



NATIONAL IMMIGRANT INTEGRATION CONFERENCE 2018

**NEW AMERICAN DREAMS**

FROM RESISTANCE TO VICTORY

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## **NPNA Announces National Immigrant Integration Conference in Arlington, Virginia Dec. 9 - 11**

***Largest Yearly Gathering of Immigration and Refugee Rights  
Leaders Nationwide Ready to Set “New American Dreams  
Platform,” a Common-Sense Approach for Supporting  
Immigrant and Refugee Communities***

**WASHINGTON** - After one of the most harrowing years in recent history for immigrant and refugee communities, the [National](#)

[Partnership for New Americans \(NPNA\)](#) announces that the [National Immigrant Integration Conference \(NIIC\)](#) will be held from Dec. 9-11 in Arlington, Virginia. The NIIC will advance a “New American Dreams Platform,” a set of common-sense solutions at all levels of government for bolstering the contributions and dignity of immigrants and refugees in this country and helping these communities move from resistance to victory.

The conference is the largest of its kind in the United States and gives immigration and refugee advocates, policy experts, government officials and community leaders an opportunity to connect, learn from each other, discuss, promote, and share their work and vision. More than 1,200 experts are expected to attend the three-day event.

“This gathering matters now more than ever,” said Eva Millona, NPNA co-chair, Executive Director of the MIRA Coalition and a naturalized citizen. “The past two years have seen cruel attacks separating immigrant families; the devastation of our nation’s traditions of welcoming those fleeing violence, disaster, and religious persecution; and the ending of legal status for over a million young people and refugees who came to the U.S. fleeing war and climate disaster. Bullying rhetoric singles out specific religions, ethnicities, and countries. In contrast, NIIC 2018 celebrates a commitment to an inclusive democracy that welcomes, integrates and uplifts all refugees and immigrants, recognizing the vital contributions and impact they have on our nation.”

“As an Asian American organization that organizes within the fastest growing immigrant population in the country, the National Korean American Service & Education Consortium (NAKASEC) is excited to have the opportunity to strategize with others in the field and other sectors on the heels of the midterm elections,” said Becky Belcore, NAKASEC Co-Director.

The NIIC 2018 --- New American Dreams: From Resistance To Victory -- is part of an effort by NPNA to drive policies that support immigrants and new Americans forward.

"The theme to this year's NIIC is 'From Resistance to Victory,' which very much captures the moment our communities find themselves as we work towards creating lasting and sustainable victories that cement our rights and preserve our dignity," said Gustavo Torres, CASA Executive Director "CASA and its members are eager to share their experiences at the NIIC so we can map out a route together to a more just and inclusive nation."

The New American Dreams NIIC 2018 will:

- Advance the "New American Dreams Platform" of policies and common sense solutions at the local, state, and federal level for supporting successful communities and immigrant and refugee lives with dignity.
- Support new American participation in our democracy, through civic integration, including activism, naturalization, voter registration, voting, the Census, and running for public office.
- Celebrate new American contributions to our nation's economy, as workers, entrepreneurs, and consumers.

Now in its 11th year, New American Dreams: The National Immigrant Integration Conference 2018 (NIIC) is the largest conference on immigrant and refugee integration in the United States. It is the key annual gathering for policy makers, service providers, advocates, immigrant and refugee serving organizations, educators, municipal leaders, business and economic development groups, philanthropy, labor unions, faith leaders, academics, and the many other organizations that work for a successful, diverse nation. It is a collegial and intentionally generous space.

[The National Partnership for New Americans](#) (NPNA) anchors and is the lead host for the NIIC. In the past two years, NPNA partners have assisted over 50,000 immigrants to become U.S. citizens and pursue legal status. NPNA harnesses the collective power of 37 partners across 31 states. Its aim is to achieve a vibrant, just and welcoming democracy for all. NPNA is proud to partner with over 65 organizations from the corporate, philanthropic, labor and NGO sectors who support and power NIIC.

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