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

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

NORCROSS, GA, August 26, 2015 — NORCROSS, GA - On Thursday, September 3rd between 6:00 pm and 9:00 pm, Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Atlanta (AAAJ-Atlanta) is organizing a dinner meeting between Johns Creek City Officials and residents to encourage more residents to vote in the upcoming November 3, 2015 municipal elections. There will be elections for four City Council seats on November 3rd. Three Asian Americans are currently considering running in Johns Creek – Nazeera Dawood, Jay Lin, and Arun Misra. The dinner is being held at Café 101 an authentic Chinese Cuisine, located at 11950 Jones Br. Rd. #112 Johns Creek, Georgia 3005.

Johns Creek has the largest Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) population of any city in Georgia. AAPIs make up 23.4% or 17,925 of the total population in Johns Creek according to the latest Census. The two largest Asian ethnic groups in Johns Creek are Indian and Korean. Advancing Justice-Atlanta approximates that about 15% of all voting age persons in that city are also AAPI. However, currently only 12% of all active voters in Johns Creek are AAPI. “AAPI voters have the power to influence the elections. Our goal is to encourage AAPIs not only to vote but to consider running,” said Helen Ho, Executive Director of Advancing Justice-Atlanta. Currently, there are no AAPI elected officials in Johns Creek.

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. Current Johns Creek Mayor Mike Bodker, Councilman Steve Broadbent, Councilman Leonard Zaprowski, Councilwoman Cori Daveport, City Manager Warren Hutmacher, State Senator John Albers and more are expected to attend. Those interested in running for Johns Creek City Council have Between Monday, August 31st and Wednesday, September 2nd to qualify as a candidate.

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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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.