

The Bridging America Project

The American Jewish Committee's Bridging America Project provides communities with the skills and structures necessary to achieve local support for immigration reform and counter the anti-immigrant fervor with programs and public education.

Starting in 2009, the Bridging America Project has convened leaders in Chicago, Phoenix, Houston, New Jersey, Denver, Atlanta, New York, Miami, and Washington, DC for Latino-Jewish Leadership workshops and Immigration Task Force meetings for the purpose of creating unexpected coalitions among committed and diverse community leaders.

The idea for this summit came out of months of dialogue from meetings with task force members and they were instrumental in putting this summit together.

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The Cost Savings of Implementing Immigration Reform

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GUEST SPEAKERS

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PROGRAM

Welcome

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Background

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Presentations:

Demographics and History Dr. Stephen Klineberg

Business/Employers Larry Kellner

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Health Care/Medical David S. Lopez

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Question and Answer Session

Closing

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