

# **POLICY AGENDA**

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Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Atlanta's 2023 Policy Agenda represents our commitment to protect and advance immigrant rights and racial and ethnic equity in Georgia. We believe that basic rights and access to education, health care and mobility should be available to all Georgians, across race, ethnicity, language preference, and immigration status. Our 2023 agenda addresses key issues the immigrant community faces in immigrant rights and inclusion, voting rights, language access, and access to education and health care. 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 2023:**

## **IMMIGRANT RIGHTS & INCLUSION**

We advocate for policies that protect immigrants' rights and demand immigrants are treated fairly and equitably and included fully in civic life.

- Advocate for drivers' license access for all Georgia residents regardless of legal residency and immigration status
- Promote pathways to citizenship
- Fight back against legislation that promotes anti-immigrant sentiment and seeks to restrict immigrant rights

## **VOTING RIGHTS & LANGUAGE ACCESS**

We work to advance reforms that make voting more accessible for Asian-American and other immigrant communities and to defend and protect the rights of immigrant voters and other voters of color.

- Advocate to protect voters' rights when counties respond to mass voter eligibility challenges
- Promote language access in voting materials and at the polls for

voters with a non-English language preference

- Support local ordinances that institute a process for assessing and providing language access
- Broaden the list of languages covered by federal language access provisions

## **ACCESS TO EDUCATION AND HEALTHCARE**

We believe Georgia's immigrants deserve equitable access to education and health care.

- Lower financial barriers to higher education for students and advocate for in-state tuition for all Georgia residents regardless of immigration status
- Remove unnecessary waiting periods for health insurance for eligible legal permanent residents.

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