



## **Diverse communities in Georgia work together to promote civic empowerment**

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Atlanta, GA - On Tuesday, September 20th 2016, The Center for Pan Asian Community Services (CPACS) and Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Atlanta (Advancing Justice - Atlanta) will host a press conference at 10am at Liberty Plaza, in front of the Georgia State Capitol. CPACS, Advancing Justice - Atlanta and a coalition of diverse community organizations will announce the partnership to convene as the Georgia Immigrant Alliance for Civic Empowerment. The following 27 groups have joined the coalition to strengthen civic engagement in Georgia.

Angkor Resource Center • Asians and Friends Atlanta LYC, Inc • Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Atlanta • Bhutanese American Community of Georgia • Caribbean American Advancement Foundation • The Center for Pan Asian Community Services • Chinese Community Federation of Atlanta • Coalicion De Lideres Latinos, Inc. • Georgia Association of Latino Elected Officials • Georgia Coalition for the People's Agenda • Georgia Muslim Voter Project • Korean American Association of Greater Atlanta • Korean American Coalition Metro Atlanta • Makabayan Georgia, Inc. • National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum • National Association for the Advancement of Colored People - Clayton • New American Pathways • New Georgia Project • RevUp, Inc. • Taiwanese American Professionals - Atlanta Chapter • Thai Association of GA • UGA Alumnae Chapter of Delta Phi Lambda Sorority Inc • Upsilon Alpha Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. • Vietnamese American Bar Association of Georgia • Vietnamese American Community of Georgia • Women Watch Africa • Xi Kappa Fraternity, Inc.

The Coalition members represent the diverse communities in Georgia, including African American, Hispanic and Latino, Asian American and Pacific Islanders, and Refugee communities, This historical press conference will highlight the first time these groups have come together to promote civic engagement and empowerment within their respective communities. The organizations will be working together to increase voter turnout, assist prospective naturalized citizens, increase engagement in Census and redistricting conversations, and advance the stories of the various immigrant communities

“This is the first coalition of it's kind that brings together small ethnic and larger nonprofits to work towards a common cause: Immigrant Communities Voices Matter in Georgia” said Stephanie Cho, Executive Director at Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Atlanta “It's an opportunity for us, to have a collective voice, that represents Georgia's diverse communities”

“This is an historic opportunity for us to come together and empower different communities at the voting polls, assisting immigrants in the pipeline towards citizenships, and increasing our communities’ participation in discussion around Census and Restricting.” said Chaiwon Kim, CPACS CEO/President

WHAT: Press Conference on launch of “the Georgia Immigrant Alliance for Civic Empowerment” Coalition

WHERE: Liberty Plaza, Capitol Ave SW, Atlanta, GA 30334

WHEN: 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

WHO: Victoria Huynh, CPACS Vice President, Stephanie Cho, Executive Director of Advancing Justice-Atlanta, Representatives from the convening organizations.

Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Atlanta (formerly Asian American Legal Advocacy Center or AALAC) is the first nonprofit legal center dedicated to the civil rights of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders (AANHPI) 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; civic engagement; leadership development; and legal services. You can read more about us at [www.advancingjustice-atlanta.org](http://www.advancingjustice-atlanta.org).

The Center for Pan Asian Community Services, Inc. is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that is the first, largest, and longest-standing service-providing agency focused on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in the Southeast. Its mission is to promote self-sufficiency and equity for immigrants, refugees, and the underprivileged through comprehensive health and social services, capacity building, and advocacy.

### **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).