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BUILDING POWER WITH IMMIGRANT AND MUSLIM COMMUNITIES

Given the new political reality and the Federal assault on immigrants and Muslims as well as the deplorable rise in incidents of hate, abuse, intimidation and harassment around the country, Metro IAF has and will continue to relentlessly defend immigrants, Muslims, people of color or any vulnerable group against the threat of attack, violence, or unjust harassment and deportation. Metro IAF is organizing to build a power base that includes its organizations, corporate executives/major employers, bishops and other religious leaders, Federal, State, and local elected leaders, law enforcement officials, university and health system presidents in each of its Metropolitan areas to combat these Federal attacks as well as state and local collaborations with Federal immigration enforcement.

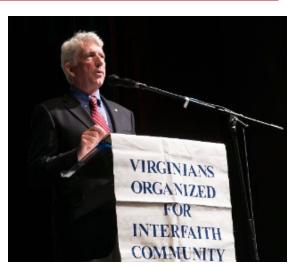
2018 HIGHLIGHTS

In Virginia, Maryland, Massachusetts, and D.C. Affiliates Secured Commitments from Attorneys General to Fight Against Family Separations

Attorneys General in these states/districts agreed to work with Metro IAF clergy and its religious institutions to fight family separations of US citizen children with undocumented parents in their jurisdictions (5 million nationwide) that will be affected by increased ICE enforcement, termination of Temporary Protected Status and DACA as well as to act together on Federal actions on public charge immigration status penalties for immigrant families that use public services to which they are legally entitled.

<u>VOICE</u> Victorious in Keeping Schools Accountable to Honor Muslim & Jewish Holidays

In Virginia, VOICE leaders won accommodations from Fairfax County Public Schools for any Muslim family with children fasting for Ramadan during standardized testing. The school system committed to allowing fasting students to take their tests prior to the start of Ramadan, or in the early morning during Ramadan when children's energy levels are highest. This victory follows VOICE's demands that Fairfax and Prince William Counties honor Muslim and Jewish holidays by issuing new regulations that student absences related to the celebration of religious holidays would not affect attendance records. The two counties also committed to avoiding testing and major school events during those holidays.



VA Attorney General Mark Herring commits to defend immigrant families.

MUSLIM MEMBERSHIP IN METRO IAF			
24	Muslim member institutions in Metro IAF		
133k+	Muslim individuals represented across member institutions		
# of Muslim Institutions by State			
СТ	2	NJ	1
IL	10	MD	1
MA	2	WI	1
ОН	1	VA	4
NY	1	DC	1

Orange County Justice United Wins Commitments on Immigrant Jobs and Student Resources in NC



Justice United leaders met with candidates for the Orange County Board of Education, where they committed to hiring over 140 Latino and African American teachers within the next four years to resolve racial hiring disparities in the teaching staff, increasing access to jobs for people of color, as well as the hiring of bilingual front office staff for every school. Candidates also committed to developing a continuing education unit to assist guidance counselors in helping immigrant students navigate a path to higher education.

In MD, VA, NC, CT, and MA, Metro IAF Won Pledges from Law Enforcement and School Officials Not to Act as ICE Agents

After public actions across the country, including VOICE's 535-person action in Virginia and Durham CAN's 623-person action in North Carolina, Metro IAF affiliates won commitments from local law enforcement and school officials that they will not cooperate with ICE nor act as ICE agents.

<u>AIM</u> Action Wins Commitments for Flower Branch Explosion Survivors

After a deadly gas explosion at an apartment building nearly two years ago that killed 7, including two small children, AIM organized with the undocumented immigrant residents to demand action from Montgomery County, MD officials. The county agreed to provide affordable mental healthcare, rental assistance, and inclusion in the County's evaluation of the response to the fire in front of 236 AIM leaders, and committed to report back on progress made within 3 months.

<u>WIN</u> Secures Commitments from DC Ward 1 Council Candidates to Dedicate \$2.5 Million to Immigrant Legal Services



In an 304-person action held at Sacred Heart Parish, the largest immigrant church in DC, six candidates for Ward 1 council member committed to expanding immigrant legal services. DC has over 70,000 immigrant families from Latin America, Africa, the Caribbean, and all over the world who may be at risk of losing their work permits if Temporary Protective Status (TPS) ends in September 2019. These families may for the first time need to seek assistance from immigration lawyers to determine eligibility for another pathway to legal status. The dedicated \$2.5 Million a year will allow non-profit legal services providers to hire more lawyers and paralegals to tangibly increase capacity to serve more families.

<u>BUILD</u> Wins Commitment from Baltimore's Mayor to Recognize Parish IDs Issued to Immigrants

BUILD won a commitment from Baltimore Mayor Pugh that city agencies would recognize parish identification cards issued to city residents. The identification cards, which are meant to address hesitations by immigrants and senior citizens to report crimes to police, fearing a lack of ID would lead to deportation, are issued by Catholic congregations with the full support of the Archdiocese of Baltimore. The identification card will be recognized by Baltimore City law enforcement and other city agencies as an alternative form of identification in specified situations. The Mayor committed to training police officers on the Parish ID two weeks after its implementation.