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Butzel attorney Reginald Pacis discusses immigration matters September 6 town hall meeting

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DETROIT, Mich. – **Butzel** immigration law attorney **Reginald A. Pacis**, will participate in a town hall meeting on Tuesday, September 6, 2022 in Troy, hosted by Michigan State Representative Padma Kuppa. The focus will be discussions on HR248, a proposed bill to address employment-based green card backlogs and the Drive SAFE Bills, which aims to help immigrants who are not, yet citizens obtain drivers' licenses.

Pacis focuses his practice in immigration law and has handled a variety of immigration matters including H-1B specialty occupation cases, L-1 Intracompany transfers, Labor Certification matters, Immigrant Visa Petitions/Adjustment of Status applications and interviews, TN Free trade cases, H-1B Department of Labor Investigations, I-9 employer verification compliance, and U.S. Port of Entry airport and land port interviews.

In 2021, Pacis was appointed a trustee to MAPAAC, which helps address the needs and concerns of the Asian Pacific American (APA) communities in Michigan. Previously, he was a commissioner to the MAPAAC.

Pacis was named Immigration Lawyer of the Year in 2023 and 2013, respectively in the field of Immigration Law by *The Best Lawyers in America* and has been listed in *Best Lawyers* for several years.

He is a member of the American Bar Association, the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA), and the Samahang Pilipino Ng Oakland Filipino organization. He served two consecutive one-year terms from 2003 to 2005 as Chairperson of the Michigan Chapter of AILA and was a member of the AILA National Board of Governors for those terms.

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Pacis also served as Vice Chair (2008 to 2009) and later Chair (2009-2010) of U.S. Customs and Border Protection AILA liaison committee; Vice Chair (2013 to 2014) of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Field Operations AILA liaison committee; Member (2014 to 2015) of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services National Benefits Center AILA liaison committee; and has served as a Member (2015) and later Chair (2016) of the AILA Election committee. He has presented in a number of AILA Annual Conferences Nationally and Internationally from 2004 to 2019.

Moreover, Pacis is a vice president and Board Member of the International Institute of Metropolitan Detroit. He also is a frequent speaker on immigration law matters locally and nationally.