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## Nevada Governor Steve Sisolak and Members of Congress to Address Nation's Largest Immigrant Inclusion Conference to be Held Oct. 3 in Las Vegas

*National and regional elected officials recommit our country to one of  
welcome at National Immigrant Integration Conference 2021*

**WHAT:** The annual [National Immigrant Integration Conference \(NIIC\) 2021 -- New American Dreams](#), the largest immigrant integration conference in the country.

**WHO:** Hosted by the [National Partnership for New Americans \(NPNA\)](#), and held alongside national and regional partners including:

- **National Partners:** Black Alliance for Just Immigration, Church World Service, Immigration Hub, Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition, National Immigration Law Center, New York Immigration Coalition, Unidos US, UNITE HERE, World Education Services.
- **Regional Partners:** Asian Community Development Council, CHIRLA, Comunidades Unidas, Make the Road Nevada, One America, Promise Arizona, Progressive Leadership Alliance of Nevada, Unite Oregon.

**WHERE:** Westgate Las Vegas Resort and Casino, Las Vegas, Nev.

**WHEN:** Oct. 3-6. Registration [here](#).

The annual [National Immigrant Integration Conference \(NIIC\) 2021](#), the largest conference focused on immigrant and refugee issues in the country taking place from October 3-6 in Las Vegas, will

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nation's infrastructure. Among them are *Rep. Pramila Jayapal (D-Wash.)*, *Rep. Dina Titus (D-Nev.)*, *Rep. Linda T. Sánchez (D-Calif.)*, and *Rep. Grace Meng (D-N.Y.)*. Each year, NIIC brings together over 1,000 policymakers and advocates from across the United States and many international partners. The conference provides a key avenue for leaders across the sector serving immigrants and refugees to connect and share ideas, information, and strategies, particularly on integration issues, including economic opportunity, education, employment, healthcare access, and civic engagement.

“The urgency of the moment calls for a unified and robust response from elected officials committed to the plight of immigrants and refugees. From Haiti – a country that just underwent an earthquake, a tropical storm, and a political assassination – to the refugees arriving from Afghanistan, we need to implement policies that help and welcome those most in need,” said *Nicole Melaku, executive director for the National Partnership for New Americans*. “At the NIIC, advocates and leaders from our communities across the country will loudly affirm that we already have the expertise and resources to put forth real solutions, we just need the will to do it. The time to act is now.”

*Gov. Sisolak* has long supported Nevada's immigrants and refugees and last month recommitted to welcoming Afghan refugees arriving in Nevada.

“We must not forget that Afghan Special Immigrant Visa holders are those who assisted our U.S. military operations and worked side-by-side with our American service members, including some of the many Nevada veterans who proudly served overseas. Nevada has always been and will continue to be a welcoming state for all, and we stand ready to play our part in resettlement efforts,” said *Gov. Sisolak* last month in a press statement. “Now more than ever, I reiterate the state's commitment to welcoming Afghan refugees and Special Immigrant Visa holders who are fearing for their lives and safety amidst the situation underway in Afghanistan.”

Other elected officials who will speak at the conference include *Nevada's state Senator Fabian Donate*, and *state Assemblymembers Rochelle Nguyen and Selena Torres*. Also participating: *Oregon state Senator Kayse Jama*, and *Massachusetts State Representative Tram T. Nguyen*. Other guests will include: *Charina de Asis, director of the Nevada Office for New Americans*.

To register, visit the NIIC 2021 website [here](#). Find more details on the NIIC schedule and program [here](#). Please note that vaccination and masks are required for attendance. For more information on NIIC's COVID policy, click [here](#). Members of the press are encouraged to contact Fernanda Durand at [fernanda@communicationsshop.us](mailto:fernanda@communicationsshop.us) for media registration.

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