

# A3PCON UP-TO-DATE

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### A3PCON MEMBER AGENCIES

Asian American Drug Abuse Program  
Asian Pacific AIDS Intervention Team  
Asian Pacific American Legal Center  
Asian Pacific Community Fund  
Asian Pacific Health Care Venture  
Asian Pacific Women's Center  
Asian Youth Center  
Center for the Pacific-Asian Family  
Chinatown Service Center  
Coalition to Abolish Slavery & Trafficking  
Economic & Employment Development Ctr.  
Families in Good Health  
Filipino-American Service Group, Inc.  
Japanese American Citizens League  
Korean Immigrant Workers Advocates  
Korean Resource Center  
Korean Youth & Community Center  
Little Tokyo Service Center (LTSC)  
LTSC Community Development  
Corporation  
National Asian Pacific American Families  
Against Substance Abuse  
Pacific Asian Alcohol & Drug  
Program  
Pacific Clinics/Asian Pacific  
Family Center  
Search to Involve Pilipino  
Americans  
South Asian Network  
Special Service for Groups  
Thai Community Development Center  
Thai Health and Information  
Services  
UCLA Asian American Studies Center  
USC Asian Pacific American Student Services  
Western Region Asian Pacific Family Services

## Office of Immigrant Affairs Approved

On March 2, 2004 Mayor Jim Hahn announced plans to create the Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs. Later during that day, the Los Angeles City Council voted unanimously (15-0) to approve the creation of the office upon a motion sponsored by Councilmember Eric Garcetti.

A city that includes 42% foreign born residents, Los Angeles joins other major cities including New York, San Francisco, Houston, Chicago and Boston in establishing an office that focuses on the needs of the immigrant population.

This was a culmination of months of advocacy and collaborative efforts of immigrants' rights organizations including various APIA groups, labor, migration and policy institute, the L.A. City Human Relations Commission, and Councilmember Eric Garcetti's office.

The intent of the Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs is "to advance and advocate the full and active civic, political, and economic participation of immigrants and refugees in the City of Los Angeles". The role of this office is to be involved in policies and issues affecting L.A.'s immigrant and refugee stakeholders, and to facilitate their access to city services, benefits and opportunities.

The City Council has granted 90 days to further develop the mission and activities of this office.

*Submitted by Hamid Khan, VP Policy*



*Councilmember Eric Garcetti sponsored a motion to create the Office of Immigrant Affairs.*

## A3PCON Happenings

As spring rolls around, A3PCON committees, task forces, and Signature Events have been exploding with record high attendance and participation.

One of March's most notable events included the Asian Pacific American Community Research Roundtable's Annual Conference, held at California State Los Angeles. This all-day event consisted of roundtable discussions, a community fair during lunch as well as workshops, panels and presentations. A3PCON would like to recognize Shirлие-Mae Mamaril, Chairperson for the 2004 APA Community Research Roundtable and Jeff Murakami of USC APASS, for all their hard work they put in to this very successful event.

Another event hosted by A3PCON was the *Information and Technology in the API Organizations*, and co-hosted by the Community Technology Policy Council. There were twenty five APIA organizations in attendance. These organizations learned about grant opportunities, were given advice on grant writing, and participated in a discussion with various funding agencies. This event wouldn't have been possible without Debbie Ching, a former A3PCON President.

Lastly, a warm welcome to A3PCON's new VP Administration-Veronika Geronimo.

To catch the A3PCON buzz, log onto [www.a3pcon.org/calender](http://www.a3pcon.org/calender) or meetings or call (213) 388-2834.

## Annual Conference Highlights the Need for Community Based Research By Shirлие-Mae Mamaril, Chair APA Community Research Roundtable

On Friday, March 5, 2004, the Asian Pacific American Community Research Roundtable (APACRR) held its annual conference at Cal State University Los Angeles. The day-long event gathered academic researchers, community based organizations, and students. Participants aimed at identifying research needs among the Asian and Pacific Islander (API) communities and participated in topical discussions in the areas of the state budget, domestic violence and trauma, older adult issues and many other issues of concern to API communities.

