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SPOTLIGHT

SAMOAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CENTER



The April general meeting was held at the Samoan Community Development Center (SCDC). SCDC provided an overview on their programs. Members were joined by Julio Martinez from the CA State Treasurer's office to learn about CalKIDS. API Council invited SF District Attorney Brooke Jenkins to provide an update on her work and address public safety.

SCDC was founded in 1991 in San Francisco. SCDC serves 1,500 of 82,576 NHPI's annually. Over the past 25 years, SCDC has built programs for youth K through College, families, case management, summer cultural programs, mental health promotion, breast cancer education and awareness, and re-entry.

RECAP



In February, the API Council hosted a community celebration honoring Speaker Emerita Nancy Pelosi at China Live. We're immensely grateful for her leadership and were so happy to be joined by our members and friends to celebrate her.



In March, API Council hosted a reception in honor of Mayor London Breed. The Mayor was introduced to the API Council's new Steering Committee and talked to member organizations who are recipients of past enhancements from the API Recovery Fund in 2021. We thank the Mayor for joining us and taking the time to address our needs and concerns. When we work together, we know that our communities will continue to rebuild and thrive.

We held our annual general membership retreat on March 6th with the goal of presenting updates, reflecting on the past two years, discussing on API Council Values and Guiding Principles, and receiving feedback from our members on how to grow the impact of our collective work. The retreat also served as a space to discuss building and deepening new and ongoing relationships with each other and across organizations within API Council.

HIGHLIGHTS: REFLECTIONS ON THE JEWISH-AAPI SOLIDARITY TRIP

The API Council and the Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) partnered to organize the first San Francisco Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) and Jewish delegation trip to New York City and Washington, DC. The trip aimed to promote shared understanding, advocacy, and solidarity between the AAPI and Jewish community.

API Council collaborated with JCRC to cover the unique histories, immigration stories, and cultures of each community. Several of the trip highlights included visits to locations, such as the NYC Office for Prevention of Hate Crimes, Congregation Beit Simchat Torah, The LUNAR Collective, Tenement Museum, NYC Chinatown, U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, and the Japanese American Memorial to Patriotism During World War II.

Both community organizations embarked on speaker-led discussions, meetings with elected representatives, and joint advocacy at the White House. This trip established the grounds for more collaboration and partnership for both the AAPI community and Jewish community in San Francisco.



"There has never been a greater need for solidarity, especially during a time when minority communities of color have been under attack. As the largest Asian American and Pacific Islander coalition in San Francisco, we felt that it was important to come together with our Jewish community brothers and sisters to share our rich histories and hope that our lived experiences will lend to more efforts of community healing, trust, and support when facing incidents of hate."

Anni Chung, Executive Director of Self Help for the Elderly and Steering Committee Board Member of the API Council

"Strengthening the relationship between the Jewish and AAPI communities continues to be a top priority for JCRC Bay Area and this solidarity trip enabled us to continue building upon the work we've already done fighting together against antisemitism and AAPI hate, advocating on issues of joint concern, and sharing resources. We hope to build a model of allyship for the Bay Area."

Tye Gregory, CEO of JCRC Bay Area



ANNOUNCEMENTS



Jade Quizon Appointed to SF Food Security Task Force

We would like to congratulate Jade Quizon, API Council Program Manager, on her appointment to the San Francisco Food Security Task Force!

The Board of Supervisors voted unanimously on March 21st, 2023.

Rose Pak Memorial Scholarship

The Rose Pak Memorial scholarship will release their annual scholarship application for 2023 from April 1st to June 30th. It will go live on April first on the Rose Pak Community Fund website: www.rosepakcommunityfund.org

This scholarship program that awards multiple scholarships to assist students in meeting their college financial obligations. The program was established to nurture and inspire the leaders of tomorrow. The scholarship aims to support the next generation of Asian American students who demonstrate leadership qualities and intention to pursue a public-service career in the future.