



NATIONAL IMMIGRANT INTEGRATION CONFERENCE 2018

NEW AMERICAN DREAMS

FROM RESISTANCE TO VICTORY

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Women Leaders' Voices Rising During NIIC **2018**

*National Immigrant Integration Conference 2018 Presents
Opportunity for Women to Strategize, Amplify Their Vision*

*Sen. Elizabeth Warren, and immigrant leaders Ana Maria Archila,
Eva Millona to speak at National Immigrant Integration
Conference*

WASHINGTON — At a time when the dreams of new Americans are under siege, women nationwide are leading in ways that are reshaping American politics.

Young immigrant women have been pivotal in bringing attention to the plight of Dreamers and family separation and are taking critical leadership roles as immigration issues develop new urgency under the Trump Administration. Women of color are stepping forward in record numbers to run for office at the national level; immigrant elected officials like Cong. Pramila Jayapal are speaking out to end the separation of immigrant families ever more forcefully, and immigrant women leaders Ana Maria Archila garnered international attention for their bold action in persuading Sen. Jeff Flake to postpone Brett Kavanaugh's U.S. Supreme Court confirmation until after a review from the FBI.

“All across the country, we see women taking charge of the issues that affect them, their families, their communities,” said **Becky Belcore, Co-Director for the National Korean American Service and Education Consortium (NAKASEC), and Co-Host of the [National Partnership for New Americans \(NPNA\)](#)'s [NATIONAL IMMIGRANT INTEGRATION CONFERENCE \(NIIC\)](#)**, the largest conference on immigrant and refugee rights and integration in the United States, serving policy makers, service providers, advocates, and academics.

“Women are demanding to be in positions of leadership, to have our voices and experiences prioritized, and are standing up against the destruction of immigrant families,” said **Eva Millona, Executive Director of the Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition (MIRA) and co-chair of NPNA**. “This conference will be the first opportunity coming after the historic midterm elections for women and immigrant voices to be heard, and for emerging women leaders to lead.”

Nationally recognized women leaders like **Sen. Elizabeth Warren** and rising state leaders like **Virginia Delegate Kathy Tran** are confirmed speakers at the NIIC this year.

The [National Immigrant Integration Conference 2018 \(NIIC\)](#) --- New American Dreams: From Resistance To Victory -- [that will be held December 9-11 in Arlington, Va.](#), -- is an excellent example of the places that women are honing their skills and supporting each other as they ascend in leadership. This year's [NIIC](#) will include a focus on women's leadership and the particular impacts immigration and refugee policies and enforcement have on women; NIIC 2018 will feature a plenary session on these topics for the entire NIIC audience as well as a dedicated Track with numerous workshop and panel sessions also expanding the conversation. Other NIIC issue area [Tracks](#) like From Resistance To Victory: Strategies for Building Legal Protections for Vulnerable Immigrants, America as a Refuge: Refugee Resettlement, Asylum, TPS & the Refugee Crisis and Healthcare & Our Communities: Public Charge, Mental Health, & Health Access/ Coverage for All will also examine what all this means for women and our communities.

NIIC is the largest conference 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, strategize and power their work forward. More than 1,200 experts from across the country are expected to attend the three-day event.

Last year in Phoenix, Ariz, 69.3% percent of those who attended the NIIC were women. This year, organizers expect similar or greater turnout from women leaders.

“NIIC gave me an opportunity to speak to others who are fighting the same battles we are. It is extremely important that as women, as movement leaders, we exchange ideas and, strategize about our next steps,” said **Julieta Bolivar, an immigrant legal services Community Navigator with The Resurrection Project in Chicago, Illinois, who attended the NIIC last year.**

NIIC 2018 is a part of an effort by the National Partnership for New Americans (NPNA) to drive policies that support immigrants and new Americans forward.

New American Dreams: The National Immigrant Integration Conference 2018 (NIIC) is the largest conference on immigration and immigrant 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) is the anchor and lead entity that organizes the annual National Immigrant Integration Conference (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 and resources of the country's 34 largest regional immigrant rights organizations in 29 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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