10TH NATIONAL LIGHTING THE COMMUNITY SUMMIT

SHINING OUR LIGHT

BUILDING BRIDGES, BUILDING COMMUNITIES, BUILDING TRUST

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Welcome & Invitation

10TH NATIONAL LIGHTING THE COMMUNITY SUMMIT

Welcome & Invitation

“Welcome to FACE/KCCD’s 10th National Lighting the Community Summit under the theme of “Shining Our Light: Building Bridges, Building Communities, Building Trust.” In light of our current political environment and world conditions, we are especially delighted to partner this year with the City of Los Angeles Human Relations Commission in convening this gathering of Asian American & Pacific Islanders (AAPI) Christian leaders and the broader community at Los Angeles City Hall in Los Angeles to equip, to engage and to partner in addressing the many challenges facing our communities and country and even the world.

Our theme reflects the strengths of our communities as well as the vision of this Summit and movement. No community is an island. We are all stronger when we stand united and fully equipped to serve one another. The AAPI Christian community has been active through evangelism, global missions, and direct service. Yet our voice and presence have been missing at the local and national front due to marginalization and our own disengagement.*

We come to this summit as those who are called to be salt and light to the world and to be bold witnesses in every sphere of life. This calling is greater than any particular political stance or social agenda. It is time to engage, build bridges and grow our influence and positive WITNESS to the world, that we may ADVOCATE for those who are voiceless, and foster PARTNERSHIPS that unite and serve our communities.

Finally, we come to shine our light and to bless and pray for our city and our nation’s leaders. Thank you for your partnership.

“We invite you to join our 1000 Initiative, a national, nonpartisan network of AAPI Christian churches and leaders for “such a time as this” in creating a strong united AAPI Christian voice in the public sphere!

Hyepin Im
KCCD/FACE President and CEO

Rev. John Jong Dai Park
KCCD/FACE Board Co-Chair

Sandra Ko
KCCD/FACE Board Co-Chair and Secretary

Co-host:
City of Los Angeles Human Relations Commission

President, Mark A. Rothman
1st Vice-President, Justine Gonzalez
2nd Vice-President, Courtney Morgan-Greene

Members:
Irma Beserra Núñez
Melany Dela Cruz-Viesca
Marco Ramirez
Rosa Russell
Nirinjan Singh Khalsa
Angelica Solis Montero
Irene Tovar
Francisco Ortega, Director
Sheldon Cruz, Senior Policy Analyst
Charlene Dubose
Sandra Cervantes

It is time to engage, build bridges and grow our influence and positive WITNESS to the world, that we may ADVOCATE for those who are voiceless, and foster PARTNERSHIPS that unite and serve our communities.”
Dear Friends,

I would like to extend a warm welcome to all those gathered here at Los Angeles City Hall with the Korean Churches for Community Development (KCCD) soon to be Faith and Community Empowerment (FACE) to celebrate its 10th National “Lighting the Community” Summit.

The KCCD/FACE is a non-profit faith-based organization, which serves as a bridge between the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community and the greater community at local and national levels. As the years have gone by, the KCCD/FACE has organized a plethora of events to serve the Korean-American communities of Los Angeles and beyond.

Today, the KCCD/FACE is celebrating its 10th National “Lighting the Community” Summit which strives to bring together policy makers, elected officials, and business leaders with pastors, media, community leaders, as well as others to promote awareness and education on the status and challenges within the Asian American and Pacific Islander communities.

On behalf of the United States House of Representatives and the people of the 27th Congressional District, I offer my congratulations and best wishes for the continued success of the Korean Churches for Community Development, soon to be Faith and Community Empowerment.

Sincerely,

JUDY CHU, Ph.D.
Member of Congress, 27th District

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Korean Churches for Community Development
3550 Wilshire Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90010

Dear Korean Churches for Community Development:

I am pleased to extend my warmest greetings to all gathered at the Korean Churches for Community Development’s 10th National Lighting the Community Conference: Shining Our Light: Building Bridges, Building Communities, Building Trust.

