American, and union voters and the ongoing transformation of Nevada politics. In 2018, Culinary Union canvassers helped to defeat incumbent Republican Senator Dean Heller and elect Democratic Governor Steve Sisolak, among others.

Margo Guernsey, a Film Director, began her film career in 2010 as a producer at WPBT2 (Miami). Councilwoman is her first feature documentary. Over the past 20 years, Margo has worked as a union organizer, non-profit development director, Spanish/English translator and media instructor, always building multi-racial collaborations across class lines to inform the work of building a more just society. She holds an MFA in film (University of Miami), MA in History (UMass/Amherst), and a BA in History (Brown University).

Luis Guerra is a Strategic Capacity Officer for Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. (CLINIC). Prior to working at CLINIC, Guerra was involved in developing the legal capacity of farm worker-serving organizations. He was the acting Executive Director at Causa Oregon, a statewide immigrant rights organization where he developed Causa’s first legal services program. Most recently, he was Director of Operations at the United Farm Workers Foundation as it grew into one of the largest and most successful legal services immigration programs in the country. Guerra holds a Bachelor’s Degree from Willamette University.

Araceli Gutierrez is a policy advisor at Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, where she leverages her significant policy and public health expertise for the firm’s health care and pro bono clients. She joined Brownstein from a top-ranked public affairs firm, where she provided guidance on strategic development, research and analysis, and developed creative solutions to navigate complex legislative and regulatory goals for her clients. Araceli began her career in Washington as a Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute graduate health fellow with Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard (D-CA), where she staffed the congresswoman on the House Appropriations Labor, Health and Human Services Subcommittees.

Congressman Luis Gutiérrez is representing Illinois’ 4th District in his twelfth term. Gutiérrez is nationally recognized for his tireless leadership championing issues of particular importance to Latino and immigrant communities, and was instrumental in advocating for President Obama’s executive action to provide deportation relief to certain long-term undocumented immigrants and their families through The Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals. His career is also defined by his work on gun violence prevention and comprehensive immigration reform.

Elizabeth Guzmán is a Delegate of Virginia’s 31st House District, elected in 2017 to become the first Hispanic female immigrant to join the 400-year-old Virginia General Assembly. She currently works as the Division Chief for Administrative Services for the Center for Adult Services for the City of Alexandria. She holds a Bachelor’s in Public Safety from Capella University, a Master’s in Public Administration from American University, and a Master’s in Social Work from the University of Southern California.

Councilmember Helen Gym was seated in 2016 and is the first Asian American woman to serve in Philadelphia’s City Council. She has led prominent campaigns, including the successful opposition to a proposed stadium and casino in Philadelphia Chinatown, winning a federal civil rights settlement requiring schools to address
bullying and racial harassment, and campaigns against the inhumane detention and deportation of immigrants. She has also focused her legislative efforts on economic justice issues, including championing fair scheduling legislation, expanding the city’s living wage laws, and requiring disclosure for businesses accepting city subsidies.

**Emily Hackerson** is a Manager in the Corporate Social Responsibility department of Tyson Foods, where she leads development and implementation of Upward Academys

an innovative workplace education program offering daily English, HSE, and citizenship classes to over 1,000 front line team members across 7 states. Previously, Emily served as Program Manager and American Dream Fellow with the Cisneros Center for New Americans, working with stakeholders in the corporate, public and philanthropic sectors to create more inclusive communities. Emily received her Masters in Urban Planning from Cornell University and her BA in International Affairs from The New School in NYC.

**Max Hadler** is the Director of Health Policy at the New York Immigration Coalition. He works on a range of issues and campaigns at the city and state levels to improve health access, coverage, and delivery for immigrant communities. Previously, he worked in many capacities related to access to care for immigrants, including project director and research associate at the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research, researcher at the UCLA Center for Integration and Development Center, and Spanish-English medical interpreter at Yale-New Haven Hospital.

**Sameera Hafiz** leads the Immigrant Legal Resource Center (ILRC)’s advocacy and engagement on federal immigration policy. Sameera brings nearly two decades of experience supporting campaigns and coalitions focused on racial justice, fighting harsh immigration enforcement policies and ending violence against women. Previously, she Sameera was the Advocacy Director for the National Domestic Workers Alliance where she led the organization’s anti-trafficking and immigration policy work, as well as the legal team. She also served as the Director of Policy and Campaigns at Rights Working Group.

**Sameerah Haque** is a Youth Organizing Fellow at the HANA Center. While she is not busy with school or doing homework, she is working as a youth fellow at HANA Center, a place where she started off as just a youth in one of their many youth programs. Over several years of learning and growing at HANA Center, Sameerah has become a very outspoken member of the community and has found interest in working with youth. Sameerah is a current junior at Northeastern Illinois University majoring in accounting.

