Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Atlanta’s 2021 Legislative Agenda represents our commitment to protect and advance immigrant rights in Georgia. Our 2021 agenda addresses key issues the immigrant community faces. During the upcoming legislative session, we will continue to focus on four key policy areas: immigrant rights, voting rights, economic justice, and access to education. Transformative policies are needed to make Georgia a better place for all who call it home.

Here’s a snapshot of what we will focus on in 2021:

**IMMIGRANT RIGHTS**

Every legislative session, legislation is introduced that will directly or indirectly impact the immigrant community. As such, we are prepared to fight against harmful anti-immigrant legislation and push for:

- Expanded access to driver’s licenses for immigrants as a partner in the Freedom to Drive Georgia Coalition
- Family reunification and the expansion of family-based immigration
- Protected pathways to citizenship for all immigrants

**VOTING RIGHTS**

During the 2020 election cycle, we worked around the clock to monitor polling locations, assist voters with language barriers, and pushback against any actions by local and state election officials that would harm immigrant voters. With much discussion already taking place on voting rights and new legislation being proposed, we will:

- Defend and protect immigrant voters and their voting rights
- Defend and protect immigrant voters against gerrymandering proposals
- Advance legislation that would ensure a fair, transparent and equitable redistricting process
- Demand language access for limited English proficient Georgians who deserve the opportunity to participate in the voting and redistricting process

**ECONOMIC JUSTICE**

Economies are more successful when they are fair and equitable. As we continue to battle a global health pandemic with rising numbers of Georgians battling Covid-19, we will continue to see economic impacts. Even as we recover and attempt to get back to business as usual, immigrant communities should be included in restoring local and state economies. Immigrant communities should be provided the opportunity to thrive economically as well. Legislation that targets the economic rights of immigrants must be corrected to create a just and balanced economy for all Georgians. We will:

- Pushback on discriminatory legislation that would diminish economic opportunities for immigrants to make a better life for themselves and their families
- Support opportunities for low-income immigrants who need public services, without fear of jeopardizing their immigration status
- Support worker rights and minimum wage increases

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ACCESS TO EDUCATION

Georgia has had one of the fastest rates of growth from immigration. In previous years, educational reform aimed at covering immigrant families and their students fell short of providing complete access. Today, policies are still in place that create barriers for immigrant youth and young adults. We will:

- Pushback on policies that create barriers to entry into state adult education programs and flagship universities for immigrant students
- End the ban on undocumented students from Georgia’s top public colleges
- Support in-state tuition options for undocumented students who have graduated from Georgia high schools