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NIIC 2019 Kicks-off TOMORROW with Lt. Gov. Garlin Gilchrist and Rep. Rashida Tlaib

*Gilchrist Welcomes the Largest Immigration, Refugee Rights and Integration
Conference in the Nation*

WHAT: NIIC 2019 Conference

WHEN: starting at 1 p.m. Sunday, October 20 through Tuesday, October 22, 2019

WHERE: TFC Center, 1 Washington Blvd, Detroit

WHO: Lt. Gov. Garlin Gilchrist; Rep. Rashida Tlaib (D-Mich)

DETROIT – Thousands of immigration and refugee advocates from across the country will gather in Detroit starting Sunday to participate in the [12th Annual "New American Dreams" National Immigrant Integration Conference \(NIIC2019\)](#) Oct 20-22.

The three-day event is a time for organizing, dialogue, and planning solid responses to the Trump administration's vicious attacks against immigrants, refugees, and Muslim communities.

Michigan's Lt. Governor Garlin Gilchrist will welcome conference-goers at 1 p.m Sunday.

Later that day, **Rep. Rashida Tlaib (D-Mich)** will be among the featured speakers at the "Our Justice Journey: Celebrating Women's Leadership" panel, a

conversation that will explore the gains made by women in the political arena and the significance to the immigrant and refugee community.

“This conference brings many voices and key players together from all corners of the country focused on one same goal: justice for our immigrant and refugee communities,” said **Nancy Flores, Deputy Director for the National Partnership for New Americans (NPNA)**. “It also celebrates the victories made by our movement. It’s been an unrelenting fight against the unfair policies of this administration, and the fact that we are still standing and with renewed confidence, sends a clear message that together we will achieve the dream.”

The "New American Dreams" platform is the conference’s centerpiece – a comprehensive and successful plan of federal, state, and local actions to protect immigrants and refugees. The various components and contexts of this platform will be part of over 45 plenaries and workshops offered during the conference.

The **NIIC 2019** is organized by the **National Partnership for New Americans (NPNA)**. It champions the power and resources of the country's 35 largest regional immigrant rights organizations in 37 states to achieve a vibrant, just and welcoming democracy for all.

The conference has three local co-hosts: **Michigan United, Michigan Immigrant Rights Center (MIRC), and ACCESS (Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services)**, the largest Arab American community nonprofit in the United States.

About our Co-Hosts:

ACCESS, with 11 locations and more than 120 programs serving metro Detroit, is one of the largest social service providers in Michigan and offers a wide range of social, economic, health, and educational services to a diverse population.

Michigan Immigrant Rights Center (MIRC) is a leading legal resource center for Michigan's immigrant communities. MIRC works to build a thriving Michigan where immigrant communities experience equity and belonging. Michigan United is the largest statewide organizing coalition, comprised of some 50 faith, labor, business, and community institutions fighting for the dignity of all people, an economy that works for the many, a participatory democracy that is strong, and a society that protects civil rights.

[The National Partnership for New Americans](#) is a national, multiethnic, multiracial partnership of immigrant and refugee rights organizations across 37 states who work to promote citizenship and integration among our diverse immigrant and refugee communities for the benefit of all Americans.