For 16 years, Korean Churches for Community Development (KCCD) has provided faith leadership for over a million Korean Americans and equipped Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPIs) across the country with essential financial education. With 75 percent of the Korean American community connected with a local church, KCCD has provided counseling for potential homeowners, foreclosure-avoidance counseling, job placement through their Job Opportunities and Business Success initiative, and financial literacy trainings. I commend KCCD for its advocacy efforts, such as its assistance with creating nearly 200 affordable housing units in Koreatown, Los Angeles.

I offer my heartfelt congratulations to KCCD and all attendees of the 10th Annual National Lighting the Community Conference. This year’s conference will address important issues such as immigration reform, mental health, human trafficking and other problems facing AAPIs. KCCD will also host workshops on forging faith-based and community partnerships and securing support for churches and non-profits to help AAPI communities of faith succeed.

Please accept my best wishes for a wonderful conference and much continued success!

Sincerely,

Grace Meng
Member of Congress
Congressman Ed Royce  
U.S. House of Representatives,  
California, 39th District

State Controller Betty Yee  
California

Letters of Commendation

10TH NATIONAL LIGHTING THE COMMUNITY SUMMIT

November 2, 2017

Dear Friends:

Welcome to the 10th National Lighting the Community Summit.

I applaud the work of Korean Churches for Community Development/Faith and Community Empowerment in building partnerships that support economic development and neighborhood revitalization. Thank you to all who are gathered for investing your time and energy to cultivate relationships and promote social justice in diverse California communities.

I extend very best wishes for a memorable event and for continued success.

Sincerely,

Betty T. Yee
California State Controller
November 2, 2017

Dear Friends:

As Senator of California’s Thirty-Fourth Senate District it is my pleasure to welcome you to the 10th National Lighting the Community Summit, which this year carries the theme of ‘Shining Our Light: Building Bridges, Building Communities, Building Trust.’

Since its inception, the Korean Churches for Community Development (KCCD) has worked to empower and assist Asian Americans by making available a variety of programs that range from homeownership, financial literacy and affordable housing to church and nonprofit leadership. In addition to these important programs KCCD also hosts this annual three-day Summit which brings together policy makers, elected officials, business leaders, media and community leaders under one roof where they can identify common challenges and find areas of collaboration.

As KCCD becomes Faith and Community Empowerment (FACE) and as the Asian American community continues to grow, I have no doubt that you will build upon KCCD’s past successes. Your participation at this Summit shows your willingness to come together to further strengthen the Asian American community; for this commitment, you should feel very proud.

In the spirit of celebration, I would like to take this opportunity to extend my gratitude and appreciation to President Hyepin Im and the dedicated staff of KCCD/FACE for their great work. As you enjoy this evening, please remember that KCCD/FACE’s mission is ongoing and that through collaboration we can advance the Asian-American Communities’ influence and prosperity.

On behalf of the residents of California’s Thirty-Fourth Senate District, I offer you best wishes for a wonderful event.

Sincerely,

JANET NGUYEN
State Senator, Thirty-Fourth District
California State Legislature

Korean Churches for Community Development
3550 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 736
Los Angeles, CA 90010

Dear Friends:

I am very pleased to welcome you to the 10th National Lighting the Community Summit in support of Korean Churches for Community Development (KCCD) and its outstanding programs.

This year’s theme is “Shining Our Light: Building Bridges, Building Communities, Building Trust”, and, for the past 16 years, KCCD has done just that. KCCD is a beacon of hope, voice and light for underserved communities. Some of their countless initiatives include financial literacy training, mental health services, and affordable care outreach for Korean and Asian American communities. KCCD has also worked to strengthen the faith community’s impact on the broader community through public and private partnerships.

KCCD should be proud of its work to transform lives and communities through faith, passion, and leadership. They will be opening 100 units of affordable housing in the fall of 2017, providing important support for families in Los Angeles County. My thanks to KCCD for their continued empowerment of County residents.

I send my best wishes for a wonderful event and continued success!

Sincerely,

Sheila Kuehl
Supervisor, Third District

State Senator
Janet Nguyen
California, 34th District

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SUPERVISOR, THIRD DISTRICT

Supervisor
Sheila Kuehl
County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors, 3rd District
November 2, 2017

Korean Churches for Community Development
Southwestern Law School
3030 Wilshire Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90010

Dear Friends:

Congratulations to Korean Churches for Community Development on your 10th annual National Lighting the Community Conference and best wishes to all of today’s attendees.

