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## Conference Conveners

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### American Civil Liberties Union / Immigrants' Rights Project (ACLU/IRP)

The Immigrants' Rights Project of the American Civil Liberties Union carries on the historic commitment of the ACLU to enforce the protections of the Constitution on behalf of non-citizens. The IRP conducts the country's largest program of national impact and appellate litigation, advocacy and public education dedicated to enforcing and expanding the constitutional and civil rights of immigrants. The IRP was formally established in 1987 at the ACLU's National Headquarters in New York and opened its California office in 1996. It has successfully litigated in the U.S. Supreme Court and in federal courts throughout the country to preserve the right of immigrants to judicial review, to challenge unconstitutional immigration detention, to enforce fair asylum adjudications, to challenge discrimination by public and private entities, and to enforce the requirements of due process. The IRP and its staff have been honored many times by national and community-based organizations and groups.

### American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO)

The AFL-CIO is a voluntary federation of 55 national and international labor unions. Today's unions represent 10 million working women and men of every race and ethnicity and from every walk of life. In the AFL-CIO, workers and unions find the opportunity to combine strength and to work together to improve the lives of America's working families, bring fairness and dignity to the workplace, and secure social and economic justice in our nation. The AFL-CIO and member unions are dedicated to four interconnecting goals critical to achieving that mission: strengthening working families by enabling more workers to join together in unions; building a stronger political voice for working families; providing a new voice for workers in the global economy; and creating a more effective voice for working families in our communities. For more information about the AFL-CIO, visit [www.aflcio.org](http://www.aflcio.org).

### Asian American Justice Center (AAJC)

AAJC works to advance civil and human rights for Asian Americans and to build and promote a fair and equitable soci-

ety for all. AAJC is one of the nation's leading experts on issues of importance to the Asian American community, including affirmative action, anti-Asian violence prevention/race relations, census, immigrant rights, immigration, language access, television diversity, and voting rights. Since its founding, along with its affiliates — the Asian Pacific American Legal Center in Los Angeles, the Asian Law Caucus in San Francisco, and the Asian American Institute in Chicago — AAJC has enacted a sweeping range of programs on critical national issues that enrich, enhance, and serve our communities all across the country.

### Asian and Pacific Islander American Health Forum (APIAHF)

APIAHF is a national policy advocacy organization dedicated to promoting policy, program, and research efforts to improve the health and well-being of Asian American (AA) and Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander (NHPI) communities. Founded in 1986, APIAHF approaches activities with the philosophy of coalition-building and developing capacity within local AA and NHPI communities. APIAHF advocates on health issues of significance to AA and NHPI communities, conducts community-based technical assistance and training, provides health and U.S. Census data analysis and information dissemination, and convenes regional and national conferences on AA and NHPI health. APIAHF's mission is to enable Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders to attain the highest possible level of health and well-being. Its vision is a multicultural society in which AA and NHPI communities are included and represented in health, political, social and economic arenas, and where there is social justice for all.

### Change to Win (CtW)

Change to Win is a partnership of seven unions with six million members committed to organizing the workers in the growth industries of the new American economy. We are retail and hospitality workers. We work in food processing, transportation, and building services. We are caregivers and construction workers. Change to Win was founded to restore the American Dream of good jobs with living wages, affordable care, secure pensions, and opportunity for a better future. The unions of Change to Win are leading in the fight to protect the rights of migrant workers. Migrant workers are a critical part of Change to Win industries. We will not allow workers to be pitted against each based on immigration status. Change to Win demands that all workers be treated fairly, free

from abuse and exploitation, and that workers have the right to organize to reach together for the American Dream.

### **Detention Watch Network (DWN)**

Founded in 1997 by the Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc., the Florence Immigrant and Refugee Rights Project, and Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, the Detention Watch Network is a national coalition of 86 organizations and many individuals working to educate the public and policy-makers about the U.S. immigration detention and deportation system and advocate for humane reform so that all who come to U.S. shores receive fair and humane treatment. We believe that by working together we can effect greater change in the immigration detention system. Our members bring rich and diverse expertise to the table. They are lawyers, legal workers, doctors, psychologists, social workers, artists, clergy, students, families, and activists. They are engaged in individual case and impact litigation, documenting conditions violations, administrative and legislative advocacy, community organizing and mobilizing, communication and messaging, popular education, local and national advocacy, teaching, and social service and pastoral care. Together, our members have the on-the-ground expertise, inside knowledge, passion and credibility to bring to light the abuses of civil rights and civil liberties and the inhumane treatment and conditions within the U.S. detention and deportation system and identify solutions and strategies for reform.

