



For the last 3 weeks, NAKASEC Action Fund organizers have organized and rallied every day. Vice President Harris can and must use her power to disregard the Parliamentarian's arbitrary recommendation and include a pathway to citizenship in the budget.

mitment to the movement.  
(Organizing Director Jung Woo Kim shaves Executive Director Becky Belcore's head)

## NAKASEC's third week in DC

On Tuesday, NAKASEC Action Fund, along with multiple organizations, shaved heads to show our commitment to the movement.

Citizenship or BUZZ was a powerful event that empowered and brought our community together. We exceeded our goal of 51 people shaving their heads, and we are thankful to all those who participated.

We showed our commitment to winning a pathway to citizenship THIS YEAR and made it

clear that the Vice President MUST ACT NOW.  
(Left to Right: Ju Hong, Glo Choi, Inhe Choi, John Park)

Also on Tuesday, over 30 organizations including NAKASEC signed on to the letter to the Vice President Harris to ignore the Senate Parliamentarian's recommendation.



## Immigration is BUDGETARY. It belongs in the budget.



The parliamentarian's advice is arbitrary & can easily be ignored by the Vice President.

92 legal scholars also called on Harris to preside over Senate to include immigration in reconciliation. The Senate Parliamentarian is an UNELECTED official who cannot make a final authoritative decision.  
(Protestors at Citizenship or BUZZ event)

We are willing to shave our heads if it means we win citizenships for our community. Does the Vice President have the political will and courage to disregard the Senate Parliamentarian's advisory opinion?

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Civil Disobedience at the White House  
(Protestors stand in front of the White House as police is making arrests)

On October 7th, CASA organized an action

in front of the White House to demand that Vice President Harris disregard the Parliamentarian. 51 members of our community got arrested for civil disobedience. We cannot wait for a pathway to citizenship. The Biden-Harris administration has failed on immigration from inhumane camp conditions in Del Rio, Texas to widely circulated images of Border Patrol agents abusing Haitian migrants.

This administration has only one chance to reverse and save their legacy on immigration through the Build Back Better bill. We call on Vice President Harris to ignore the parliamentarian's recommendation, and include a pathway to citizenship for millions in this year's federal budget package.

With control of the House, Senate, and White House, the Biden-Harris administration and elected Democrats must act now and ensure a pathway to citizenship passes THIS YEAR.  
(NAKASEC Action Fund network organizers at Civil Disobedience)  
(Police confronts protestors at Lafayette Square and the White House)

We shaved our heads, got arrested, and

protested every day.

In the words of Assata Shakur, "We have nothing to lose but our chains."

The NAKASEC network organizers will continue to organize and fight for a pathway to citizenship in Washington, DC and in our home states of New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Illinois, and Texas.



## APIA Vote Celebrates AAPI Immigrants and Refugees at the NIIC!



Hey everyone, it's Christine Chen here in Las Vegas! The 2021 National Immigrant Integration Conference (NIIC), the largest nationwide conference on immigration concluded yesterday, October 6th. Our National Field Director, Raymond Partolan, and I have been hard at work leading and co-leading sessions at the conference, as well as before the conference.

Preceding NIIC, we also teamed up with Asian Community Development Council, Silver State Voices, New American Leaders, and One APIA Nevada to host a re-districting training here as part of the Norman Y. Mineta Leadership Institute in Las Ve-

gas! With a great turnout, we shared the importance of redistricting, community input and testimony, effective messaging to motivate more people in our community to participate in the redistricting process, and ate great dumplings!

At the conference, Raymond and I helped lead multiple sessions, including "The Power of the Immigrant Vote: Lessons from 2020 and Strategies for 2022" and "Hear Our Story: Asian & Pacific Islander Communities Rising."

Despite the global pandemic, this year's NIIC was huge, with 1000+ attendees joining virtually or in-person in Las Vegas, Nevada. APIA Vote offers a sincere word of congratulations to the National Partnership for New Americans (NPNA) for planning a great conference! We also want to give a special shout out to our fantastic partner in Las Vegas, Nevada, the Asian Community Development Council (ACDC) for being a fabulous local co-host for the conference. APIA Vote is so grateful to work with amazing partners like ACDC who are committed to ensuring that AAPIs have a powerful voice at all levels of government

As APIA Vote helped to steer conversations around civic engagement, we were pleased to be in spaces with practitioners working on adjacent issues, like naturalization and immigrant rights. According to APIA Vote's analysis of the most recent data on foreign-born populations (2019 ACS 1-year estimates), 57.1% of Asian Americans were born outside the United States. Asian Americans are projected to be the nation's largest immigrant group by the middle of the century (according to an analysis by the Pew Research Center). Our main takeaway from this conference is the importance of working in solidarity with other communities of color in order to maximize our collective ability to bring about change. Check out this important resource on solidarity here.

