

Refugee Summit 2016





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Refugees

... who are they

Persons who have suffered persecution or have a well founded fear of persecution because of their race, religion, nationality, social group or political opinion



“You know, those of us who leave our homes in the morning and expect to find them there when we go back – it’s hard for us to understand what the experience of a refugee might be like.”

Naomi Shihab Nye

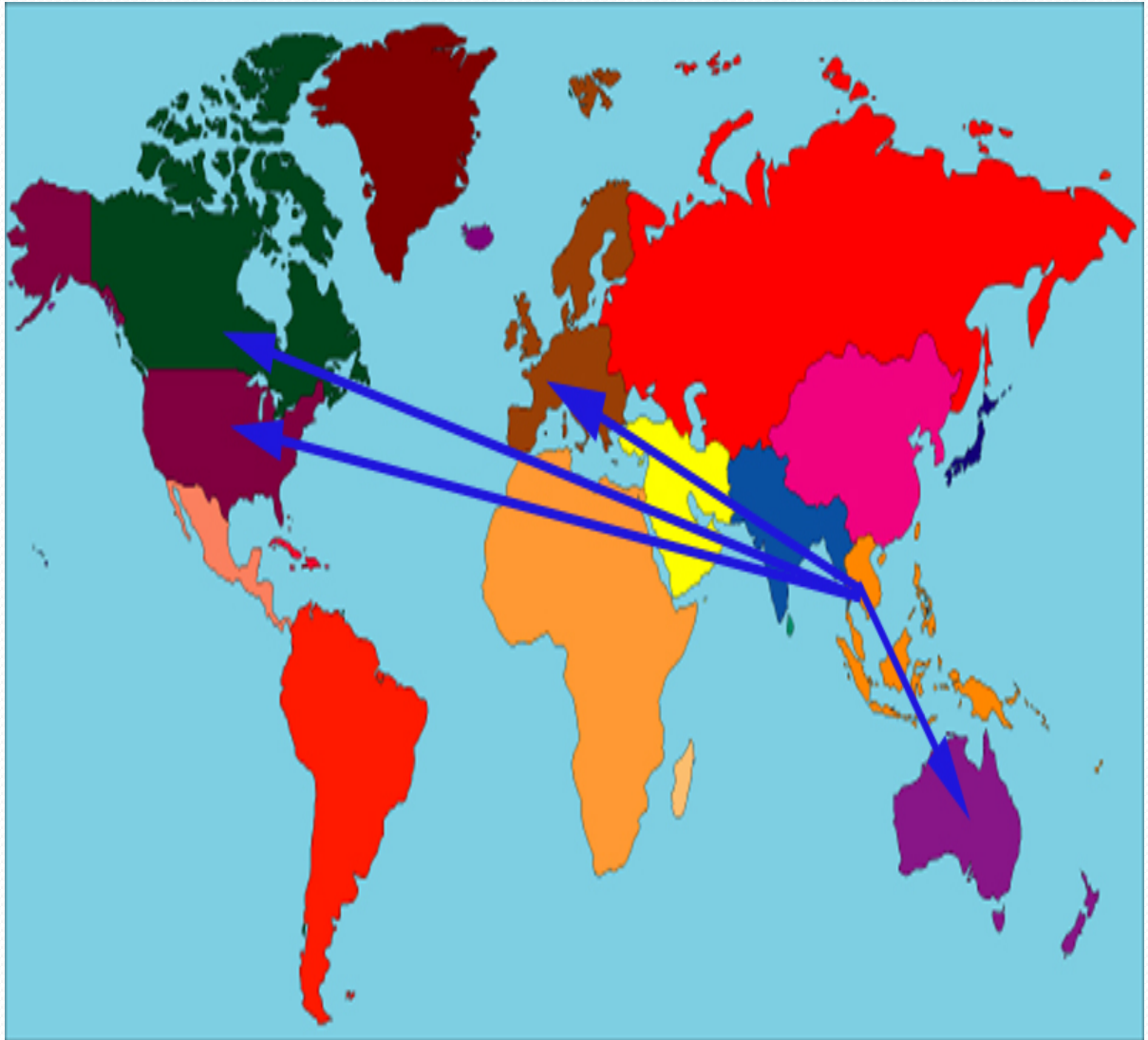






Governor Robert D. Ray





Tai Dam Arrivals



Cambodian Refugees



The Boat People....