**Janet Hernandez** is a Senior Civic Engagement Project Manager at UnidosUS. In her current position, Janet develops and implements national civic engagement strategies that positively impact the Latino community. She works closely with affiliates and partners across the country to increase their organizational, leadership, advocacy, and electoral capacity.

**Patricia Y. Hernández** is a Senior attorney with Advocates for Basic Legal Equality, Inc. (ABLE) in Toledo, Ohio, a non-profit social justice law firm. She is a member of ABLE’s Agricultural Worker & Immigrant Rights Practice Group and has lead ABLE’s response to Executive Action on Immigration by both the Obama and Trump administrations. She is the Co-Chair of Welcome Toledo-Lucas County’s Legal Services Working Committee. Her practice has included employment, immigration, housing, education and civil rights work. Patty is a graduate of St. Mary’s University and The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law.

**Camila Herrera-Fyler** is the integration director at the Tennessee Immigrant & Refugee Rights Coalition, where she works with local community-based organizations and attorneys to leverage and expand existing services and provide access to legal services to low-income individuals across the state. She joined the organization in 2014 and oversees legal services department. She currently serves on two boards and is part of a TN pro bono task force to create initiatives and opportunities to engage private attorneys to do pro bono work for the immigrant and refugee community.

**Commissioner Dale V.C. Holness** is the Commissioner of Broward County, Florida. In this role, he sponsored the resolution for the expansion of Broward County’s Current Living Wage Ordinance; led the effort for a $20 million economic development package and community improvement programs; started the Lauderhill Chamber of Commerce;
and was a leading force and organizer behind the Lauderdale Mall Citizenship Drives, among other accomplishments. Commissioner Holness is the Chair of the Broward Black Elected Officials and is active in the Broward County Children’s Services Board; Haitian American Leadership Organization; HIV Planning Council, among others.

Gabrielle Jackson is a co-founder of the UndocuBlack Network, a multi-generational network of directly affected Black undocumented people that fosters community, facilitates access to resources, and contributes to transforming the realities of their communities. She currently serves as the network’s Mental Wellness Director, leading their Mental Wellness Initiative, and is the author of The UndocuBlack Guide for Mental Wellness Specialists. Originally from Trinidad and Tobago, her purpose and passion is the mental and emotional well-being of the Black community, with an emphasis on Black immigrants.

Kayse Jama is the Executive Director and co-founder of Unite Oregon, a statewide nonprofit led by people of color, immigrants and refugees, rural communities, and people experiencing poverty that works to build a unified intercultural movement for justice. Previously, Kayse trained immigrant and refugee community leaders in five Western states—Oregon, Washington, Nevada, Utah and Idaho—under a New Voices Fellowship at Western States Center. He has co-founded several large cross-issue coalitions, including Oregon Fair Shot Coalition and Oregon Health Equity Coalition, which together have won major legislative victories in recent years.

Congresswoman Pramila Jayapal represents Washington’s 7th District. The first Indian-American woman in the US House of Representatives, Jayapal has spent the last 20 years working internationally and domestically as a leading national advocate for women’s, immigrant, civil, and human rights. She is the Vice Ranking Member of the House Budget Committee and also serves on several Committees including the Judiciary Committee and the Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security, as numerous Caucuses, including those on immigration, LGBT equality and for Asian Pacific Americans. She was first elected to public office as a Washington State Senator in 2014, becoming the first South Asian American ever elected to the State Legislature and the only woman of color in that body. Prior to her founding and longtime Executive Director of Hate Free Zone (now OneAmerica) and led the national coalition We Belong Together. Jayapal came to the US by herself at the age of 16 to attend college at Georgetown University and later received her MBA from Northwestern University.

Jonathan Jayes-Green is the Director and a Co-Founders of the UndocuBlack Network, a Network of directly affected Black undocumented people fighting to transform their own realities. A queer undocumented Afro-Panamanian organizer, he has served as liaison and advocate of the Latinx and Caribbean communities in the office of the Governor of Maryland; won progressive statewide legislative fights like the Dream Act and marriage equality; and supported a women of color-owned small business in its growth and development. He received his Associate’s degree from Montgomery College and his Bachelor’s degree from Goucher College.

Ben Jealous is a civil rights leader, community organizer, investor in startups for good, educator, and former investigative journalist. Ben was named the youngest ever National President and CEO of the NAACP at age 35; served as the past president of the Rosenberg Foundation; and was the founding director of Amnesty International’s U.S. Domestic Human Rights Program. As a community organizer, Ben helped lead successful campaigns to abolish the death penalty for children, stop Mississippi’s governor from turning a public historically black university into a prison, and pass federal legislation against prison rape. He is a graduate of Columbia and Oxford University.