On behalf of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, thank you for your strong support of our mutual effort to build bridges and confront challenges faced by Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in our communities.

Sincerely,

KATHRYN BARGER
Supervisor, Fifth District
November 2, 2017

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the 15th District and the City of Los Angeles, it is my honor to welcome you to Korean Churches for Community Development/Faith and Community Empowerment’s 10th National Lighting the Community Summit. I am honored to be a part of this event and I commend KCCD/FACE for promoting awareness and education on the status and challenges within the Asian American and Pacific Islander communities.

I commend KCCD/FACE for its dedication and investment into our city’s Asian American and Pacific Islander communities by providing the opportunity to address issues and to strengthen relationships.

Best wishes for an informative and enjoyable event!

Respectfully,

JOE BUSCAINO
Councilmember, 15th District

November 2, 2017

Dear Friends,

It is with great pleasure that I extend warm congratulations and best wishes to the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Faith Alliance upon the occasion of your 10th National Lighting the Community Summit. This Summit brings together elected officials, community leaders, Christian churches, and other stakeholders to network, strengthen existing partnerships, and to better implement community programs and services. I want to take this opportunity to commend the outstanding work and leadership to make this Summit a success. I join with those gathered in recognizing and thanking those who work tirelessly to advocate for the issues that impact the AAPI community.

I am proud to join with you and acknowledge the Asian American and Pacific Islander Faith Alliance for the great leadership, unparalleled dedication and enduring commitment to the community.

Best regards,

JEFFREY PRANG
Assessor

Assessor
Jeffrey Prang
County of Los Angeles
November 2, 2017

Korean Churches for Community Development (KCCD)
3550 Wilshire Blvd. Ste. 736
Los Angeles, CA 90010

Dear Friends:

Please join me in recognizing and celebrating the Korean Churches for Community Development’s 10th National Lighting the Community Summit. Honoring the theme “Shining our Light: Building Bridges, Building Communities and Building Trust,” it is self-evident as to why KCCD is a staple in the community.

Serving as the bridge between the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community and the greater community, KCCD has been phenomenal at bringing policy makers, elected officials and business leaders, pastors, media and many other stakeholders together to promote awareness and education of the challenges within the Asian American and Pacific Islander communities. I look forward to the outcome of this informative conference that will go in depth to address the issues and to strengthen relations within the AAPI communities, as well as identifying and cultivating funding opportunities that are available to churches and nonprofits.

KCCD congratulations on your milestone and I look forward to celebrating with you all again in the next 10 years!

Sincerely,

SEBASTIAN RIDLEY-THOMAS
California State Assemblymember
Fifty-Fourth District
SoCalGas® proudly recognizes KCCD/FACE’s 10th National Lighting the Community Summit for its commitment to community. Through KCCD/FACE’s actions, we are reminded that we all need to do our part. Thank you for continuing to do yours.
### Day 1 Program Schedule

#### November 2

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| 3:00pm - 5:00pm | Check-in & Registration                                                                                                                 | Controller Room #351  
City Hall East  
Rotunda |
| 5:00pm - 6:00pm | **Opening Reception Dinner & Networking**  
(Dinner Reception)  

  - Nirinjan Singh Khalsa, City of Los Angeles, Human Relations Commission  
  - Sandra Ko, KCCD/FACE Board Co-Chair  

  **Special Remarks**  
  - Jeffrey Prang, Los Angeles County Assessor |
|                | **Welcome Remarks:**  
Our Vision - Witness, Advocacy, & Partnership  

  - Hyepin Im, KCCD/FACE President and CEO  
  - Sheldon Cruz, City of Los Angeles, Human Relations Commission  

  **Prayer**  
  - Rev. John Jongdai Park, KCCD/FACE Board Co-Chair  

  **Leadership**  
  - Jenny Darroch, Dean of Drucker School of Management  

  **Special Music**  
  - CCCLA Praise Team  

  **Building Bridges:**  
  Faith and Community Empowerment  

  **Moderator**  
  - Alexander Jun, Moderator, Presbyterian Church of America  

  **Speakers**  
  - Daniel Tam, City of Los Angeles Mayor’s Interfaith Collective  
  - Rev. Mark Nakagawa, District Superintendent, Cal-PAC UMC  
  - Adam Estle, Director of Field and Constituencies, National Immigration Forum  
  - Paul Song, Co-Chair, Campaign for a Healthy California  
  - Zachary Hoover, Executive Director, LA Voice |
| 7:15pm         | **Speednetworking Competition**  

