"Fast for Families Across America" tour arrives in Atlanta

Joints local leaders to urge congress to support commonsense immigration reform

Atlanta, GA, May 26, 2014 — On March 26th at 3:00PM, the “Fast for Families Across America” tour will arrive at the MLK Jr. Historic Site in Atlanta on Day 31 of their 75+ Congressional District, 14,000-mile tour and stand with local clergy, advocates and labor leaders to urge Congress take action for commonsense immigration reform in 2014. The tour, which started in Los Angeles on February 24th, is traveling across the country to focus the hearts and minds of members of Congress on fixing America’s broken immigration system and putting an end to the family separations that continue to devastate our country and communities.

Last November the “Fast for Families” reignited the immigration debate when Eliseo Medina, Cristian Avila and other reform advocates abstained from all food and liquids, except for water, for 22 days on the National Mall. Joined by faith, labor and immigrant rights leaders and thousands across the country who fasted in solidarity, the movement drew national attention, including the support of President Obama, members of Congress of both parties – many of whom fasted – and national civil rights leaders.

WHO: National and local clergy, advocates, and labor leaders, including:

State Senator Nan Orrock State Representative Pedro Marin Eliseo Medina, “Fast for Families” leader and former Secretary-Treasurer of SEIU Cristian Avila, “Fast for Families” leader and AZ State Coordinator at Mi Familia Vota Jeffery Tapia, Latin American Association Executive Director
Charlie Flemming, President of Georgia AFL-CIO
Adelina Nicholls, Executive Director of Georgia Latino Alliance for Human Rights (GLAHR) Courtney McFarlane, Caribbean-American Advancement Foundation, Inc. Cindia Cameron, 9to5 Atlanta Executive Director Terence Courtney organizer for BAJI Black Alliance for Just Immigration Jerry Gonzalez, Executive Director of GALEO Helen Ho, Executive Director of AALAC Krista Brewer, Georgia Immigrant & Refugee Rights Coalition Harris L. Raynor, President of SEIU/Workers United Dong Yoon Kim, The National Korean American Service & Education Consortium(NAKASEC) Faith in Public Life

WHAT: National bus tour for immigration reform arrives in Atlanta to call on Congress to take immediate action to fix our broken immigration system

WHERE: MLK Jr. Historic Site, Historic Ebenezer Baptist Church, 449 Auburn Ave NE, Atlanta, Georgia 30312

WHEN: 3:00PM TODAY, Wednesday March 26th

Note: The “Fast for Families Across America” tour will also make the following stops.

5:00 p.m.- Community Meeting Plaza Fiesta Buford Hwy 4166 Buford Hwy NE, Atlanta, GA 30345 Local leaders and community members meet with the fasters and share stories.

7:00- “Fast for Families” Dinner and Dialogue Yen Jing Restaurant 5302 Buford Hwy Doraville, Ga. 30340 Dinner and dialogue on how immigration impacts our lives and the need for federal immigration reform.
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).