Dr. Lara Jirmanus is a family physician at the Cambridge Health Alliance, a Fellow at the FXB Center at the Harvard T. H. Chan School of Public Health (HSPH) and a Clinical Instructor at Harvard Medical School. In February 2017, she founded the Health and Law Immigrant Solidarity Network, a group of over 200 healthcare and legal professionals and community organizations supporting immigrants in Eastern Massachusetts. Her current research focuses on impact of immigration enforcement on immigrant health in the Massachusetts, and the health of Syrian refugees and host populations in Lebanon.

Anu Joshi is the Senior Director of Immigrant Rights Policy at the New York Immigration Coalition where she leads the organization’s work on issues relating to immigration status and enforcement. She has worked for over seven years in the immigrant rights movement, including with the Center for New Community in Chicago and the American Immigration Lawyers Association in Washington, D.C. Previously, Anu organized around issues relating to access to education and foreign policy and spent three years...
Amaha Kassa is founder and Executive Director of African Communities Together, a membership organization of African immigrants and their families with chapters in New York and Washington, DC. Amaha has worked as a labor and community organizer since 1994. Previously, he was Executive Director of East Bay Alliance for a Sustainable Economy in Oakland, California. He earned his law degree from UC Berkeley and his Master’s in Public Policy from Harvard Kennedy School. Amaha is an immigrant from Ethiopia.

Joshua Kalla is Assistant Professor of Political Science at Yale University with a secondary appointment as Assistant Professor of Statistics and Data Science. He received his Ph.D. in political science from the University of California, Berkeley (2018). His research studies political persuasion, prejudice reduction, and decision-making among voters and political elites, primarily through the use of randomized field experiments.

Maheen Kaleem serves as a Program Officer for the Initiative to End Violence Against Girls and Women, and manages the NoVo Foundation’s portfolio on commercial sexual exploitation. Prior to joining NoVo, she was a staff attorney at Rights4Girls, where she engaged in federal, state, and local policy, training and technical assistance, and research with a specific focus on the intersection of child sex trafficking and juvenile justice. She has been engaged in advocacy on behalf of women and girls experiencing interpersonal and institutional violence for the past fifteen years.

Virginia Kase is the CEO of the League of Women Voters of the United States. Prior to joining the League, she served as COO of CASA, an organization at the forefront of the immigrant rights movement representing nearly 100,000 members. In that leadership role, Virginia managed the strategic growth, direction, and operations of the organization and served as a key thought leader on its politics and policy team. Prior to CASA, Virginia spent eight years serving as the National Technical Assistance and Training Manager at the Center for Neighborhood Enterprise (CNE) in Washington, DC.

Erol Kekic is Executive Director of the Immigration and Refugee Program for Church World Service (CWS), guiding the agency’s role as an outspoken advocate on behalf of fair, humane U.S. immigration and refugee policies. Previously, Kekic served as Associate Director of NYC’s Lutheran Family and Community Service Immigration and Refugee Program; and Assistant Director for Resettlement for NY’s Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in chemical engineering at the University of Sarajevo in Bosnia, and has done postgraduate study at The University of Sarajevo in Bosnia, and has done postgraduate study at The University of Detroit-Mercy and at Oxford University Refugee Study Centre.

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Ivy O. Suriyopas is a program officer with the Equality Fund of the Open Society U.S. Programs, working on immigrant rights. Previously, she was an attorney and the director of the Anti-Trafficking Initiative at the Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund, providing legal representation, conducting community education and outreach, and engaging in policy advocacy on human trafficking issues. She has written and co-authored works about immigration, workers’ rights, and racial justice for various outlets. She received her JD from the University of California, Hastings College of Law and studied international human rights law in South Africa through Howard University.

Council Member Deni Taveras is committed to providing better public schools, safer and cleaner streets and increased sustainable economic development. She has over 15 years of experience as a policy analyst within local, state and federal government, as well as international financial institutions such as the World Bank. Taveras holds a dual Master’s in public affairs and urban regional planning from Princeton University’s Woodrow Wilson School, a Masters from the University of Utah, and Bachelors from Barnard College.

Trish Tchume is Community Change/Action’s leadership program director. Trish leads Power 50, a leadership program launched in the fall of 2018 to train, support, and build community among women of color who are organizers in emerging and mid-trajectory leadership roles in our partner organizations. Power 50 supports leadership in organizations that serve communities of color, including the Fair Immigration Reform Movement (FIRM), the Black Freedom Collective (BFC), and each of our project issue areas. Trish served as inaugural Executive Director of the Young Nonprofit Professionals Network, and as Network Organizer for Within Our Lifetime: A Network to End Racism.

