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**Governor's Office for New Americans hosts New American Voices discussion focused on education alongside key community leaders**

LAS VEGAS, NV – The [Nevada Governor's Office for New Americans \(ONA\)](#) hosted a discussion focused on education alongside key community leaders in the Grant Sawyer State Office Building in Las Vegas.

[Launched in June 2022](#), the New American Voices initiative aims to provide a voice and a seat at the table for Nevada's directly impacted communities, stakeholder groups, and state partners through monthly discussions addressing the needs of Nevada's immigrant and refugee communities.

"The input provided here today highlighted many of the educational needs and challenges faced by our students and families in Nevada's immigrant and refugee communities, that we must address," **said Charina de Asis, Executive Director of the Governor's Office for New Americans.** "We aim to turn today's discussion points into actionable items and collectively find solutions for them alongside our federal, state, & local partners."

Discussion points at today's meeting included but were not limited to: Cultural competency training for educational professionals, further support of English Language Learner (ELL) programs, bridging the technical divide, reinforcing the K-12 to higher education pipeline, and expanding workforce pathways.

Over 15 organizations were in attendance at this discussion, and they include representation from:

- [Clark County School District](#)
- Clark County School District Parents
- [College of Southern Nevada](#)
- [Global Community High School](#)
- [Make the Road Nevada](#)
- [Nevada Afterschool Network](#)
- [Nevada Department of Education](#)
- [Nevada Institute For Children's Research & Policy](#)
- [Nevada Public Charter School Authority](#)
- [Nevada State College](#)
- Nevada State College Student Leaders
- [NSHE Undocumented Student Success Council](#)
- [Office of Congresswoman Dina Titus](#)
- [Office of Senator Cortez Masto](#)
- [Prevent Child Abuse Nevada](#)

- [The Public Education Foundation](#)
- [University of Nevada, Las Vegas](#)

The Governor's Office for New Americans aims to carry out this new initiative's programmatic goals of hosting monthly outreach meetings with different segments of Nevada's diverse communities.

Organizations and stakeholders who wish to participate in future New American Voices monthly discussions can email the Governor's Office for New Americans at: [ONAINFO@ona.nv.gov](mailto:ONAINFO@ona.nv.gov).

Photos of the event can be found [here](#).

The Nevada Governor's Office for New Americans (ONA) was created to promote the inclusion and integration of immigrants, refugees, and aspiring Americans into the civic, economic, and cultural life of Nevada. ONA works to bridge the world of state government and the complex changes in immigration policy that affect all Nevadans. By breaking down bureaucratic barriers that often hinder economic self-sufficiency and civic integration, ONA is working to make Nevada an even more welcoming state for all. For more information about ONA visit our website at [ona.nv.gov](http://ona.nv.gov).

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