The program opened with welcoming remarks John Chiang, Member of the California State Board of Equalization, from Dr. Herman Lujan, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs, at Cal State LA, and Jury Candelario, A3PCON President and Division Director of Asian Pacific AIDS Intervention Team. This was followed by a morning plenary on Issues Facing the APA Community. Panelists included Warren Furutani, Office of the Speaker, California State Assembly, John Chiang, Member of the California State Board of Equalization, John Delloro, Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance, and Veronika Geronimo, Asian Pacific American Legal Center. The panel was moderated by Daniel Ichinose, Project Director of the Demographic Research Unit at the Asian Pacific American Legal Center and member of the APACRR.

The afternoon plenary featured a presentation by Dr. Ali Modarres, CSULA Geography and Urban Analysis department, on changing demographics of Asian American communities. He was followed by presentations from

Mary Anne Foo, Executive Director of Orange County Asian and Pacific Islander Alliance and Edward Park, Director, Asian American Studies, Loyola Marymount University. All three speakers emphasized the importance and the need for utilizing community-based research and education to complement the direct services work provided by community based organizations.

Several A3PCON committees also led roundtable discussions to identify and bring recognition to the emerging research needs pertaining to areas such as HIV/AIDS in the API community, API Older Adults, Drug, Alcohol and Tobacco, as well as Hate Crimes. Additional presentations covered: "Breaking Silences: How Asian Americans Address Trauma and Violence," "Where We Stand: Proposition 209, Proposition 54 and the Korean American Electorate of Los Angeles," "Utilizing the Census and Other Demographic Tools - Census Data and Geographic Information Services (Special Services for Groups)," and "Service Learning: Collaborating with Students and Faculty."

The APACRR, a committee of A3PCON, began in 1989 and consists of representatives from social service and advocacy organizations as well as colleges and universities throughout Southern California. The committee is dedicated to encouraging campus and community collaborations for developing community based-research affecting Asian and Pacific Islander communities.

*For more information on how you can be involved with the APACRR, please contact Shirлие-Mae Mamaril via email at [shirliemae.mamaril@apadrc.org](mailto:shirliemae.mamaril@apadrc.org).*

## A3PCON New Office Manager Kristina Wong



We are very pleased to announce our new part-time Office Manager, Kristina Wong. Kristina has worked previously for non-profit community based arts organizations. She teaches theater at the Asian Pacific Health Care Venture's REAL Youth Center, an A3PCON member organization. She has extensive experience in grant writing and is looking forward to being part of the A3PCON family.



State Board of Equalization member John Chiang (right) converses with CalState Los Angeles representatives (L-R) Professor Chorswan Ngin, Provost Herman Lujan, and Professor Lena Chao at the 2004 Asian Pacific American Community Research Roundtable.

### A3PCON Member News

Assembly Member Judy Chu (D-49), will be honoring **May L. To** as Woman of the Year of the 49th Assembly District, for her long-term commitment to youth growth and development in the San Gabriel Valley and surrounding areas of Los Angeles County. **May**, Executive Director of the **Asian Youth Center**, has worked in the San Gabriel Valley improving access to health services, social services, and youth development opportunities for immigrants for over 15 years.

Congrats to **Gena Lew** on his new position as Executive Director at the **Asian Pacific Community Fund!**

Congratulations to **Dae Yoon** on his new position as Executive Director at the **Korean Resource Center!**

Best Wishes to **Nancy Au**, Executive Director of **WRAP Family Services**, on her retirement! A3PCON is extremely grateful to Nancy as Co-Chair of the Welfare Reform Task Force for many years and former A3PCON President.

Best Wishes to **Sam Demonteverde** of the API Older Adults Task Force on his retirement! A3PCON is extremely grateful to Sam as a former A3PCON President and previous API Older Adults Task Force Co- Chair.

Best Wishes to **Andrea Spolidoro** of the API Older Adults Task Force on her retirement! A3PCON is extremely grateful to Andrea as a previous API Older Adults Task Force Co- Chair and A3PCON Officer.