### **Jobs with Justice (JwJ)**

Jobs with Justice engages workers and allies in campaigns to win justice in workplaces and in communities where working families live. JwJ was founded in 1987 with the vision of lifting up workers' rights struggles as part of a larger campaign for economic and social justice. We believe in long-term multi-issue coalition-building, grassroots base-building and organizing, and strategic militant action as the foundation for building a grassroots movement, and we believe that by engaging a broad community of allies, we can win bigger victories. We reach working people through the organizations that represent them — unions, congregations, community organizations — and directly as JwJ activists. Nearly 100,000 people have signed the Jobs with Justice pledge to "Be there at least five times a year for someone else's struggle as well as their own." In more than 40 cities in 25 states across the country, we are building coalitions of labor, religious, student and community organizations that are committed to each other for the long haul. Our campaigns make a difference for workers facing hostile bosses, knowing they are not alone in their struggle.

### **Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF)**

Founded in 1968, MALDEF is the nation's leading nonprofit Latino legal organization. Often described as the "law firm of the Latino community," MALDEF promotes equality and justice through litigation, advocacy, public policy, and community education in the areas of employment, immigrants' rights,

voting rights, education, and language rights. Headquartered in Los Angeles, MALDEF operates four regional offices in Los Angeles, San Antonio, Chicago and Washington, D.C.

### **National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum (NAPAWF)**

Founded in 1996, NAPAWF is the only national multi-issue Asian and Pacific Islander (API) women's advocacy organization in the country. Our mission is to address the concerns and increase the rights of API women and girls, and to build an API women's movement among those who believe in advancing social justice and human rights. NAPAWF's programmatic and policy work is inspired and informed by our eleven chapters — Washington, DC; Seattle; San Francisco/Bay Area; Sacramento; Los Angeles; Chicago; St. Cloud; Las Vegas; New York City; Yale University; and University of Michigan — and our individual members across the country. Our main program areas include reproductive justice, anti-human trafficking, immigrant rights, and young women's leadership development.

NAPAWF is a bridge. We bridge the many issues that confront API women and their communities. We bridge the diversity of the 40-plus language groups that are represented under the Asian and Pacific Islander census category. We bridge the many places where our communities reside. We bridge the many waves of immigration of the API community: mothers to daughters and first-generation to fourth-generation immigrants. We bridge strategies of individual empowerment with a larger vision of mobilizing power for justice, equality, and peace.

### **National Council of La Raza (NCLR)**

NCLR is a private, nonprofit, nonpartisan, tax-exempt organization established in 1968 to reduce poverty and discrimination and improve life opportunities for Hispanic Americans. NCLR has chosen to work toward this goal through two primary, complementary approaches: (1) capacity-building assistance to support and strengthen Hispanic community-based organizations; and (2) applied research, policy analysis, and advocacy. NCLR is the largest national constituency-based Hispanic organization in the U.S., serving all Hispanic nationality groups in all regions of the country. NCLR has more than 300 formal affiliates that together serve 41 states, Puerto Rico, and the District of Columbia — and a broader network of more than 35,000 groups and individuals nationwide — reaching more than four million Hispanics annually. For more information about NCLR, visit [www.nclr.org](http://www.nclr.org).

### **National Day Laborer Organizing Network (NDLON)**

NDLON, founded in 2001, is comprised of 36 community-based organizations dedicated to improving the lives of day laborers in the United States. NDLON's mission is to strengthen and expand the work of local day laborer organizing groups nationwide, in order to become more effective and strategic in building leadership skills of day laborers and organizers, developing successful models for organizing and educating immigrant workers, and promoting low-wage

worker and immigrant rights. Toward this end, NDLON engages in activities to advance the interests of day laborers at the local, regional, and national levels.

