Asian Americans Advancing Justice-Atlanta to Host Community Dinner with Clarkston City Officials

Goal to Raise Awareness and Increase Voter Turnout for the November 3rd Municipal Elections

NORCROSS, GA, August 10, 2015 — NORCROSS, GA - On Thursday, August 20th between 6:00 pm and 9:00 pm, Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Atlanta (AAAJ-Atlanta) is organizing a dinner meeting between Clarkston City Officials and residents to encourage more residents to vote in the upcoming November 3, 2015 municipal elections. There will be elections for three City Council seats on November 3rd. Current Clarkston Mayor Ted Terry, Councilman Dean Moore, and more are expected to attend.

The dinner is being held at Kathmandu Kitchen and Grill, located at 926 Montreal Rd E, Clarkston, Georgia 30021. The event is part of Advancing Justice’s ongoing Community Dinner with City Officials series to educate residents on the importance of municipal elections, provide networking opportunities to meet and speak directly with local officials, and also learn about running for office. Those interested in running for Clarkston City Council have Between Monday, August 31st and Friday, September 4th to qualify as a candidate.

The City of Clarkston is the main refugee resettlement site in Georgia and is home to a residential population that is more than 83% racial minority. Nearly 31.8% of Clarkston’s residents are foreign-born and 27% are Asian according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

“Clarkston is one of the most diverse cities in Georgia, and much of the diversity is due to the settlement of refugees from different Asian countries,” said Helen Ho, Executive Director of AAAJ-Atlanta. In 2013, only 5% of the Asian population in Clarkston was registered to vote. “Clarkston is thriving socially and economically because of immigrants and refugees. We want to be sure all of Clarkston’s residents, but most especially immigrants and refugees, are educated and engaged in the political process,” said Ho.

The dinner event is free but seating is limited and RSVP is required. Media interested in attending must RSVP with Raymond Partolan at rpartolan@advancingjustice-atlanta.org or 404-585-8446.

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WHERE: Katmandu Kitchen and Grill, 926 Montreal Rd E Clarkston, Georgia 30021

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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.