Asian Americans Advancing Justice-Atlanta hosting event at local mosque to lift up stories of refugees and organize against anti-Muslim, anti-refugee policies

Multi-faith, multi-ethnic refugee faith leaders and elected officials will attend

NORCROSS, GA, December 1, 2015 — NORCROSS, GA – TOMORROW on Wednesday, December 2nd between 6:00 and 8:00 p.m., media are invited to a special gathering entitled “Coming Together: Stories of Refugees in America and how we can help with the Syrian Refugee Crisis.” The purpose of the multi-faith, multi-ethnic gathering is to hear the stories of former refugees and to discuss how we can mobilize together to fight back against proposed federal and state policies and political activities designed to limit the resettlement of Syrian and other refugees to Georgia and the US. The event will take place at the Madina Institute in Duluth, a local mosque led by a Syrian Imam (3580 Sweetwater Rd, Duluth, GA 30096).

The event will feature three local faith leaders, Imam Jamal Ul Din (Muslim, Syrian), Rabbi Michael Bernstein (Jewish) and Pastor Khaw Lian Uk (Chin refugee, Christian). We also expect to have local refugee and Muslim elected officials in attendance including Doraville City Councilman MD Naser (Bangladeshi Muslim-American) and Morrow City Councilwoman Hang Trang (Vietnamese refugee). Additionally, we will have three former refugees who will publicly share their stories: Randy Muth (Cambodian Genocide survivor), Abdullah Kapic (Bosnian Genocide survivor) and George Rishfeld (Holocaust survivor).

Refreshments, fellowship and an opportunity to participate in the Mosque’s final prayer will be provided. Media are invited to attend and there will be time between 6 and 6:30 and again from 7:30 to 8:00 to talk directly with speakers and guests – rsvp is requested, please contact jwoo@advancingjustice-atlanta.org.

WHAT: Coming Together: Stories of Refugees in America and how we can help with the Syrian Refugee Crisis

WHO: Special speakers including Imam Jamal Ul Din, Rabbi Michael Bernstein, Pastor Khaw Lian Uk, Randy Muth, Abdullah Kapic and George Rishfeld

WHEN: Wednesday, December 2nd, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

WHERE: the Madina Institute, 3580 Sweetwater Rd, Duluth, GA 30096

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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.