



Washington Area Immigrant Integration Convening Agenda

December 14, 2016

Sponsors: Asian Pacific American Legal Resource Center, Capital Area Asset Builders, CASA, Central American Resource Center, Ethiopian Community Center, Latino Economic Development Center

- 8:30am Registration & Networking**
- 8:55am Welcoming Remarks, Rich Petersen, Executive Director, Capital Area Asset Builders**
- 9am Profile of Immigrants in the Washington Area: Julia Gelatt, PhD, Urban Institute**
- 9:30am Panel on Immigrant Legal Issues, Citizenship, Civic Participation and Language Access**
- Rachel Gittinger, Director of Citizenship and Civic Participation, Central American Resource Center
 - George Escobar, Director of Human Services, CASA
 - Naznin Saifi, Executive Director, Asian Pacific American Legal Resource Center
 - Gabriela Mossi, Executive Director, Washington English Center
 - Moderator: Marla Bilonick, Executive Director, Latino Economic Development Center
- 10:30 am Break**
- 10:45am Panel on Asset Building Services: Entrepreneurship, Job Training, Adult Education and Financial Capability**
- Marla Bilonick, Executive Director, Latino Economic Development Center
 - Joseph Leitmann-Santa Cruz, Associate Director, Capital Area Asset Builders
 - Hermela Kebede, Executive Director, Ethiopian Community Center, Inc.
 - Moderator: Abel Nuñez, Executive Director, Central American Resource Center
- 12pm Lunch**
- 12:30pm Cities for Citizenship, Sarah Mesick, National Partnership for New Americans**
- 12:45pm Panel Discussion with Local Government Officials**
- Monica Palacio, Director, District of Columbia Office of Human Rights
 - Nancy Navarro, Councilmember, Montgomery County Council
 - Victor Ramirez, Maryland State Senator, District 47
 - Katie Cristol, Board Member, Arlington County Board
 - Moderator: Alberto Avendaño, Executive Editor of El Tiempo Latino
- 1:45pm Wrap Up and Next Steps**
Marla Bilonick, Executive Director, Latino Economic Development Center