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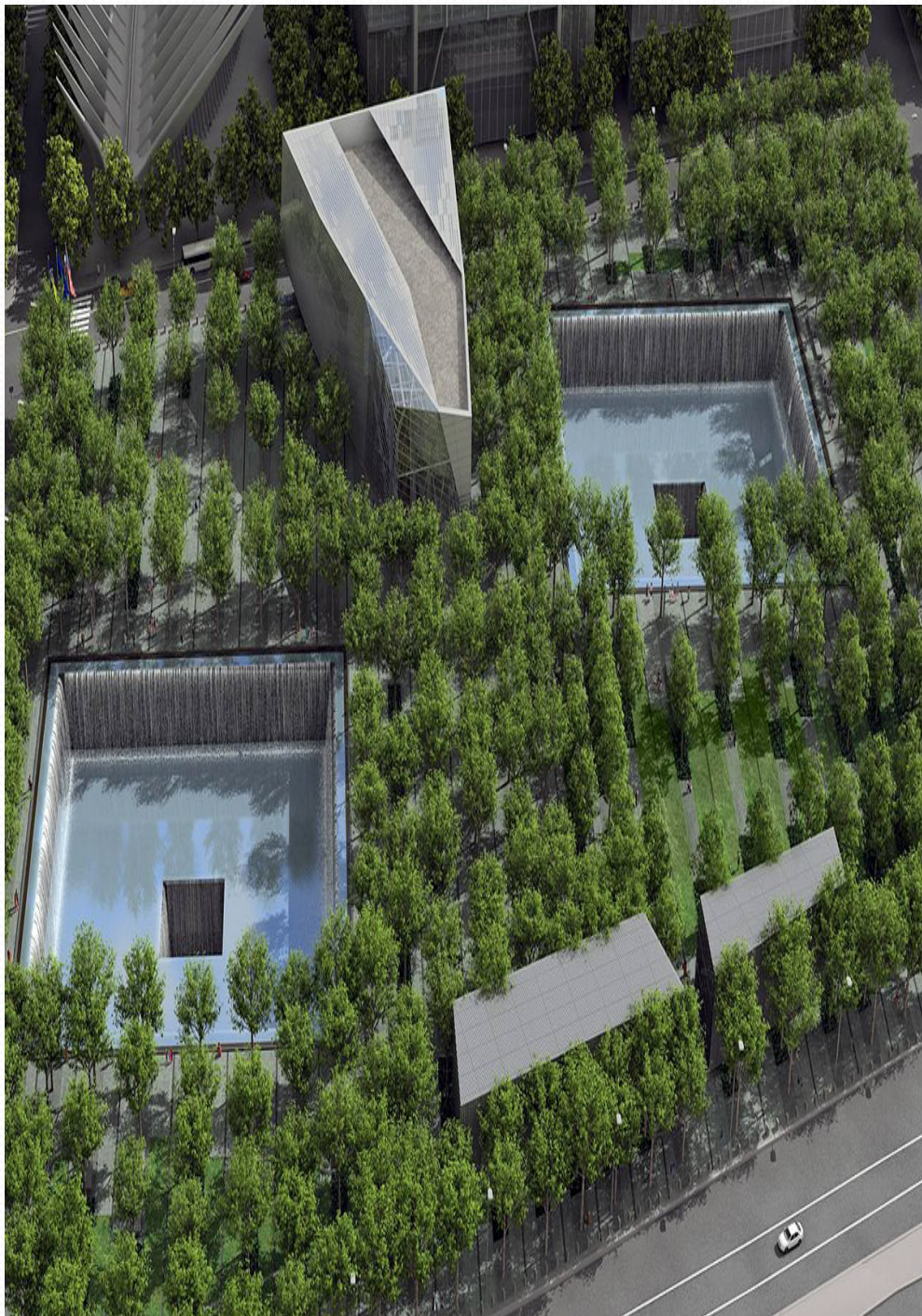







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The goal of the Refugee Community Planning Group of Des Moines was to bring a group of knowledgeable and diverse stakeholders together to identify refugees' needs and service gaps in the Des Moines metro area and develop a coordinated plan of action to address those needs.

Refugee Alliance



Closing Thoughts

Thank you for listening....