Local Groups to Organize Clarkston Candidate Forum

Atlanta, GA, October 16, 2017 — Asian Americans Advancing Justice-Atlanta (Advancing Justice-Atlanta) is working with local partner organizations to host a Candidate Forum in the City of Clarkston, Georgia. The Candidate Forum will be held on October 17th, between 6:00 PM and 8:30 PM at the Clarkston Community Center and is being hosted by the following groups:

Asian Americans Advancing Justice-Atlanta; Bhutanese Community Association of Georgia, Center for Pan Asian Community Services, Clarkston Community Center, Coalition of Refugee Service Agencies, Dekalb County Branch of NAACP, New American Pathways, Sagal Radio Services, Georgia Coalition for The People’s Agenda, and Women Watch Afrika

Twelve candidates are vying for Mayor and City Council seats in Clarkston. All candidates have been invited but three are unable to attend due to scheduling conflicts. The Forum will start off with a panel for mayoral candidates, followed by a panel for those running for city council; both will be moderated by WABE’s Elly Yu.

Questions have been predetermined by Advancing Justice - Atlanta and other immigrant-based organizations but audience members will have a chance to ask their own. Following the forum, guests will be invited to join the candidates for dinner, refreshments, and networking. This event is free and open to all.

As "the most diverse square mile in America", and one of the most diverse cities in Georgia, Clarkston is home to many refugee and immigrant families. According to the 2010 Census, over 25% of the City of Clarkston residents are Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPI) in addition to a large percentage of immigrants from other parts of the world.

“We are delighted to host this forum with our fellow community-based organizations who actively educate voters and support civic engagement efforts in this thriving immigrant community,” said Stephanie Cho, Executive Director of Asian Americans Advancing Justice-Atlanta. “We want to continue to encourage AAPIs and immigrants to be engaged and amplify their voice by voting in this important election that impacts everyone's daily lives.”

WHAT: Clarkston Municipal Candidate Forum
WHEN: Tuesday, October 17th, 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm
WHERE: Clarkston Community Center (3701 College Ave, Clarkston, GA 30021)

RSVP or QUESTIONS: Esther Lim, Program Coordinator, elim@advancingjustice-atlanta.org, 404-585-8446 .

- Dinner will be provided. Media welcome.

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.