

An Open Letter From AILA Leaders

The undersigned urge you to vote for Victor Nieblas for Secretary of AILA. Victor has distinguished himself as a person of tremendous ability, integrity and passion for change in our laws and justice for immigrants.

An immigrant from Mexico, Victor has distinguished himself both within AILA and in the general immigrant community as a leader and champion of immigration reform. Victor offers something that is very unique with his media and advocacy accomplishments. With the prospect of immigration reform on the front burner, his media and advocacy stature within and outside of AILA, make his election as secretary of AILA an opportunity we shouldn't pass up. Victor will advance immigration reform in the best spirit of our organization – by building alliances between immigrant rights organization, the business community and our other coalition partners.

Victor offers an important and vibrant dimension to our Association at this crucial time in our history. He is a nationally respected attorney, who devotes his practice to fighting for immigrants and their families. In this effort, he has challenged the government at the highest levels, having several published decisions under his belt. Our leaders come in many packages. But very few have distinguished themselves as Victor has done as a self-starter who now brings media opportunities to AILA and can be an important spokesperson in our fight for immigration reform.

Diversity embodies many aspects. The executive committee would be well served to have Victor's diversity of expertise. It is our strong, collective opinion that Victor's election as National Secretary is in the best interests of our organization.

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