**Search to Involve Pilipino Americans (SIPA)** welcomes back **Teresa P. Vallente Aldridge**, MSW, Director of Programs & Services! We also congratulate the Aldridge family on arrival of the new baby girl and welcome Atanacia to the SIPA family!



\*To submit great news, please email [info@a3pcon.org](mailto:info@a3pcon.org) or call (213) 388-2834.

## Upcoming Events

### Wednesday, June 16

3-5pm. A3PCON's Next Signature Event/General Meeting with elections. Location TBD. For more info. please call (213) 388-2834 or visit [www.a3pcon.org/meetings](http://www.a3pcon.org/meetings).

### Saturday, July 24 & Sunday, July 25

Little Tokyo Service Center's Annual Tofu Festival will be held in downtown Los Angeles. Be on the lookout for flyers.

## Job Opportunities

**Asian American Drug Abuse Program (AADAP), Fiscal Director, TC Director.** Apply to Dean Nakanishi, Administrative Director to [dnakanishi@aadapinc.org](mailto:dnakanishi@aadapinc.org) or by fax to 323.295.4075 or mail to Administrative Director, AADAP Inc., 5318 S. Crenshaw Blvd., LA., CA. 90043. If you are interested in a full job description visit: [www.aadapinc.org/careers/](http://www.aadapinc.org/careers/)

**Asian Youth Center, Operation Read Tutors (p/t), Program Academic Tutor (p/t).** For Operation Read Tutor position, please send cover letter & resume to Alice Chin by fax (626) 309-0362 For Program Academic Tutor, send cover letter & resume to Josh Lee by fax to (626) 309-0717 or [jkleee@asianyouthcenter.org](mailto:jkleee@asianyouthcenter.org).

**Chinatown Service Center, Grant Writer, Program Director/Counseling, Program Director/CED, Career Resource Specialist, Business Service Representative, Dental Assistant, Guidance Counselor.** Please send cover letter & resume in English to Chinatown Service Center, HR, 767 N. Hill St, Ste #400, LA, CA 90012. Fax: (213) 680-0787.

**Little Tokyo Service Center Community Development Corp. (LTSC CDC), Development Associate.** Please send cover letter & resume to Erich Nakano at [enakano@fc.ltsc.org](mailto:enakano@fc.ltsc.org) or by fax (213) 473-1681.

**Coalition to Abolish Slavery & Trafficking (CAST) Weekend Shelter Manager** Send cover letter and resume to: Carolann Calizar, Night Shelter Manager, Coalition to Abolish Slavery & Trafficking (CAST), 5042 Wilshire Blvd. #586, Los Angeles, CA 90036, 323-290-9247 Telephone 323-290-9172 Fax Email:[carolann@castla.org](mailto:carolann@castla.org)

**Asian Pacific American Dispute Resolution Center (APADRC)** is seeking a Fiscal and Administration Manager. Janny Kum Asian Pacific American Dispute Resolution Center, 1145 Wilshire Blvd, Ste. 100, Los Angeles, CA 90017, E-mail: [janny.kum@apadrc.org](mailto:janny.kum@apadrc.org), Fax: 213 250 8195

**Asian Pacific HealthCare Venture, Inc. (APHCV)**-Non profit community clinic ( close to downtown LA ) is looking for a pediatrician. ( part or full time ) Please fax resume to HRC, Tessie Plata at (323) 644-3890. [TPlata@APHCV.ORG](mailto:TPlata@APHCV.ORG)

**Korean Immigrant Workers Advocates (KIWA)** is seeking a full time Worker Organizer to educate, assist and organize supermarket Korean workers in Koreatown. To Apply: Please send resume, cover letter (2 pages maximum), 2 references to: KIWA, 3465 W. 8th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90005 Phone 213-738-9050, Fax 213-738-9919, [dannypark@kiwa.org](mailto:dannypark@kiwa.org) ATTN: Danny Park

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