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“There Goes the Neighborhood: How Communities Overcome Prejudice and Meet the Challenge of American Immigration”



PRESENTED BY:

Ali Noorani

Executive Director
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Washington, D.C.

Wednesday, October 11, 2017

TAMIU Student Center Ballroom (SC 203)

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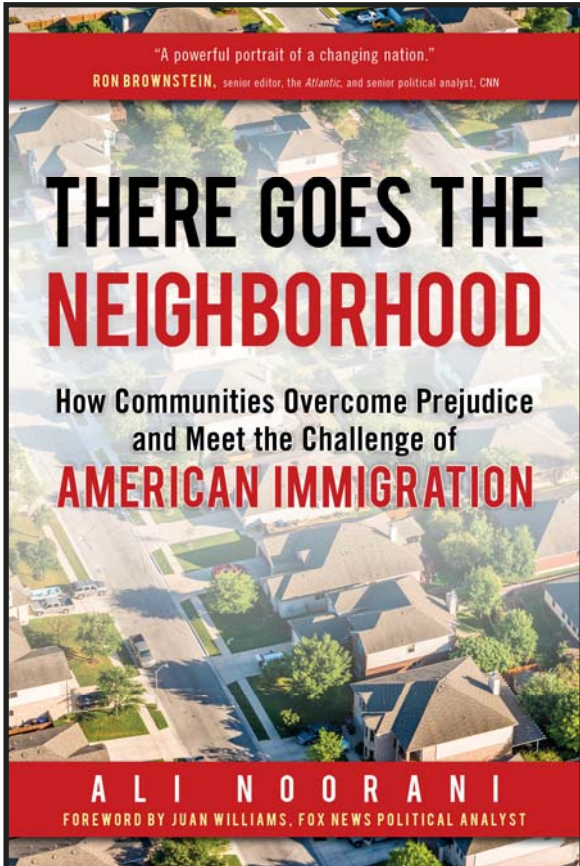
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What really drives America's ongoing immigration debate? To answer this question, the National Immigration Forum's Executive Director, Ali Noorani, interviewed nearly 60 local and national leaders across the nation, finding voices in faith, law enforcement, and business communities to paint a nuanced picture of America that looks beyond the blaring headlines to understand how communities across the country are confronting the changing nature of the American identity.

Noorani will discuss his findings from the book—namely, the powerful role of culture and values in America's immigration debate, and how a diverse range of communities are working to make America a welcoming place for long-established citizens and new arrivals alike.

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Ali Noorani is the Executive Director of the National Immigration Forum, an advocacy organization promoting the value of immigrants and immigration. Growing up in California as the son of Pakistani immigrants, Ali quickly learned how to forge alliances among people of wide-ranging backgrounds, a skill that has served him extraordinarily well as one of the nation's most innovative coalition builders.

Before joining the Forum, Ali was executive director of the Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition, and he has served in leadership roles within public health and environmental organizations.

In 2015, Ali was named a lifetime member of the Council on Foreign Relations. He holds a Master's in Public Health from Boston University and is a graduate of the University of California, Berkeley. Ali lives in Washington, D.C. and is the author of "There Goes the Neighborhood: How Communities Overcome Prejudice and Meet the Challenge of American Immigration" (Prometheus 2017).