Stephanie Teatro is Co-Executive Director of Tennessee Immigrant and Refugee Rights Coalition (TIRRC), a statewide immigrant and refugee-led collaboration whose mission is to empower immigrants and refugees throughout Tennessee to develop a unified voice, defend their rights, and create an atmosphere in which they are recognized as positive contributors to the state. She is an executive committee member of the Fair Immigration Reform Movement (FIRM) and a board member of the National Partnership for New Americans (NPNA).

Rebecca Telzak is the Director of Health Programs for Make the Road New York. Under Rebecca’s leadership, the program’s services have expanded to include health insurance enrollment, health navigation services, food stamp enrollment, community health worker (CHW) training and home visiting services, and food pantries for over 8,000 community members each year. She has a BA from the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor and a Master’s Degree in Public Administration from Baruch College.

Sabrina Terry is the Senior Strategist of the Economic Policy Project within UnidosUS’ Policy and Advocacy. Sabrina implements UnidosUS nation-wide pilots that integrate technology and financial products into direct services targeting low-income Latinos and immigrants. Terry also advocates for the adoption of best practices to create a more inclusive economic landscape for Latinos, including providing research and data analysis on the intersections of immigration policies, alternative data, and wealth opportunities in Latino households.

Houleye Thiam is the president of Youth and Hope and the Mauritanian Network for Human Rights in the US. She is originally from Mauritania and has been living in the US for 16 years. She hold a dual Masters degree and works for the state of Ohio.

Ahmed Tidiane is the co-founder of African Immigrant Relief, assisting African Immigrants with legal representation and community education; co-founder of Mauritania Care, providing after-school programs and job support; and a member of IRA-Ohio, providing support to the anti-slavery movement in Mauritania. In his day job at the Economic and Community Development Institute (ECDI), he works with the immigrant population. He speaks five languages: English, French, Arabic, Fulani and Wolof.

Jamie Torres is the Deputy Director for theMayors’ Agency for Human Rights and Community Partnerships (HRCP) and Director of the Denver Office of Immigrant & Refugee Affairs. She is responsible for the city’s immigrant integration work including policy, advocacy, research and partnership development. Her passion for community engagement and serving others has led to a more than 18-year career at the HRCP, where she has keenly focused on immigration integration strategies and helping to make Denver
a welcoming place for all residents. Jamie is a native of Denver with a B.A. and M.A. in Anthropology.

**U.S. Delegate Kathy Tran** is a Delegate for Virginia’s 42nd House District. Elected in 2017, she and Kelly Fowler became the first Asian-American women elected to Virginia’s House of Delegates. She previously served as the Acting Administrator for the Office of Workforce Investment and the Director of the Division of Policy, Legislation, and Regulation in the U.S. Department of Labor, as well as working at the National Immigration Forum. Kathy graduated from Duke University and earned her Master of Social Work from the University of Michigan.

**Laura Tuell** is the Firmwide head of Pro Bono at Jones Day Law Firm, and continues her efforts as an active pro bono practitioner representing numerous immigrants seeking asylum. Laura also has experience in housing discrimination, voting rights, landlord-tenant law, and death penalty issues. She was instrumental in working with the D.C. Bar to create the Free Legal Advice and Referral Clinic and has participated in that clinic for more than 10 years. Laura is chair of the board of the Capital Area Immigrants’ Rights Coalition and secretary of the board of Bread for the City.

**Lorena Tule-Romain** is the Director of DACA Corps Member Support at Teach for America, where she recruits and supports over 240 DACAmented teachers. She has maintained a diverse range of functions through her time at TFA but always manages to have students at the center of her work. Prior to working at TFA Lorena was a teacher assistant and an activist for young undocumented students. Lorena’s passion for education equity comes from personal experience growing up as an undocumented student living in a low-income community in Texas.

**Daniel Valdez** is a Network Director for the Welcoming America Network, where he leads overall strategy and provides technical assistance to community partners and network members. Additionally, Daniel volunteers with a number of organizations and serves as President of the Board of Directors of Charlotte Pride. Throughout his career, he has worked in areas of public health, income inequality, immigrant inclusion, and racial justice. He holds a B.A. in History and Latin American Studies from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte and a Certificate in Nonprofit Management from Duke University.

**Juleeah Vang** is the Policy-Advocacy Program Assistant for Asian Services In Action, Inc. (ASIA, Inc.) based in Akron, OH. As the Policy-Advocacy Program Assistant, her roles include coordinating and leading civic engagement work for the agency, speaking out against issues that will affect the immigrant community, and educating the community about the impacts of the issues.

