



## **Press Conference - Ethnic Chambers of Commerce Oppose Anti-Immigrant Bills**

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**NORCROSS, GA , March 9, 2016** — On March 10th 2016, Asian Americans Advancing Justice-Atlanta (Advancing Justice - Atlanta) will host a press conference at 12 PM on the sidewalk in between the State Capitol and the Central Presbyterian Church. Various ethnic Chambers of Commerce will express their opposition to two anti-immigrant measures currently under consideration in the Georgia House of Representatives.

Speakers at the conference will include:

Ms. Stephanie Cho, Executive Director of Advancing Justice - Atlanta

Mr. Dharendra Shah of the Global Indian Business Council

Mr. Hyok Yi of the Korean American Chamber of Commerce GA-ATL

Mr. Willy Blanco of the Philippine American Chamber of Commerce of Georgia.

SR 675 would make English the official language of Georgia, requiring state and local governments to communicate with Georgia residents in English only. This would place a burden on limited English proficient Georgia residents, affecting their ability to access government services. SB 6 would stigmatize individuals with deferred action status in the state with special "Driver's Safety cards" that would be clearly marked with "No Lawful Status" and cannot be used for identification purposes. Affected individuals would have to carry around multiple forms of identification which is discriminatory, unnecessary, and places the burden of enforcement on small businesses around the state.

"Tomorrow, the business community will stand up to oppose these mean-spirited and anti-immigrant measures," says Stephanie Cho, Advancing Justice - Atlanta's Executive Director. "These proposed policies are discriminatory and hurt our local and state economy."

For more information about Asian Americans Advancing Justice, call 404-585-8446 or email [info@advancingjustice-atlanta.org](mailto:info@advancingjustice-atlanta.org).

**WHEN:** March 10th, 2016 at 12:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** Sidewalk outside Central Presbyterian Church, 201 Washington St SW, Atlanta, GA 30303 (Across from the Georgia Capitol)

The following Chambers of Commerce, businesses, and organizations hereby express their opposition to these anti-immigrant measures:

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The Global Indian Business Council (GIBC) is a non-profit corporation organized in the USA pursuant to the Georgia Nonprofit Corporation Code. GIBC envisions people of India working with the people of the USA and the world to facilitate economic development, with particular emphasis on India, and accesses to businesses, trade, and commerce opportunities and resources.

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The Philippine American Chamber of Commerce (PACCGA) is a 501 (c)(6) non-profit corporation dedicated to the economic advancement of Philippine American businesses and professionals. The Chamber aims to promote bilateral trade, investment, and economic relations between the United States (particularly the State of Georgia) and the Philippines. It provides its members and community with services that would assist them in achieving their full business potential through networking opportunities, referrals, business resources, and business seminars. Aside from promoting entrepreneurship, PACCGA also has civic activities and projects as well, such as giving away youth scholarships and other fundraising events for the community.

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Korean American Chamber of Commerce GA-ATL (KACC Atlanta-Georgia) is dedicated to the economic development opportunities of Korean American businesses and professionals in Georgia. KACC Atlanta-Georgia aims to provide networking among Korean business, increase economic competitiveness of Korean American businesses, provide public and community services, and further the global reach of Korean American businesses.

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#### Business/ Organizations

