Nation’s Largest Asian American Civil Rights Group Adds First Affiliate in U.S. South

Atlanta, GA, September 26, 2014 — Washington, DC – To better serve the rapidly growing Asian American and Pacific Islander population in the U.S. South, Asian Americans Advancing Justice, the national affiliation of Asian American civil rights groups, is expanding through the inclusion of a new affiliate organization in Atlanta, Georgia.

The Asian American Legal Advocacy Center (AALAC), founded in 2010, will now be known as Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Atlanta. It is the first nonprofit legal organization serving Asian Americans in the South, and the go-to source for education and policy information about Asian Americans in the South.

The Advancing Justice affiliation eagerly expands its presence to the South, a region that saw the fastest rate of Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) population growth, according to the 2010 census. In Georgia alone, the AAPI population doubled to 330,000 in ten years, constituting three percent of the population. The growing population has tremendous implications for civic engagement; between 2004-2008, AAPI voter turnout in Georgia increased by 71 percent.

“Asian American communities are growing the fastest in places many people wouldn’t expect, including the South. We’ve been organizing Asian Americans in Atlanta for the past four years, making sure that this emerging community is civically engaged. We’re thrilled to join Advancing Justice to help strengthen civil rights for all, both locally and nationally,” says Helen Ho, executive director of Advancing Justice- Atlanta.


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.