**Laura Vazquez** is the Senior Program Manager for Immigration Initiatives at UnidosUS, working with the organization’s affiliates to expand and sustain their immigration legal services programs. Previously at UnidosUS, she conducted legislative and administrative advocacy to advance just and humane reforms to the current immigration system. Prior to UnidosUS, she served as a constituent caseworker for Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton, assisting D.C. residents with their immigration applications. Laura holds an MA in Latin American Studies from the University of California, San Diego and a BA in Political Science and Spanish from Kenyon College.

**Joseph Villela** serves as the Director of Policy at the Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights, based in Los Angeles. A committed government relations professional and political adviser, Joseph has more than a decade of experience in monitoring and analyzing legislation. During that time, Joseph also established a successful track record in developing and managing legislative and budgetary campaigns, helping to improve the lives of California’s most vulnerable. Joseph graduated from the University of Los Angeles, California (UCLA).

**Jackie Vimo** is a policy analyst at the National Immigration Law Center (NILC). Prior to NILC, Jackie was Director of Advocacy at the New York Immigration Coalition, leading NYIC’s work on
Affordable Care Act implementation, worker rights, driver’s licenses, higher education, and language access. Jackie’s other positions include Make the Road NY and the NY AIDS Coalition. Jackie has a Political Science B.A. from Barnard College, M.A. from the University of California, Berkeley, and Ph.D. from the New School University.

Jennifer Wang is the Deputy Director of Programs and in senior leadership at the National Asian Pacific American Women’s Forum (NAPAWF), where she is responsible for guiding, implementing, and evaluating the organization’s programmatic and policy strategies. Previously, Jennifer held senior roles at TICAS and Young Invincibles, and began her career at NARAL Pro-Choice America. She has developed an expertise in a variety of policy areas including reproductive health, higher education and student debt, predatory lending, and workforce development. Jennifer has degrees from UCLA and a J.D. from the University of Iowa College of Law.

Eric K. Ward is the Executive Director of Western States Center, a program to strengthen inclusive democracy nationwide. A long-time civil rights strategist, he previously worked as a Ford Foundation Program Officer and as the Program Executive for The Atlantic Philanthropies, U.S. Reconciliation and Human Rights Program, supporting American Muslim, Arab and South Asian communities through grant-writing. Eric is currently an Open Society’s New Executive Fellow, and serves on the board of directors of Proteus Fund and Revolutions Per Minute.

Bryan Warren is the Director of the Office for Globalization, a Division of Louisville Forward in Louisville Metro Government in Kentucky. He leads the city’s Global Louisville initiative, a public-private effort to bring together government, business and civic leaders to welcome immigrants through policy and practice for shared economic and community growth that benefits all Louisvillians.

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SPEAKERS

Speaker photos and information not available at press time can be found on the NIIC website: NIIC2018.org

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Rev. Dr. Sharon Stanley-Rea is Director of Refugee & Immigration Ministries (RIM) for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). RIM works to mobilize Disciples congregations around the country to offer hospitality to immigrants, provide refugee resettlement assistance to refugees, strengthen relationships, and seek justice for farm workers. Sharon also serves as the Chair of the DC Cluster of Congregations for the DVM Sanctuary Congregations Network. For 19 years previously, she served as Founder and Executive Director of Fresno Interdenominational Refugee Ministries. She holds a Doctor of Ministry degree from Columbia Theological Seminary, and earned a Masters of Divinity degree (Summa Cum Laude) from San Francisco Theological Seminary.

Rabbi Shira Stutman, Senior Rabbi at Washington, DC’s innovative Sixth & I Historic Synagogue, was named one of “America’s Most Inspiring Rabbis” by The Jewish Forward in 2013. She serves as the scholar-in-residence for the National Women’s Philanthropy program of the Jewish Federations of North America, teaches for the Wexner Heritage program, speaks nationally on a wide variety of topics, is board chair of Jews United for Justice, which advances economic, racial, and social justice in the Baltimore-Washington region. Rabbi Stutman graduated from the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College in 2007, where she was a Wexner Graduate Fellow, and also serves on the JStreet Rabbinic Cabinet.

Angelica Salas is the Executive Director of The Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles (CHIRLA). In this role since 1999, she has spearheaded several ambitious campaigns, including winning in-state tuition for undocumented immigrant students; establishing day laborer job centers; and leading efforts to allow all California drivers to obtain a driver license. She is a leading spokesperson on federal immigration policy as an active member of FIRM and RIFA. One of Angelica’s greatest accomplishments at CHIRLA has been the transformation of a coalition of social service providers into an organization that empowers immigrants to engage in advocacy on their own behalf. She is a member of the Board of the National Partnership for New Americans, and came to the U.S. from Mexico at the age of 5 to rejoin her parents who had come to the U.S. to find work and better provide for their family.

