

Southeast Asian American Solidarity Toolkit



*A Guide to Resisting Deportations and Detentions
from the #ReleaseMN8 Campaign*

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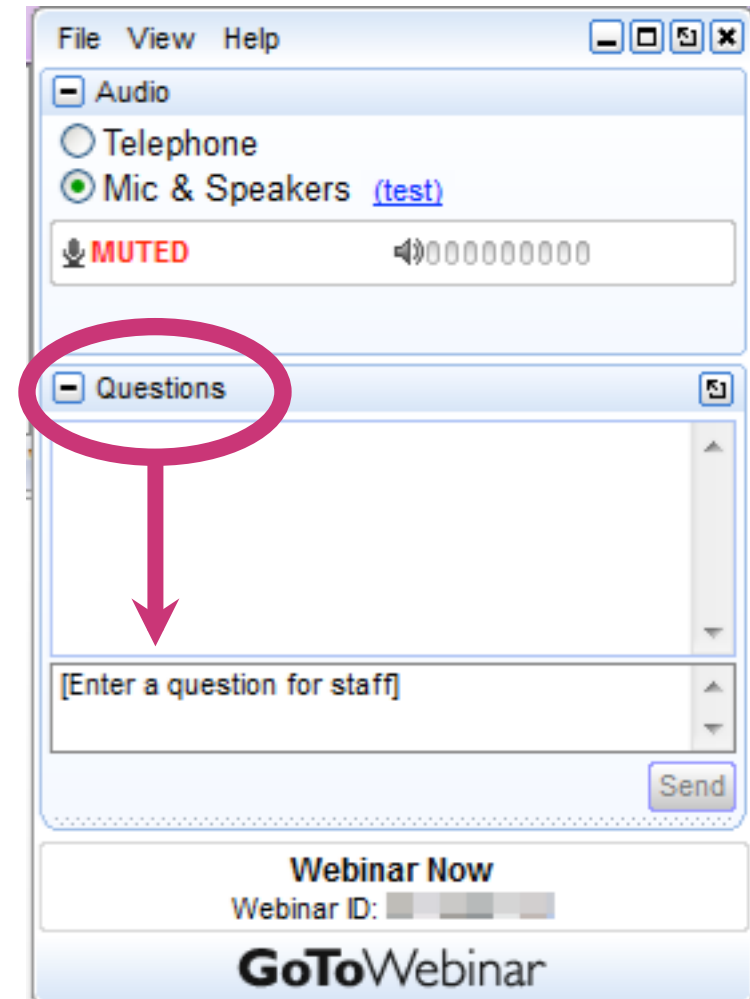


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Logistics

- All attendees are placed on mute.
- To comment or question, you must be logged into the webinar.
- Feel free to ask comments and questions throughout the webinar.
- Questions and comments will be addressed at the end.
- Download resources.



Agenda

- 1. Campaign & Toolkit Overview**
- 2. Lessons Learned from the #ReleaseMN8**
 - 1. Tools and Tips in Preparation**
 - 2. Organizing**
 - 3. Advocacy**
- 3. Legal Strategies – Community-Centered Lawyering**
- 4. Q&A**
- 5. Take Action**



**Where are you joining
us from today?**



**What is your
affiliation/ purpose for
being on this call?**



**Have you heard of the
#ReleaseMN8
campaign?**

#ReleaseMN8: A Campaign Overview

- 2016 campaign driven by directly impacted family members
- 3 deportations stopped
- Nationwide education to fight SEAA deportations
- Inspiration for SEAA families across the country



Toolkit Overview

Southeast Asian American Solidarity Toolkit

A Guide to Resisting Deportations and Detentions from the #ReleaseMN8 Campaign



- Resource for individuals, families, and advocates
- Tools, tips, and resources
 - Organizing
 - Advocacy
 - Legal Strategies
 - Others
- Lessons learned and FAQs

Lessons Learned from the #ReleaseMN8

Getting Started: Tools and Tips in Preparation

- ✓ Education and self-empowerment
 - ✓ Legal Options
- ✓ Mapping Power and Influence



Organizing

- Setting your activism in motion
- Community partnerships and collaboration
- Community outreach and fundraising
- Legal support and community solidarity
- Trauma and therapy/ self-care



Advocacy



- **Political Action**

- ✓ Identify your target
- ✓ Meeting preparation
- ✓ Tips for a successful meeting
- ✓ Engaging with lawmakers
- ✓ Responding to lawmakers and their staff



**What would you find
the most challenging
about organizing a
campaign?**

Legal Strategies – Community Centered Lawyering

- Importance of sound legal strategy
- Importance of community solidarity
- What options do you have?
 - ✓ What is a Motion to Reopen?
 - ✓ What is “post-conviction” relief?
- What’s in the Toolkit
 - ✓ Deeper dives
 - ✓ FAQs
 - ✓ Samples



What you need to know and what lawyers want to hear

- **Important Information**

- ✓ Immigration history

- dates, status, family member status
- past immigration hearings
 - location, judge, dates, past attorneys

- ✓ Criminal History if any

- ✓ Family history

- parents immigration status
- Children status

What Lawyers need:

- Documents, Documents, Documents!