  **Judge**  
  - Adam Ma, Community Relations Manager, SoCalGas  
  - Hyepin Im, KCCD/FACE President and CEO |
|                | **Special Performance**  

  - Larissa Lam |
| 8:30pm         | **AAPI Community: Our Strengths and Our Challenges**  

  - Melany De La Cruz-Viesca, Assistant Director, UCLA Asian American Studies Center  
  - Alton Wang, Assistant Director, AAPI Data and the Center for Social Innovation, UC Riverside |
| 9:30pm         | **Closing Worship**  

  - CCCLA Praise Team |
## Day 2 Program Schedule

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<td>Photo Opp &amp; Lunch Networking</td>
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<td>The Power of Partnerships: Leveraging Funding and Resources for Growth</td>
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<td>Reflections on Lessons Learned</td>
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<td>4:30pm - 5:30pm</td>
<td>Building Trust: Fierce Conversations</td>
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<td>Jaweed Kaleem, Los Angeles Times</td>
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<td>Tersit Asrat, Founder/President, Hosanna Broadcasting Television</td>
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<td>NATIONAL ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER PRAYER BREAKFAST</td>
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| 8:30am - 10:30am | Special Music  
- Koinonia Praise Team | Belasco Theater |
| 10:30am - 12:30pm | Envisioning the Future: Empowering the Community to Action  
- **Moderators:**  
  - James Cho, KCCD/FACE Board Member  
- **Speakers:**  
  - Jihee Huh, Vice-Chair, PAFCO  
  - Janna Louie, InterVarsity Fellowship  
  - Ron Wong, President/CEO, Imprenta Communications Group Inc.  
  - Hyepin Im, President/CEO, KCCD/FACE  
- **Facilitators:**  
  - Sheldon Cruz, Policy Analyst, City of Los Angeles HRC  
  - Alexander Jun, PCA Moderator | Belasco Theater |
| 12:30pm | Free Time | Belasco Theater |
| 4:30pm | Registration and Check-in  
- Held at the Belasco Theater  
- Address: 1050 S. Hill Street, Los Angeles, CA 90015 | Belasco Theater |
| 4:30pm | VIP Reception | Belasco Theater |
| 5:00pm - 6:30pm | Dinner & Networking | Belasco Theater |
| 6:30pm | Start Seating | Belasco Theater |
| 7:00pm - 8:30pm | AWARDS GALA PROGRAM  
- **Co-emcee:**  
  - Tim Lounibous, actor  
  | Belasco Theater  
  | 1050 S. Hill Street  
  | Los Angeles, CA 90015  
- **Special Music:**  
  - Incredible Praise  
- **Special Remarks:**  
  - Jerome Horton, Board Member, CA Board of Equalization  
  | Belasco Theater  
  | 1050 S. Hill Street  
  | Los Angeles, CA 90015  
  | | HONOREE PRESENTATIONS  
  | **A.C. Green,** former Los Angeles Lakers and NBA Champion  
  | Introduced by: Sheldon Cruz  
  | **Union Bank**  
  | Introduced by: Cindy Wu  
  | **Ken Fong,** Senior Pastor, Evergreen Baptist Church of LA  
  | Introduced by: Paul Lin  
  | **Paul Sohn,** Best-selling Author  
  | Introduced by: Kevin Kang & Elysia Adi  
  | **Alexander Jun,** PCA Moderator  
  | Introduced by: Sandra Ko  
  | **Cha In Pyo,** Korean Actor and **Shin Ae-Ra,** Korean Actress  
  | Introduced by: Ricky Kim  
- **Special Performances:**  
  - Cile Borman  
  - Seung Ju Ryu  
- **Closing Song:**  
  - Incredible Praise | Belasco Theater  
  | 1050 S. Hill Street  
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Special Performances

Seung-Ju Ryu, South Korean Actress

Seung-ju Ryu is a renowned musical theatre actress in South Korea. She is also well-known for her TV entertainment image and hosting of events and TV shows. Her theatrical Works include falling Eve (2011), Maria Maria (2013, 2010), Dreamgirls (2009) and Wedding Singer (2009). She is happily married to actor and producer Ricky Kim. They first met while working with Compassion International, an NGO that they both are very active in. Ms. Ryu is also well-known for her Outreach and humanitarian works. Currently she is studying in a master's program in musical theater at Hong-Ik University and is also in the master's program in Christian family therapy at HIS University.

