



## NATIONAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

### *Healing the Nation: An Arab American Agenda for Security, Liberty and Peace*

September 10-12, 2006 \* Washington, DC

#### Schedule of Events

##### **Saturday, September 10 (Capital Hilton Hotel) (Closed to Media)**

5:00pm Reception

6:00-9:00pm Strategy Meeting on Ancestry in the 2010 Census (by invitation)

##### **Sunday, September 10 (Capital Hilton Hotel) (Closed to Media)**

2:00-5:30pm Meeting of the AAI National Policy Council and Board of Governors

6:30-9:00 Dinner and Conference Opening Session

**"Summer of Crisis: Views from Iraq, Palestine and Lebanon"**

H.E. Afif Safieh, *Palestinian Ambassador*

H.E. Carla Jassar, *charge d'affaires, Embassy of Lebanon*

H.E. Samir Sumaida'ie, *Iraqi Ambassador*

##### **Monday, September 11 (Capital Hilton Hotel, 1001 16th Street \* Federal Room)**

8:30-10:00am **Breakfast Forum: A Community Conversation in Remembrance of 9/11**

*American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee*

*American Civil Liberties Union*

*Asian American Justice Center*

*Center for National Security Studies*

*Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society*

*Human Rights First*

*Interfaith Alliance*

*Japanese American Citizens League*

*Liberty Coalition*

*National Council of La Raza*

*National Immigration Forum*

*National Immigration Law Center*

*Open Society Institute*

*Rights Working Group*

*Sikh American Legal Defence and Education Fund*

*South Asian American Leaders of Tomorrow*

10:15-11:45 **Concurrent Breakout Discussions (Closed to Media)**

- Communicating effectively with your member of Congress
- Tools to make a difference in a campaign
- The best-kept secret in American politics – your local party committee
- Working for Peace: coalition building between Arab and Jewish Americans

12:00- 2:00 **Luncheon Forum** with interfaith messages to commemorate fifth anniversary of September 11, 2001

Bishop **Jane Holmes Dixon**, *Interfaith Alliance*

Imam **Mohamed Magid**, *All Dulles Areas Muslim Society*

Rev. **George Rados**, *Saints Peter and Paul Orthodox Church*

Rabbi **David Saperstein**, *Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism*

*Schedule of Events, continued*

2:30 – 4:00 **Plenary Session** on Humanitarian Crisis in Lebanon and Palestine  
**Andrew Whitley**, *United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees*  
**Peter Gubser**, *American Near East Refugee Aid (ANERA)*  
**John Connolly**, *Catholic Relief Services*

### **Monday, September 11 (Capital Hilton Hotel)**

4:30 – 5:30 **Plenary Session:** Looking Ahead to the 2008 Elections  
**George R. Salem**, *Arab American Institute*  
**James J. Zogby**, *Arab American Institute*

7:00-9:30 **Reception Buffet**  
U.S. Representative **Michael Honda**

### **Tuesday, September 12 (on Capitol Hill)**

7:15-7:45am Shuttle service from Hotel to Capitol Hill

8:00 **Breakfast Forum** with U.S. Senator **Russell Feingold** (Capitol Building, Mansfield Room)

9:30-10:30 Tour of the Capitol Building (optional)

11:00-12:00 **Eyewitness Accounts: Americans evacuated from Lebanon Speak Out**  
(Russell 325)  
U.S. Representative **Darrell Issa**  
U.S. Representative **Ray LaHood**

12:00-1:30pm **Luncheon Tribute to Arab Americans in the Federal Government**  
(Russell 325)  
U.S. Senator **John E. Sununu**  
U.S. Representative **Charles Boustany**

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