



Advancing Justice-Atlanta Organizes 5th Annual Non-Partisan Candidate Training on March 24-25

Atlanta, Georgia, March 22, 2018 — Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Atlanta is organizing our 5th annual Non-Partisan Candidate Training on March 24-25 to educate and train more Asians, Latinos, and other people of color to run for office.

2018 is a huge election year with races that affect every facet of our communities. Beyond the Governor, Secretary of State, and U.S. Congressional races, there are elections for State House and Senate, state judges, local judges, school boards, and other vital state offices.

"Georgia is governed and represented by some outstanding leaders. Too few of them, however, are people of color. Now more than ever, our communities need adequate representation in our state and for our region. Leaders in our communities see that need and are stepping up to the challenge. We are proud that more and more Asians, Latinos, and other people of color feel empowered to run for office, and we are here to help them succeed and build power for our people in the South," said Stephanie Cho, Executive Director of Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Atlanta.

Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Atlanta organized its first nonpartisan candidate training in 2014. That very year, one of our participants, Judge Meng Lim, won a hotly contested race and became Georgia's first Asian American Superior Court Judge. In the next few years, newly elected millennial legislators Representative Brenda Lopez and Representative Sam Park joined the ranks of our successful candidate training participants, followed by city council members in Stonecrest and Duluth.

Advancing Justice-Atlanta additionally continues to foster greater civic participation and leadership development for the future generation. As part of our leadership program for AAPI youth, this year's training will once again include a track for youth (ages 17 to 24) who are interested in leadership development, civic engagement, and learning more about the political and electoral processes.

The training will start at 7:30 am on Saturday, March 24, and will end by noon on Sunday, March 25. It will take place at the Westin Atlanta Perimeter North (7 Concourse Parkway NE, Atlanta, GA 30328). The lunch panel will feature alumni of the candidate training, Representative Brenda Lopez and Councilman Kirkland Carden, as well as Representative Bee Nguyen.

The press is invited to observe our training from 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday and speak with some of our participants and speakers.

WHAT: Southern Regional Non-Partisan Candidate Training

WHERE: The Westin Atlanta Perimeter North (7 Concourse Parkway NE, Atlanta, GA 30328)

Concourse Ball Room.

WHEN: The training begins Saturday, March 24, at 7:30 a.m.

and concludes Sunday, March 25, at 12 p.m.

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.