



**Refugee Advisory Council of Washington State**  
**How changes in immigration policy will impact our local communities**  
**and what we can do to support them?**

**Virtual Public Forum**

**Tuesday, February 18, 2025, 10:00 am to 12:00 PM**

**Agenda**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Presenter/Moderator</b>
10:00 to 10:10	Welcome and Introductions	<b>Galina Volchkova</b> - Refugee Advisory Council Chair - Executive Director, Housing Services, Volunteers of America Western WA
10:10 – 10:30	WA State Refugee Assistance Updates	<b>Sarah Peterson</b> State Refugee Coordinator / Chief <a href="#">Office of Refugee and Immigrant Assistance</a> Department of Social and Health Services
10:30 – 11:30	<b>Panel Discussion</b> How changes in immigration policy will impact our local communities and what we can do to support them?	<b>Imraan Siddiqi</b> Executive Director, Council on American Islamic Relations, Washington State Chapter “CAIR WA” <b>Brenda Rodríguez López</b> Executive Director, Washington Immigrant Solidarity Network “WAISN” <b>Soumyo Lahiri-Gupta</b> Immigration Advocacy Manager, One America
11:30 – 11:55	County Local Updates	<b>Galina Volchkova</b> - Refugee Advisory Council Chair - Executive Director, Housing Services, Volunteers of America
11:55 – 12:00	Announcements and closing	<b>Galina Volchkova</b> - Refugee Advisory Council Chair - Executive Director, Housing Services, Volunteers of America