Georgia’s Premiere Asian American and Latino Organizing Groups Partner on Administrative Relief Efforts

Advancing Justice Atlanta and GLAHR to hold special press conference on Saturday, February 28th

Atlanta, GA, February 26, 2015 — ATLANTA, GEORGIA – In response to President Obama’s November 2014 Executive Order providing administrative relief for eligible undocumented youth and parents through the DACA and DAPA programs, Georgia’s premiere immigrant rights nonprofits – Asian Americans Advancing Justice – Atlanta (www.advancingjustice-atlanta.org) and the Georgia Latino Alliance for Human Rights (www.glahr.org) – are announcing a special partnership to provide education and outreach to Latino and Asian immigrants living in Georgia. Advancing Justice – Atlanta and GLAHR will host a special press conference to discuss their joint initiative and showcase some of their multilingual educational posters and brochures at noon on February 28th at the Sonesta Gwinnett Hotel.

GLAHR and Advancing Justice – Atlanta are also hosting a Latino-Asian Georgia Grassroots DACA/ DAPA conference this Saturday, February 28th at the Sonesta Gwinnett Hotel. The press conference will take place during the lunch hour of the conference.

“Asians and Latinos living in Georgia share more commonalities than differences,” said Helen Kim Ho, Advancing Justice – Atlanta’s Executive Director. “Especially on the issue of immigration, we are united and need to work more closely to give both Asians and Latinos a fair and equal chance at success in America. We believe the success of one group is tied to the other,” said Ho.

An estimated 122,000 people in Georgia are eligible for the expanded DACA and DAPA program, which would provide a 3 year temporary work permit and ability to get a Georgia driver license for eligible undocumented parents and children. Out of that number, approximately 40,000 eligible people in Georgia are Asian (Indian, Korean, Chinese, Vietnamese) and approximately 80,000 in Georgia are Latino.

“Many Asian and Latino families have lived too long in fear, believing they have to deal with their immigration problems in isolation,” said Adelina Nichols, GLAHR’s Executive Director. “Through this joint DACA/ DAPA initiative with Advancing Justice – Atlanta, we want to send a clear message to our Asian and Latino community members that they are not alone, that we are there for each other and can work together to achieve our shared human rights goals of equality and dignity for all,” said Nichols.

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