AAPI HERITAGE MONTH RECAP

ANNUAL API COUNCIL ROUNDTABLE WITH SPEAKER EMERITA NANCY PELOSI

The API Council kicked off Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month by hosting its annual roundtable with Speaker Emerita Nancy Pelosi and membership organizations. This annual convening was hosted at the Samoan Community Development Center.

Our member organizations shared their thoughts, concerns, and were able to ask the Speaker Emerita about her leadership priorities for the AAPI community.

We thank Speaker Emerita Pelosi’s leadership and continued engagement with the AAPI community.
FOOD SECURITY UPDATES

In spite of the increasing demand and price of food, many community-based food programs are at risk of expiring after June 30th. In response to this, organizations across the city are mobilizing to ensure the City Administration prioritizes the funding of food programs. API Council helped plan and host a couple of food advocacy events as part of our leadership role within the new food sovereignty coalition, Food and Agriculture Action Coalition Toward Sovereignty (FAACTS).

- May 8th, Decolonizing the Food System [LINK TO VIEW WEBINAR]: webinar hosted by ShapeUp SF and the SFDPH Healthy Eating Active Living (HEAL) Team
- May 19th, FAACTS Action Dinner: food sovereignty panel hosted by Soleil Ho, farmer testimonial by Cecelia of Yeyi Organics, postcard writing to Mayor Breed and BOS
- May 23rd, FAACTS Advocacy Day: dropped postcards and organic strawberries from local farmer in Watsonville to Mayor Breed and BOS

HIGHLIGHT: 2023 CAAM FEST

API Council was a proud community partner of this year's CAAMFest. Featured films:

CENTERPIECE: THE ACCIDENTAL GETAWAY DRIVER
- Directed by Sing J Lee
- Cast: Dali Benssalah, Dustin Nguyen, Gabrielle Chan, Hiệp Trần Nghĩa, Phi Vũ

KĀINGA
- Directed by Angeline Loo, Asuka Sylvie, Ghazaleh Golbakhsh, HASH, Julie Zhu, Michelle Ang, Nahyeon Lee, Yamin Tun
- Cast: Dharshi Ponnampalam, Eliana Hwang, Izumi Sugihara, Katlyn Wong, Masoumeh Hesam Mahmoudinezhad, Mya Williamson, Patricia Senocbit, Rena Owen, Shetty, Sneha, Vicki Lu

THE HARVEST
- Directed by Caylee So
- Cast: Chrisna Chhor, Doua Moua, Perry Yung, Ying Yuen

PACIFIC VOICES
Beyond pineapples and palm trees. These are the real stories from and about Hawai‘i and its people. From the housing crisis to conservation to loss of land to water population, these films reflect the issues they face and the hopes and struggles of their daily lives and the future of their communities.