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An Immigrant's Life Story from Dirt-Poor India to Helping Save the US Capital from Bankruptcy

Bryn Mawr, PA – 23 May 2019 – Natwar Gandhi began life in a dusty Indian village that had no paved streets, no electricity, no telephone and no running water. When he was 17, his father put him on a train to Mumbai in hopes that he might find work and send money home to help support the family. He barely made a living there, but through countless long days of work, relentless determination and good luck he was able to take a plane to New York at the age of 25, where he landed with \$7 in his pocket.

Still the Promised Land is the fascinating and deeply personal story of how an impoverished immigrant made his way to the New World, remade his life and ultimately became the chief financial officer of Washington, DC, playing a key role in transforming the nation's capital from a near-bankrupt municipality into a financially healthy major American city.

"My life experiences reaffirm faith in the United States and its future as a nation of tremendous opportunity for all those who want to come here, work and remake their lives, reflecting that the 21st can be an American century embracing all cultures—still the promised land," observes Mr. Gandhi. "The anti-immigration policy presently pursued by the Trump administration is misguided and must be replaced by measured and judicious immigration. Only through this enlightened approach can America achieve its manifest destiny as a great nation. Going against immigration runs counter to the American spirit and centuries of historical precedent."

Mr. Gandhi's life is both cautionary and instructive, difficult yet uplifting. Ultimately, it is a harrowing and inspiring account of how to survive seemingly hopeless circumstances and succeed in America. Despite the current political winds that often revile immigrants and immigration itself is denigrated, his journey demonstrates an impassioned message for present-day America.

The publication date is Independence Day, July 4th, 2019. The book's foreword was written by Alice Rivlin, an iconic figure in American history who died as the manuscript was being prepared for publication. Dr. Rivlin was the first director of the Congressional Budget Office, 1975-83; director of the White House Office of Management and Budget, 1994-96; vice chair of the Federal Reserve System, 1996-99; and chair of the D.C. Control Board, 1999-2001.

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