Larissa Lam, Award-Winning Singer

Music Composer and TV/Radio Host

Larissa Lam is an award-winning singer, music composer and TV/radio host. She began her career as the CFO of NSoul Records and one the lead singers of the EDM praise and worship group, Nitro Praise. She has released four solo albums and performed all across the U.S. She previously composed music for The Oprah Winfrey Show among other film, TV and video game projects. Her song “I Feel Alive” won the Hollywood Music in Media Award for Best Dance Song and was the theme song for a national suicide prevention campaign. For nine years, she hosted a weekly talk show, “Top 3,” on TBN’s youth network JUCE TV alongside Rich Wilkerson, Jr. and Reba Toney. More recently, Lam directed the award-winning documentary, Finding Cleveland, about the early Chinese immigrants in Mississippi and is co-hosting a new advice show for teens, UTalk Radio, with speaker and author, Steve Russo.

Incredible Praise

Incredible Praise is a contemporary Christian/Gospel group on a mission for the kingdom of God. They have provided music throughout Los Angeles for political candidates, city gatherings, concerts and more. They create original music and sing cover songs to meet the needs of those to whom they minister. Their belief is “they must decrease, while He increases.”

Cile Borman

Performer, Songwriter, Actress

Cile has performed worldwide. Chosen as a Volunteer of the Year 2014, by Los Angeles Council District 7, Councilmember Felipe Fuentes. Volunteered and raised funds for the Pacoima 2017 Martin Luther King Birthday Celebration Breakfast. Organized the Tujunga Wash location in Lake View Terrace, Ca for the 2011 Heal the Bay clean-up campaign, where 100 volunteers removed over 1000 pounds of trash from the Wash area around All Nations Church. Helped to facilitate the 2011, 2012 and 2013 All Nations Church Health and Safety Fair that provided free dental and medical services for over 500 People. Help to obtain a Grant from Cultural Affairs to present the Free Multi Ethnic Gospel Music and Dance Celebration 2013 also at All Nations Church. Was chosen by Councilman Richard Alarcon as Pioneer Woman of the Year 2008 for his Council District # 7 for her continued volunteerism.

Koinonia

Koinonia is the original name of the Taiwanese youth group in Cleveland, OH. The praise team formed in the basement of the youth director’s home during their middle and high school years. While it’s been 20 years since Paul and Cecilia have led worship together, both are glad to serve the Lord with others at this year’s Prayer Breakfast. Koinonia member Cecilia Loh is a Midwest transplant who moved to SoCal a year ago to work in a medical practice as a general and hand surgeon. She is passionate about her love for Jesus and the underserved, and she previously spent 2 years in rural Kenya doing medical missions work. She also enjoys spending time with her niece, music, playing just about any kind of sport (especially football), the beach, and outdoor activities. Cecilia can quote most lines from the movie Rush Hour, and she has a particular weakness for chocolate.
SUMMIT GOALS & OVERVIEW

SUMMIT GOALS

WITNESS • 입증
Raise the visibility, profile, and resources of the AAPI Christian community at a national level.
아시안 어메리칸 태평양 연안국가 기독교 커뮤니티의 가시성, 인지도와 자원을 국가수준으로 높인다.

ADVOCACY • 행동노선, 지지
Equip AAPI Christian leaders to better engage, advocate, and educate the broader community about AAPI needs and concerns.
아시안 어메리칸 태평양 연안국가 기독교 지도자들이 아시안 태평양 연안 제도의 문제점과 요구에 대해 더욱 폭넓은 지역사회를 교육하고, 지지하고, 참여하도록 준비한다.

