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NIIC 2019 “New American Dreams” Offers Inspiring Voices During Three-Day Conference in Detroit

WASHINGTON –While the federal government continues to wage an all-out war on immigrants and refugees on the public and policy fronts, the National Partnership for New Americans (NPNA) will present some of the most visionary and brave voices in the movement at it's [12th Annual "New American Dreams" National Immigrant Integration Conference \(NIIC 2019\)](#) in Detroit Oct 20-22.

These leaders are an inspiring and clear alternative to the destructive and cruel policies coming out of the federal government and together stress the urgency for immediate action in support of immigrants and refugees before further damage -- including thousands of children separated from their parents, incarcerated in detention and living in fear -- is done.

“The only way forward for us as a nation is to reject hate and prejudice and advance a fair and humane immigration system that actually works” **said Steve Choi, Co-Chair of NPNA and Executive Director of NYIC** . “This is about much more than the immigrant and refugee community. This is about how we build a

diverse and prosperous country that helps everyone.”

This year’s NIIC Main Stages will feature champions in government including **U.S. Representatives Rashida Tlaib** and **Jesus "Chuy" Garcia**, **Michigan’s Lt. Governor Garlin Gilchrist** and **former HUD Secretary Julian Castro**; along with cultural influencers such as **Julissa Arce** and **Manuel Pastor**, and immigrant advocates **Kathy Ko Chin**, Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum, **Alexis McGill Johnson**, Planned Parenthood Federation of America, **Lorella Praeli**, Community Change, **Hassan Jaber**, **ACCESS**, and others.

Together, along with NIIC’s [Main Stage Plenaries](#), the conference offers an opportunity for leaders to elevate the complex and pressing issues impacting our communities, and offer concrete, innovative strategies that move us toward a more inclusive and welcoming nation for all.

Stage line-up:

- **A New Deal for New Americans** that will explore innovative strategies and policies at the state and municipal level and a visionary national framework - the New American Dreams Platform -- for state, regional and federal shifts that lead with a commitment to equity and shared prosperity;
- **Deep Roots: Lessons from the Motor City**, drawing from the history of our host region, this Plenary centers our conference themes "*Solidarity, Strength and Transformation*," exploring how our struggles and futures are tied together and how we work in intersectional ways to build a new movement for freedom for all;
- **It’s a Global Thing: Migration, Refugees, Economies, Climate & Democracy**, will lift our eyes beyond our borders to the global interconnections, challenges, and impacts of migration, what our domestic movements in the US can learn from global partners, and what shifting US leadership means on the world stage;
- **Our Justice Journey: Celebrating Women’s Leadership**, with historic numbers of women -- including immigrant women and women of color -- making a mark in Congress, running for President, and at the forefront in

our movements, this Plenary will explore how are women changing the American conversation about immigrants and refugees and much more;

- **We're Not Waiting: Integration Victories & The Economy**, amidst a landscape where federal policy has been often at a standstill, this Plenary will shine a spotlight on important regional, state and municipal integration victories and strategies and our economy;
- **Winning the Future: From Hate to Hope**, that will provide a strategic view on what long-haul winning means at this juncture in our country -- in 2020 at the polls, but far beyond that, in reclaiming American values that embrace pluralism and diversity and uplift all.

NPNA's ***National Immigrant Integration Conference: New American Dreams***, is led by NPNA and its 35 member and affiliated immigrant organizations from across the country. Now in its 12th year, the conference runs over three days and is attended by more than 1,400 leaders annually. The 2019 conference will include over 45 plenaries and workshops with leaders from across the country. The conference will also include the [Detroit Presidential Forum on Economic, Immigrant & Racial Justice](#), an opportunity for presidential candidates to speak to immigrant and refugee communities regarding the issues that matter most.

NIIC is co-hosted by [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. **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](#) (NPNA) leads the annual National Immigrant Integration Conference. 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 35 largest regional immigrant rights organizations in 37 states. It aims to achieve a vibrant, just and welcoming democracy for all.

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