### **National Employment Law Project (NELP)**

NELP has advocated since 1969 on behalf of low-wage workers, the poor, the unemployed, and other groups that face significant barriers to employment and government systems of support. Several common themes connect NELP's work: ensuring that employment laws cover all workers; supporting worker organizing and alliance-building among key constituent groups working with low-wage workers; helping workers stay connected to jobs and employment benefits; and expanding employment laws to meet the needs of workers and families in changing economic conditions. For more information about NELP, visit [www.nelp.org](http://www.nelp.org).

### **National Immigration Forum**

The National Immigration Forum's vision is to create U.S. immigration policy that reflects the realities of our nation and its economy, while serving the hopes and aspirations of immigrants, America's families, and communities across the nation.

The Forum's mission is to advocate for the value of immigrants and immigration to the nation. From a diversity of perspectives, the Forum uses its communications, advocacy and policy expertise to create a vision, consensus and strategy that leads to a better, more welcoming America that treats all newcomers to our nation fairly.

The National Immigration Forum occupies a unique role. It knits together alliances among existing and emerging pro-immigrant organizations across faith, labor, immigrant and business communities that develop, execute and evaluate legislative and administrative advocacy strategies. Bringing to bear communications, advocacy and policy expertise, and the power that lies within dynamic local-national alliances, the Forum supports existing advocacy efforts and leads those efforts when appropriate.

### **National Immigration Law Center (NILC)**

NILC's mission is to promote and advance the rights and opportunities of low-income immigrants and their family members. Since our founding in 1979, NILC has gained national recognition for expertise on the complex interplay of immigration, public benefits, and employment laws that affect low-income immigrants. Our attorneys and policy analysts provide analysis and advocacy on these issues, as well as co-counsel impact litigation. We have been recognized as a leading provider of information about issues affecting low-income immigrants, and our trainings, publications, website, LISTSERVs, and technical assistance reach an unusually diverse constituency of legal aid programs, immigrants' rights groups, community organizations, worker advocates, social service agencies, and policymakers across the country. We are headquartered in Los Angeles and also have an office in Washington, DC. For more information about NILC, visit [www.nilc.org](http://www.nilc.org).

### **National Immigration Project of the National Lawyers Guild (NLG/NIP)**

The National Immigration Project was formed in 1974 as a committee of the National Lawyers Guild and became a free-standing organization in 1980. Since our inception we have served as a progressive source of advocacy-oriented legal support on immigrant rights issues. In the 1970s and 1980s we helped political refugees seek asylum in the U.S, with an emphasis on asylum-seekers from Central America. At the same time, we worked with grassroots groups to expose violence against immigrant women and children at the U.S. border. In the 1990s we worked with several other groups to challenge the government's use of secret evidence against noncitizens, and expanded our support for immigrant survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault by forming a national advocacy coalition. We also began to draw attention to the plight of HIV positive noncitizens, and campaigned to end draconian travel restrictions on HIV-positive noncitizens and visitors to the U.S. Today, we are one of the few national-level, legal support groups that specializes in defending the rights of immigrants facing incarceration and deportation.

### **National Korean American Service and Education Consortium (NAKASEC)**

NAKASEC was founded in 1994 during a political turning point for Korean Americans. The civil unrest that began in Los Angeles on April 29, 1992, and the subsequent anti-immigrant wave in Congress, precipitated by California's Prop. 187, posed tremendous challenges to Korean Americans as people of color, working families and immigrants. The state of America at that time led a group of local grassroots community-based organizations to come together to form NAKASEC, with the purpose of projecting a national progressive voice on major civil rights and immigrant rights issues and promoting the full participation of Korean Americans, with the greater goal of building a national movement for social change.

Today, NAKASEC is based in Los Angeles, and a D.C. office opened in September 2008. NAKASEC also has affiliates in Los Angeles (Korean Resource Center) and in Chicago (Korean American Resource & Cultural Center). NAKASEC and its affiliates are separate and independent nonprofit organizations that form a strong and unique organizing network. Together we forward a holistic empowerment model. The community centers provide programs in education, social services, culture, civic engagement, and organizing that address the full human and political needs of community members. NAKASEC develops sound and informed policy advocacy goals, produces relevant educational products, and coordinates results-oriented national grassroots campaigns that are informed by its participation in national strategy formations and directed by the leadership of the centers. The basis and political direction of NAKASEC's work is driven by the needs of the clients of the centers and community members; the information relayed from the centers guides us in representing the Korean American community's interests on a national level.