Becky Belcore joined the National Korean American Service and Education Consortium (NAKASEC) staff as Co-Director in January 2017. NAKASEC’s mission is to organize Korean and Asian Americans to achieve social, racial and economic justice. Prior to NAKASEC, she was the Program Manager of the AAPI Civic Engagement Fund, the Lead Program Officer for Woods Fund Chicago, the Executive Director of the Korean American Resource & Cultural Center, and the Midwest Regional Coordinator for the Service Employees International Union. Becky also was a registered nurse, is active in adoptee rights work, and serves on the boards of HANA Center, the Elia Baker Organizing Fund and BYP100.
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UPDATES & CHANGES TO THE NIIC SCHEDULE

Please note the following adjustments to the NIIC schedule that arrived after our program book went to press. This information below is updated; and replaces what is listed on the schedule pages of your program book (pages 20-22).

SCHEDULE TIMING CHANGES & CORRECTIONS

SUNDAY DECEMBER 9

FILM SCREENING
6:30pm-7:30pm / Salon A
Politics & Popcorn: Time for Ilhan & People Like Us
Hosted in Partnership with New American Leaders

MONDAY DECEMBER 10

AFFINITY GROUP
7:30am-8:30am / Salon H
Affinity Group: Muslim, Arab & South Asian

FILM SCREENING
6:15pm-7:45pm / Salon A
Politics & Popcorn: Councilwoman & Talkback
Hosted in Partnership with New American Leaders

TRACK SESSION BLOCK 3
1:45pm-3:00pm
Vibrant & Vital Economies Track / Salon C
The Economic Case for Immigrant Inclusion: National, State & Local Strategies

TUESDAY DECEMBER 11

AFFINITY GROUP
7:30am-8:30am / Affinity Group: Muslim, Arab & South Asian — Moved to MONDAY DEC 10

PLENARY 6
8:00am-10:00am* / ARLINGTON BALLROOM
A HOUSE UNITED: NARRATIVE CHANGE, JUST IMMIGRATION & AMERICA'S FUTURE

PLENARY 7
11:45am-1:15pm* / ARLINGTON BALLROOM
NEW AMERICAN DREAMS FOR NEW AMERICANS

TRACK SESSION BLOCK 6
1:30pm-2:45pm* / ALL TRACK SESSIONS

PLENARY 8
3:00pm-3:30pm* / ARLINGTON BALLROOM
NIIC CLOSING: EYES ON THE FUTURE

*Please note adjusted start times for all these sessions

PLENARY SPEAKERS

Please note the updated list of speakers on the NIIC mainstage in our plenaries.

All plenaries take place in the ARLINGTON BALLROOM.

SUN DEC 9 / 1:30pm-3pm

NIIC KICK OFF & WELCOME
Becky Belcore, National Korean American Service & Education Consortium
Josh Hoyt, National Partnership for New Americans
Rabbi Shira Stutman, Jews United for Justice
Gustavo Torres, CASA

NEW AMERICAN VICTORIES: STATE & LOCAL INTEGRATION WINS

SPEAKERS:
Councilwoman Helen Gym, Philadelphia, PA
Vice Mayor Dale V.C. Holness, Broward County, FL
Eva Millona, Massachusetts Immigrant & Refugee Advocacy Coalition
Ben Monterroso, Mi Familia Vota
Bitta Mostofi, Commissioner, New York City Mayor’s Office of Immigrant Affairs
Manuel Pastor, University of Southern California
Jonathan Paik, Korean Resource Center-Los Angeles; National Korean American Service & Education Consortium
Rachel Peric, Welcoming America
Catalina Rodriguez Lima, Director, Baltimore Mayor’s Office of Immigrant Affairs

SUN DEC 9 / 5pm-6:30pm

THE WOMEN’S WAVE: WOMEN’S LEADERSHIP, IMMIGRANTS, REFUGEES & OUR SHARED VISIONS

SPEAKERS:
Ana Maria Archilla, Center for Popular Democracy
Bob Bland, Women’s March
Luisa Blue, SEIU
NYS Assemblymember-Elect Catalina Cruz
Patrice Lawrence, UndocuBlack
Angelica Salas, CHIRLA
Dr. Leana Wen, Planned Parenthood Federation of America

MON DEC 10 / 8:45am-10:15am

OUR VIRGINIA STORY: HOW VIRGINIANS ARE TURNING RESISTANCE TO VICTORY

SPEAKERS:
Luis Aguilar, Director of CASA Virginia
Congressman Don Beyer (VA-8)
Delegate Elizabeth Guzman, VA
Delegate Kathy Tran, VA
Chair Christian Dorsey, Arlington Board of Supervisors, VA
Sookyung Oh, Virginia Director NAKASEC
**MON DEC 10 / 12pm-1:30pm**