Why?

- To get specific technical facts that can impact the case.
- To gauge involvement of family and how much they would need to gather documents.

What to avoid when looking for a lawyer

- ✓ **Lawyers who don't communicate**
 - lawyers have a duty to communicate
- ✓ **Overpromises**
 - These cases are hard, and no one should “guarantee” or say a case is easy
- ✓ **Double check multiple referral sources**
 - AILA, and other referral sources are important



Good Attorney-Client Relationship:

- Strong consistent communication
- Both on same page as to goals
- Be realistic with each other
- Client and family must feel like they are “part of the team”



**Do you know
someone currently
vulnerable to
deportation?**

Take Action

- **SIGN** National Public Sign-On Letter to Denounce SEAA Deportations: <http://bit.ly/EndSEAADeportations>
- **CALL** Members of Congress to issue public statements to denounce SEAA deportations
- **SUPPORT** Community members facing detention and removal by organizing and mobilizing locally
- **FOLLOW** SEARAC, NIPNLG, MN Law school, and MN8 for the latest organizing, advocacy, and legal strategies to end unjust deportation

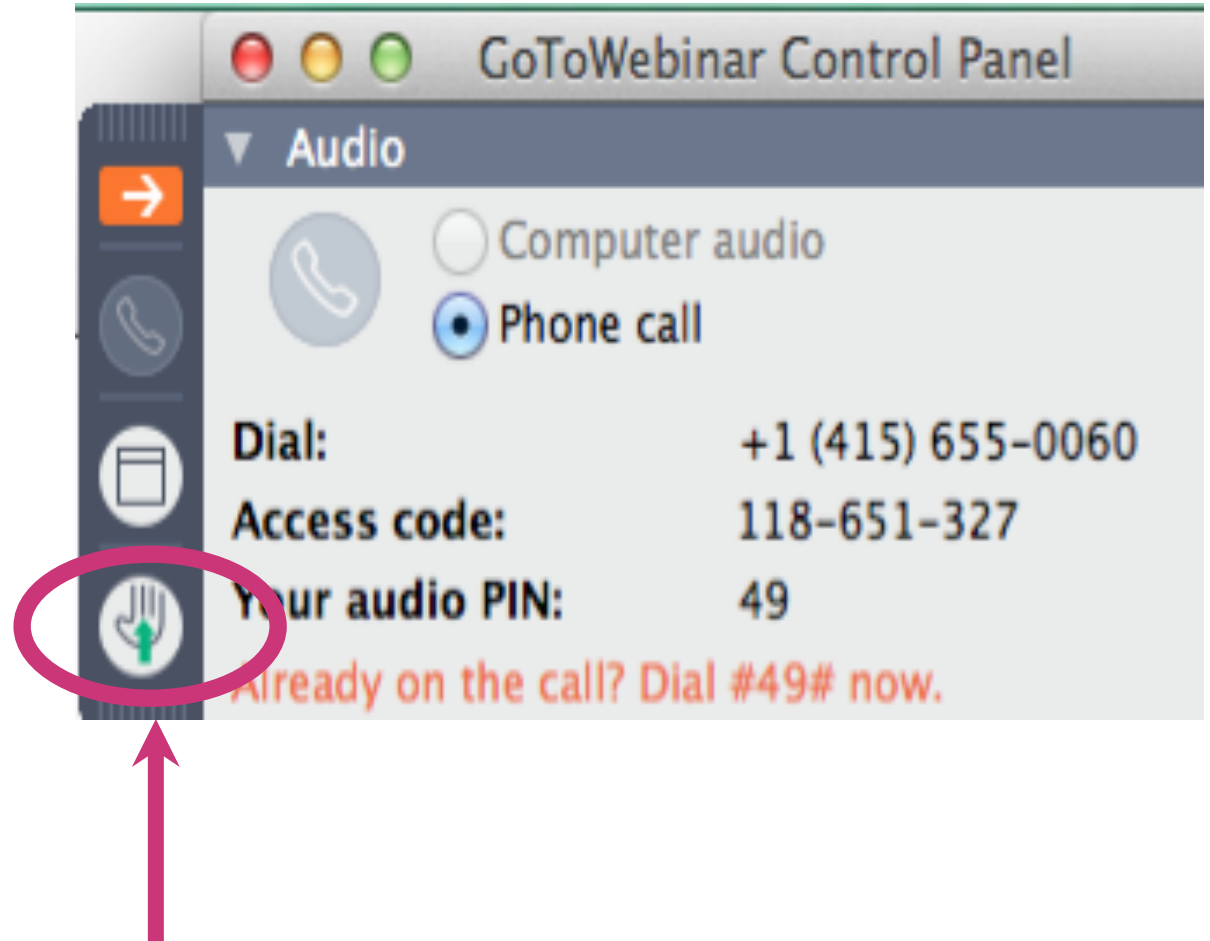


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Remember

- Share name
- Respect other viewpoints
- Share within two minutes



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Thank You!

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