



Advancing Justice - Atlanta to continue its effort to Naturalize underserved communities in 2018

Atlanta, GA, January 11, 2018 — As the New Year begins, Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Atlanta announces its plan to continue to help protect immigrant communities in Metro Atlanta by offering free to low-cost naturalization assistance.

Over the course of the last year, the Trump administration has ramped up immigration enforcement, and is increasingly targeting vulnerable immigrant communities. Advancing Justice - Atlanta is continuing to protect our communities by providing the best defense there is against deportation: free to low-cost assistance with citizenship applications through our various clinics and our in-office services. Additionally, other general immigration assistance is also available through Advancing Justice-Atlanta's in-language immigration line (404-890-5655).

"2017 was an exceptional year!" said Stephanie Cho, Executive Director. "We served over 600 applicants leading to \$125,000 in savings on application fees, plus an additional \$413,000 in attorney's fees, as our clinics are especially for low-income, limited English families. In addition, we raised over \$1000 for our Deportation Defense Fund to cover legal fees accrued in criminal and/or immigration proceedings."

In 2018, Advancing Justice - Atlanta will continue to host large-scale clinics with the New Americans Campaign, as well as hold regular clinics in local community spaces including public libraries and county offices in Norcross, Clarkston, Chamblee, and more. We also have available Know Your Rights Cards in 23 languages and Know Your Rights workshops in the areas of citizenship and immigration in English, Korean, Mandarin, Urdu, Vietnamese and Hindi.

The first large-scale clinic will be on Saturday, January 20th from 10 am to noon in Stone Mountain, GA. For more information and upcoming clinic dates and time, visit our website.

Becoming a U.S. Citizen is the best way to protect against deportation. Naturalized citizens can also make their voices heard by exercising their right to vote. Now, more than ever, our communities need the rights and protection of citizenship.

Appointments are strongly encouraged. For the January clinic visit bit.ly/clinicjan2018 to sign up.

Press is invited to attend starting 10:30 am

Who: Asian Americans Advancing Justice-Atlanta, New Americans Campaign, Makabayan Georgia, Inc.

When: January 20, 2018, from 10 am to 12 pm

Where: Eritrean-American Community Center (720 Hambrick Rd. Stone Mountain, GA 30083)

For Appointment: bit.ly/clinicjan2018

For future clinic dates: <https://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.