



## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS ANNOUNCES THE NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AT ASIAN AMERICANS ADVANCING JUSTICE -ATLANTA**

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**NORCROSS, GA , June 30, 2016** — NORCROSS, GA –Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Atlanta (AAAJ-Atlanta), formerly Asian American Legal Advocacy Center or AALAC, a civil rights organization based in Atlanta serving the Asian and Pacific Islander community, has announced the selection of Stephanie Cho as its new Executive Director. Stephanie has been serving as the Interim Executive Director since the organization’s founder Helen Kim Ho departed in December 2015. The selection was made after a transition committee that included community members conducted a regional search and engaged in a recruitment and selection process.

“We are very pleased to announce this appointment,” reported Sonjui Kumar, AAAJ- Atlanta’s Board Chair and one of the founding partners of KPPB Law. “Stephanie will bring leadership and creativity to Advancing Justice - Atlanta’s programs. Stephanie has a deep sense of commitment to our work in Georgia as well as the Southeast. She has a breadth of perspective and experience, and has served nonprofits for 16 years at all levels including programming, fundraising, and leadership development. We also want to thank our transition committee, led by Board member, Kimberly Burroughs, for all their hard work.”

Originally born in South Korea, Stephanie grew up in Oregon. After graduating from college, she started her career in organizing and movement work. She has been a community organizer, program director for LGBTQ youth programming, director of training for a national fellowship program, a labor representative, and a national and local organizational consultant. Before coming to AAAJ - Atlanta, 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.

“I look forward to continuing to build power for Asians and Pacific Islanders in Georgia and the Southeast. We are dedicated to advancing the civil rights of underrepresented communities and my hope is to create more opportunities for AAPI leadership in the Southeast. Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Atlanta is forging the way in creating these opportunities for our communities in Georgia and I’m thrilled to be part of this movement.” Said Stephanie Cho.

Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Atlanta (formerly Asian American Legal Advocacy Center or AALAC) is the first nonprofit legal center dedicated to promoting the rights of Asian immigrants and refugees in the Southeast. We were formed in the Spring of 2010 by and for Asian Americans. We work in four major program areas: public policy; legal education and support; civic engagement; and defense of rights. You can read more about us at [www.advancingjustice-atlanta.org](http://www.advancingjustice-atlanta.org).

### **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).