**AMERICA AS A REFUGE**

**SPEAKERS:**
- Oscar Chacon, Alianza Americas
- Mayor Wilmot Collins, Helena, MT
- Congressman Steny Hoyer (MD-5)
- Kica Matos, Center for Community Change
- Suzanne Salhoul, Syrian Community Network
- Naomi Steinberg, HIAS
- Stephanie Stephens, We Are All America
- Reverend Sharon Stanley, Disciples Refugee & Immigration Ministries

**MON DEC 10 / 5pm-6pm**

**MOVING INTO ACTION**

**SPEAKERS:**
- Becky Belcore, National Korean American Service & Education Consortium
- Jaime Contreras, SEIU 32BJ
- Congresswoman Pramila Jayapal (WA-7)
- Linda Sarsour, Women’s March
- Steve Choi, New York Immigration Coalition
- Gustavo Torres, CASA

**TUES DEC 11 / 8:00am-10:00am**

**A HOUSE UNITED: NARRATIVE CHANGE, JUST IMMIGRATION & AMERICA’S FUTURE**

**SPEAKERS:**
- Mehrdad Azemun, People’s Action
- Congressman Joaquin Castro (TX-20)
- Congressman John Delaney (MD-6)
- Bridgit Antoinette Evans, Pop Culture Collaborative
- Nicole Melaku, Colorado Immigrant Rights Coalition
- Maria Rodriguez, Florida Immigrant Coalition
- Saket Soni, National Guestworkers Alliance and the New Orleans Workers’ Center for Racial Justice

**TUES DEC 11 / 3:00pm-3:30pm**

**NIIC CLOSING: EYES ON THE FUTURE**

- Ryan Bates, Michigan United
- Ben Jealous, Civil Rights Activist
- Nadia Tonova, Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services

**SPECIAL SESSIONS**

The following session will be conducted in Spanish with interpretation.

**THE SOUTHERN WALL: THE MEXICAN FRONTERA SUR, ITS IMPACT ON MIGRANTS, & U.S. INVOLVEMENT**

**MON DEC 10 / 1:45pm-3:00pm / SALON J**

The panel will explore the Southern Border Plan, a policy developed and implemented by the Mexican government beginning in 2014 in coordination with the Obama and then the Trump administrations. The panel will focus on how this policy has impacted migrants, predominantly from Central America, who are fleeing violence and poverty in their home countries. Speakers will discuss the material and legal difficulties migrants and refugees face at each stage of their journey: in their countries of origin, on arrival in Mexico, in transit towards the U.S. border or during the asylum process in Mexico. The discussion will highlight broad human rights violations that are inherent in this fundamentally anti-immigrant policy. The recent migrants’ caravan, crossing through Central America and Mexico this fall, demonstrates the ongoing challenges to US immigration policy, as well as the Trump administration’s eagerness to instrumentalize migration issues for political purposes.

Finally, the panel takes place during the first week of the new Mexican administration and so will consider possible reforms by President-elect Andrés Manual López Obrador, who has promised to focus on Human Rights and the economic development of Mexico’s southern regions.

**SPEAKERS:**
- Zorayda Avila, Alianza Americas
- Miguel Angel Paz Carrasco, Voces Mesoamericanas
- Ciria Villatoro González, Centro de Derechos Fray Matías de Córdova, Tapachula

**MODERATOR:**
- Dr. Dawid Danilo Bartelt, Fundación Heinrich Böll México y Caribe

**SESIÓN ESPECIAL**

La siguiente sesión se llevará a cabo en español con interpretación.

**EL MURO DEL SUR: LA FRONTERA MEXICANA DEL SUR, SU IMPACTO EN LOS MIGRANTES Y LA INTERVENCIÓN DE LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS**

**LUNES 10 DE DICIEMBRE / 1:45pm – 3:00pm / SALON J**

El panel explorará el Programa Frontera Sur, una política desarrollada
e implementada por el gobierno mexicano a partir del 2014 en coordinación con las administraciones primero de Obama y luego de Trump. El panel se enfocará en cómo esta política ha impactado a los migrantes, predominantemente de América Central, que están huyendo de la violencia y la pobreza en sus países de origen.

