



Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Atlanta on AAPI Voter Outreach and Legal Clinic across Georgia

Asian Civic Tour to Focus on Elections in 2016

NORCROSS, GA , June 21, 2016 — NORCROSS, GA - On Sunday, June 26, Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Atlanta (Advancing Justice - Atlanta) will hold a free immigration legal clinic in Macon, Georgia, offering multilingual assistance with naturalization and Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) applications. The event will take place from 2 to 6 p.m. at the Macon Korean Baptist Church (4521 Chapel Hill Dr., Macon, GA 31206).

The clinic will kick off the 2016 Asian Civic Tour (ACT), Advancing Justice - Atlanta's new civic engagement initiative. The tour aims to bring legal services and outreach events directly to the communities with the greatest need, helping AAPIs outside metro Atlanta apply for citizenship, DACA as well as assist individuals to register to vote. According to Advancing Justice - Atlanta, about 100,000 AAPIs live outside the metro Atlanta area.

"Our research shows that of 2,600 Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPIs) living in Macon, only about 1,000 are registered to vote, and only about 300 of those voted in the last presidential election," said Stephanie Cho, Executive Director of Advancing Justice - Atlanta. "We need to close these gaps in two ways: by increasing access to naturalization and voter registration and by showing people how important it is to be civically engaged."

Advancing Justice - Atlanta's staff includes attorneys and BIA-accredited representatives who speak English, Korean, Urdu, Tagalog, Mandarin, and Spanish. The Macon Clinic will offer free assistance with citizenship applications, DACA applications, and DACA renewals. Advancing Justice - Atlanta will also present a workshop on the importance of becoming naturalized and assisting individuals to register to vote.

The Asian Civic Tour will visit Augusta, Columbus, McDonough, Savannah and Metro Atlanta later in the summer.

WHAT: Free Immigration Legal Clinic

WHERE: Macon Korean Baptist Church, 4521 Chapel Hill Dr., Macon, GA 31206

WHEN: 2 - 6 PM

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.