All Nation Alliance Church Anti-Defamation League Arumdaun Church Asian Americans Advancing Justice-LA Asian Pacific American Council of Georgia Athena's Warehouse Atlanta Bethany United Methodist Church Atlanta Dream Baptist Church Atlanta Grace Full Gospel Church Atlanta Grace of God Church Atlanta Korean Enternal Life Church Atlanta Namyang Church Atlanta Pride Atlanta Saints Presbyterian Church Atlanta Stone Baptist Church Behold Methodist Church Bethany Presbyterian Church Bethany Presbyterian Church (PCUSA) Bhutanese Association of Georgia C&S Beauty California Immigrant Youth Justice Alliance (CIYJA) Canaan Presbyterian Church Charis Circle Chunghyun Presbyterian Church CIPC CLILA Congressional Hunger Center East Bay Sanctuary Covenant Ebenezer Presbyterian Church Enlace Evergreen Presbyterian Church of Atlanta Fayetteville First Baptist Church Full Gospel First Church Of Atlanta GALEO GCAHC Georgia Beauty Supply Association Georgia Equality Global Mission Methodist Church Grace Point Ministries GUYA Gwinnett Christian Terrace Hana Presbyterian Church Hanbit Presbyterian Church Hanmaum Church Hanmaum Presbyterian Church Healing Circles, Inc. Holy Spirit Church of Atlanta Holy Stump Korean United Methodist Church Hong Kong Supermarket Hwetbul Presbyterian Church Immanuel Full Gospel Church / Atlanta Full Gospel Church Immanuel Korean Baptist Church Immanuel Korean United Methodist Church Immigration Task Force of the California-Nevada Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church Inland Empire - Immigrant Youth Coalition Japan America Society of Georgia Jesus Hope Church Jesus Love Church Jiguchon Church Johns Creek Korean Church Joynus Care KFPC Korean American Association of Greater Atlanta Korean American Grocers Association Korean Central Presbyterian Church of Atlanta Korean Church of Atlanta, UMC Korean Church of Newnan Korean Church of Norcross UMC Korean Churches Council of Greater Atlanta Korean Community Prebysterian Church of Atlanta Korean Evangelica Holiness Church of Atlanta Korean First Presbyterian Church (KFPC) Korean Presbyterian Church of LaGrange Korean United Methodist Church of Atlanta Kuck Immigration Partners, LLC Kwang Ya Presbyterian Church Life Water Korean Methodist Church Light and Love Church Living Well Community Church Long Beach Immigrant Rights Coalition Macon Productions MQVN Community Development Corporation Mujeres Unidas y Activas NAACP at Clayton State National Day Laborer Organizing Network New American Pathways New Church of Atlanta New Covenant Christian Church New Days Church New Presbyterian Church of Georgia New Vision Korean Presbyterian Church NGA UMC Non Resident Nepali National Coordination Council of USA USA North Georgia Immigrant Justice One-Twenty Church Pan Asian Community Center PPLL Project South Promise Church of Atlanta Racial Justice Action Center Raksha Sae Soon Presbyterian Church Saebit Church Saehan Presbyterian Church Saeroun Church Sarang KUMC Se Kwang Baptist Church SE US Korean Chamber of Commerce SEIU FL. Siloam Korean Church of Atlanta Southeast Immigrant Rights Network Southern Korean Baptist Church Sugar Hill UMC Sugarloaf Korean Baptist Church Sungyahk Covenant Presbyterian Church Suwanee Crystal Church Thai Association of Georgia The Eastern Full

Gospel Church The Goodnews Garden Presbyterian Church The Great Love Church The Happy Alliance Church of Atlanta The Judith Alexander Foundation The Korean Presby. Church of Rome The Light & Salt Presbyterian Church The Lord's Community Church The Salvation Army Atlanta International Corps The Tree of Life Baptist Church The Universe Baptist Church To Be One Church Vietnamese American Community of Georgia Walking with God Presbyterian Church Xi Kappa Youn Law Group Zion Korean United Methodist Church

### **About Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Atlanta**

Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Atlanta (formerly Asian American Legal Advocacy Center or AALAC) is the first non-profit law center dedicated to Asian immigrants and refugees ("Asian Americans") in the Southeast.

Our goal is to engage, educate and empower under-represented Asian Americans to greater civic participation.

We are one of five independent organizations that make up the national Asian Americans Advancing Justice. Together with our affiliates in Chicago, DC, Los Angeles and San Francisco, we bring more than 100 years of collective experience in addressing the civil rights issues faced by Asian Americans and other vulnerable and underserved communities. Visit [www.advancingjustice-atlanta.org](http://www.advancingjustice-atlanta.org).