Los conferencistas hablarán sobre las dificultades legales y materiales que enfrentan los migrantes y los refugiados en cada etapa de su viaje: En sus países de origen, a su llegada a México, en tránsito hacia la frontera de los Estados Unidos o durante el proceso de asilo en México. La discusión resaltará la amplia gama de violaciones a los derechos humanos que son inherentes a esta política fundamentalmente antiinmigrante. La reciente caravana de migrantes que cruza Centroamérica y México este otoño, demuestra los desafíos actuales de la política de inmigración de los Estados Unidos. Así como el afán de la administración de Trump por instrumentalizar los temas de migración con fines políticos.

Finalmente, el panel se llevará a cabo durante la primera semana de la nueva administración mexicana y, por lo tanto, considerará las posibles reformas del presidente electo Andrés Manuel López Obrador, quien ha prometido enfocarse en los derechos humanos y en el desarrollo económico de las regiones del sur de México.

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RUNNING FOR OFFICE AS A MOVEMENT
TUES DEC 11 / 1:30PM-4:30PM / Alexandria
Hosted in partnership with Living United for Change in Arizona, New American Leaders, and People’s Action

The 2018 mid-term elections showed us a pathway forward in electing progressive leaders to continue to build our movement. We need candidates that will put people first and bring a powerful voice to the issues impacting our communities. That means that we need to recruit and train people like YOU on how to run campaigns to win seats for public office and assume leadership positions in their communities.

Best Practices: This session will: a) give participants the nuts and bolts of how to prepare to run b) get people thinking about how to ground their campaign in what matters most and c) build a collective understanding of how we got to this point, and what it will take from us to make sure our voices are represented.

• Running as an authentic community candidate
• Running a new type of bold and courageous campaign rooted in community

Strategy: It is critical to involve more under-represented communities, especially immigrants, women, LGBTQ people and people of color. With all of the attacks hitting immigrant families, we need to focus on training up people from immigrant communities to increase our representation in City Halls and State Capitols all across the country. We need to make certain that our voices and communities are heard.

PRESENTERS:
Mehrdad Azemum, People’s Action
Nicole Hale, Living United for Change in Arizona
Adriana García Maximiliano, New American Leaders

FILM SCREENINGS

Please note the updated information about this film screening and talk back.

Exploring the Intersection Between Immigration and Trafficking: Film Screening & Discussion
Hosted in partnership with the NoVo Foundation
MON DEC 10/ 6:15pm-7:45pm / Salon C

This screening and talkback provides an opportunity to explore the unique vulnerabilities of immigrant girls, women, and workers to exploitation and trafficking. Presenters will share a new communications tool — a website and short film series called The Life Story: Moments of Change — which shines a light on the realities of women who have been sexually exploited, elevates their voices and experiences and highlights opportunity for change. Presenters will discuss with the audience the unique challenges and strategies they’ve developed for engaging in direct services, legal support, organizing, and policy advocacy with immigrant survivors of trafficking.

SPEAKERS:
Yvonne Chen, Sanctuary for Families
Maheen Kaleem, NoVo Foundation
Tsering Lama, Adhikaar

TRACK SESSIONS

Please note the updated speakers for these Track sessions.

SUN DEC 9 / TRACK SESSION BLOCK 1 /
3:30pm-4:45pm

From Resistance to Victory Track
LGBTQIA IMMIGRANTS FIGHTING FOR REPRESENTATION AND LIBERATION
Salon K

This session focuses on immigrants who are members of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, or Asexual communities and how they are addressing their particular issues by building community and fighting back.
SPEAKERS:
Tiara Gendi, founding Steering Committee member, Black LGBTQ+ Migrant Project
Rodrigo Velasquez, Senior Legislative Aide, Delegate Kathy Tran, 42nd House District

MODERATOR:
Jonathan Jayes-Green, founder and Director, UndocuBlack Network

MON DEC 10 / TRACK SESSION BLOCK 2 / 10:30am-11:45am

From Resistance to Victory Track
SANCTUARY POLICIES & BEYOND: LOCAL STRATEGIES TO UNDERMINE FEDERAL ATTACKS
Salon C

How can cities and municipalities act as a bulwark against attacks by the Trump administration, including by implementing sanctuary policies and limiting cooperation between Immigration and Customs Enforcement and local police, and creating local inclusive policies such as Municipal ID Cards, Language Access, and Voting in local elections.

SPEAKERS:
Miriam Enriquez, Director, Office of Immigrant Affairs, Philadelphia
Lakshmi Sridaran, Director of National Policy and Advocacy, South Asian Americans Leading Together
Lena Graber, Staff Attorney, Immigrant Legal Resource Center
Theodore Moore, Director of Local Policy and Legislation, New York Immigration Coalition
Mariana Magaña, Policy Advocate, Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights
Margie Del Castillo, Field Coordinator, Virginia Latina Advocacy Network

MODERATOR:
Monica Sarmiento, Executive Director, Virginia Coalition for Immigrant Rights