PARTNERSHIP • 협력
Deepen AAPI community partnerships with one another and collaborate with government and other decision makers to leverage resources and increase impact.
아시안 어메리칸 태평양 연안국가 상호간에 협력을 강화하고, 정부및 기타의견 결정자들이 자원을 활용하고 영향력을 높일수 있도록한다.

THE SUMMIT provides opportunities for churches and non-profit organizations to learn how to leverage resources, access funding opportunities, and build successful partnerships to better implement their programs for the community and expand their impact and witness. The summit will also provide networking opportunities with various important stakeholders including potential funders, elected officials, and government agencies. At the same time, the summit provides a platform to highlight great models and resources in the community as well as advocate for issues that impact the Asian American and Pacific Islander community.

이번전국대회는 교회와 비영리단체가 어떻게 자원을 활용하고 모금기회를 얻으며 그들의 영향과 관점을 확장하며 그들의 프로그램을 구현하고 성공적인 협력관계를 구축하는지 보여줄것이다. 전국대회는 잡재적인 출자자와 정부요인, 정부기관등 다양한 관계자를 만날수 있는 기회를 제공할것이다. 동시에, 전국대회는 아시아 태평양 연안 지역사회에 영향을 미칠 주제를 지지하고 모범적인 실례를 강조할 수있는 장을 제공할것이다.
ISSUES IMPACTING AAPI
WHY IT MATTERS

BLACK LIVES MATTER, API LIVES MATTER

Why this matters - In tackling one of the most pressing racial issues in the United States today, the treatment of African Americans in the justice system, Black lives matter to API Christians. They matter because we are all God’s children. As family, we fellowship in each other’s sufferings. In fact, APIs have a stake in this matter because we, too, face institutional disparities that subordinate us. For example, API youth arrested are 2.5 times more likely than whites to be tried and convicted as adults, so that their punishment is much more onerous.

The mass incarceration of Black and Brown people and their treatment by the hands of the justice system may be seen the new caste system of the United States. As seen in the past year, the deaths of Michael Brown in Ferguson and Eric Garner in New York at the hands of police officers has led to serious questioning of whether Black lives matter in the eyes of our society. Where, then, should APIs stand on this issue which has created such a chasm in America? Prominent scholar activists contributing to KCCD’s Prophetic Voices have all concluded that APIs need to stand on God’s side, who is for the oppressed. “On God’s side, we aim to act justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly. When we make all lives matter, our lives will also matter.”

JUVENILE DELINQUENCY

Why this matters - Asian youth have the second highest rate of being tried in adult court for violent crimes. In addition, Asian youth tried in adult court are imprisoned more often than Hispanic and White and are only slightly behind Black youth.
IMMIGRATION REFORM

Why this matters - Even though Asian American and Pacific Islanders make up 6 percent of the total U.S. population, we account for over 40 percent of the 4.2 million individuals caught in the current family immigration visa backlog. And we account for 84 percent of the employer-based visa backlog! AAPI DREAMers also account for 40 percent of those in the University of California system. Today, more immigrants come from Asia or the Pacific Islands than any other region in the world. Those from Asian countries also account for 10 percent, or about 1.3 million, of all undocumented immigrants.
TOP ISSUES & PROBLEMS TO ADDRESS

MENTAL HEALTH & YOUTH AT-RISK

**Why this matters** - Nearly 150 college-aged Asian American students will die by suicide this year: Asian Americans aged 20-24 have the highest suicide rate of all Asian Americans at 12.4 per 100,000, and have the highest rate of suicidal thoughts among all college-aged students. This rate also appears to be nearly 1.5x higher than the national suicide rate — 7 out of 100,000 — among college-aged students. In 1996-2006 at Cornell University, there were 13 Asian American suicides of the 21 total student deaths by suicide in that time frame. Asian American students made up about 25% of the student body in that time, yet Asian American students were 55% of students who committed suicide on-campus. 1 in 3 college students report experiencing some combination of depression-like symptoms over the course of their time on-campus, and 15% will experience suicidal thoughts; for this reason in part, suicide is the second leading cause of death for college-aged students. Yet, Asian American students are dying by suicide at apparently higher rates than non-Asian counterparts. In part, this is due to high cultural stigma against mental health disorders within the Asian American community. In the general population, