

9th Virginia Immigrant Advocates Summit
Thursday, November 15, 2018
6935 Columbia Pike, Annandale, VA 22003 (Annandale United Methodist Church)

Summit Goals:

1. To educate and motivate diverse stakeholders in addressing the multiple needs and issues impacting immigrant communities in Virginia.
2. To identify concrete rallying points around which advocates and stakeholders can mobilize themselves to take immediate action.
3. To identify and understand the many challenges facing Virginia as a result of the state’s changing demographics and develop positive means to address those challenges and promote community reconciliation
4. To create a forum for advocates and stakeholders to plan and develop action steps that address the specific concerns of the immigrant communities they serve.
5. To create a safe place where advocates and stakeholders can form supportive networks that actively advocate for immigrant communities and their families.

Summit Program:

8:30 – 9:10am <i>Fellowship Wright Hall</i>	Registration and Continental Breakfast
9:10 – 9:30 am <i>Sanctuary</i>	<p>Introduction Welcome remarks: Rev. Jason Micheli, Head Pastor of Annandale United Methodist Church.</p> <p>Summit Overview Event Emcee: Beatriz Amberman, Chair, Virginia Coalition of Latino Organizations (VACOLAO)</p>
9:30am – 10:40am <i>Sanctuary</i>	<p>Plenary Session: “Virginia’s Political Landscape and Legislative Update 2019” This plenary session will discuss policy developments from the 2018 Virginia General Assembly such as the recent passage of Medicaid expansion, and provide legislative forecasts for the 2019 General Assembly such as in-state tuition for immigrant students and driving privilege cards for undocumented immigrants, among other possible legislative issues.</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kim Bobo, Executive Director, Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy • Maria Ortiz, Virginia Intercollegiate Immigrant Alliance (VIA) • Claire Gastanaga, Executive Director, ACLU-Virginia • Edgar Aranda-Yanoc, Executive Director, Virginia Coalition of Latino Organizations (VACOLAO) (Moderator)
10:40 – 10:50 am <i>Sanctuary</i>	<p>Inter-active exercise: “Who is in the room” Terry Angelotti, Executive Director, Centreville Immigration Forum (CIF)</p>

<p>10:50 – 11:50 am <i>Sanctuary</i></p>	<p>Plenary Session: “De-ICE Virginia: Breaking ties between local law enforcement and federal immigration enforcement” Notwithstanding a large increase in ICE arrests in the community, most ICE arrests in Virginia take place inside of local jails. The arrest-to-deportation pipeline affects any immigrant who is booked into a jail, no matter how minor their charges. While some of the relevant laws are made by the General Assembly in Richmond, most of the relevant policies are made and administered at the discretion of local officials – elected county sheriffs or Regional Jail Board members – who are not accustomed to being the targets of public pressure campaigns. This plenary session will discuss advocacy campaigns across the Commonwealth, and highlight some of the pressure points where the jail-to-deportation pipeline can be choked off. A national expert from the ACLU will give a perspective on trends, campaigns and creative policy ideas in the other 49 states.</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Simon Sandoval-Moshenberg, Legal Director, Immigrant Advocacy Program, Legal Aid Justice Center (Moderator) • Mia Taylor, Organizer, Tenants and Workers United • Sylvia Ruiz, State Campaigns Manager, Immigrants’ Rights, ACLU • Mary Supley, Immigration Issues Committee of Herndon-Reston Indivisible
<p>11:55 – 12:05 pm</p>	<p>Break</p>
<p>12:05 – 1:00 pm <i>Fellowship Wright Hall</i></p>	<p>Lunch and keynote speaker Introduction: Edgar Aranda-Yanoc Keynote Speaker: Delegate Elizabeth R. Guzman, Virginia General Assembly</p>
<p>1:00 – 1:10 pm</p>	<p>Transition to Breakout Sessions</p>
<p>1:10 – 2:20 pm <i>Sanctuary</i></p>	<p>Breakout Sessions</p> <p>Topic 1: Fighting proposed changes to the Public Charge Rule This workshop will provide an overview and potential impacts of proposed changes to the public charge rule that would expand the classification of benefits deemed a public charge during green card applications to include non-cash benefits such as SNAP, housing assistance and Medicaid. It will also discuss how advocates are mobilizing public opposition to this rule change and how you can join their efforts.</p> <p>Presented by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Claudia Flores, Immigration Campaign Manager, Center for American Progress (CAP) • Megan Mack, Associate Director, Ayuda • Nicholas Devereux, Legislative Council for U.S. Senator Mark Warner • Elizabeth Lower-Basch, Director of CLASP’s income and work supports team (Moderator) <p style="text-align: center;"><i>(Cont’d on next page)</i></p>

<p><i>Room 300 (40 people)</i></p>	<p>Topic 2: Fallout from the Trump administration’s termination of the Temporary Protected Status (TPS) program and advocacy efforts to help TPS recipients</p> <p>This workshop will examine the impact of the Trump administration’s decision to terminate the Temporary Protected Status (TPS) program for hundreds of thousands of immigrants, some residing in the United States for decades and with U.S.-citizen children, and the advocacy efforts mobilized to defend their rights.</p> <p>Presented by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sophia Gregg, Attorney, Legal Aid Justice Center • Francisco Pacheco, co-founder, TPS National Alliance • Mardoel Hernandez, member, TPS National Alliance
<p><i>Hughes Hall (60 people)</i></p>	<p>Topic 3: Wage Justice</p> <p>In this workshop, union representatives and non-profit organizations will discuss the issue of wage theft, what resources are available for workers, challenges with the Department of Labor and Industries, and what needs to be done to achieve wage justice in Virginia. Panelists will discuss their support for workers and allies to organize and succeed in Labor Justice. This workshop will discuss issues affecting immigrant workers in the construction industry, service industry, and the day labor sector.</p> <p>Presented by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neri Canahui, President, Carpenters Local 197 • Virginia Diamond, President, Northern Virginia Labor Federation, AFL-CIO (“NoVA Labor”) • Benjamin Hoyne, Policy & Campaigns Director, Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy (VICPP) • Johnathan Cano, Community Organizer, Centreville Immigration Forum (CIF) • Samantha Zaboli, Labor Resource Center Manager (CIF) (Moderator).
<p><i>Room 309 (40 people)</i></p>	<p>Topic 4: Fundraising for Deportation Defense and Bond</p> <p>This session will offer examples of how community groups and local jurisdictions have organized to provide funding for deportation defense and bond hearings. Hear how organizers from Montgomery County strategized and were successful in securing funding for their residents, as well as how one local faith community group in Arlington is funding individual legal defense cases for their neighbors. Participants will learn from others and share their ideas and experiences as well.</p> <p>Presented by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gabriela Kahrl, Staff Attorney, Maryland Carey Law School’s Immigration Clinic • Joanna Silver, Founder & Coordinator, Montgomery County Deportation Defense Coalition • Bob O’Toole, Member, NOVA Catholic Community Stephanie Barnes, Operations Director, Just Neighbors (Moderator)

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<i>Room 309</i>	Topic 4: Fundraising for Deportation Defense and Bond
<i>Sanctuary</i>	<p>Topic 5: All Faiths Believe in Justice: Acting in Solidarity With Immigrants Communities of faith have a unique role in advocating for the dignity of all people. Join clergy and lay leaders from the ADAMS (All Dulles Area Muslim Society) Center, Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church, and Temple Rodef Shalom for a panel presentation and Q&A on the role faith can play in the work of immigration justice.</p> <p>Presented by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rabbi Jeffrey Saxe, Clergy, Temple Rodef Shalom • Hurunnessa Fariad, Outreach Interfaith/Media Coordinator, All Dulles Area Muslim Society (ADAMS) Center • Fr. Joe Nangle, Latino Ministry, Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church • Mary Lareau, NOVA Cluster Leader, DMV Sanctuary Congregation Network (Moderator)
<i>Room 300</i>	<p>Topic 6: Dream Campaign Overview: What is Next? After President Trump canceled the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Program, passing a clean Dream Act became our movement’s number one political priority. Which is why many state and national organizations launched Dream Campaign, a campaign led by immigrant youth and allies. During the campaign, thousands of young leaders from across the country took action by driving thousands of calls to congress, organizing walkouts at their schools, and taking over Washington DC. In this presentation, you will learn about the different campaign tactics that were used during the campaign, you will also learn about all the bills that were introduced. Finally, we'll discuss next steps for the Dream Campaign after the election.</p> <p>Presented by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Giancarla Rojas, Fellowship Program Manager, FWD.us • Samuel Cervante, Research Associate, FWD.us • Paola Sanchez-Valdez, Community Organizer, Legal Aid Justice Center
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4:45 – 4:50	Transition
4:50 – 5:00 Sanctuary	Closing Remarks and Call to Action Simon Sandoval-Moshenberg, Legal Aid Justice Center

Organized by: Organized by: American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Virginia, Centreville Immigration Forum, DREAMer Mothers in Action (DMIA), DMV Sanctuary Congregation Network, Herndon-Reston Indivisible Immigration Issues Committee, Just Neighbors, Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Washington (JCRC), Legal Aid Justice Center (LAJC), Mason DREAMers, National Korean American Service & Education Consortium (NAKASEC), Sin Barreras, Virginia Coalition of Latino Organizations (VACOLAO), Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy (VICPP), Virginia Organizing (VO),

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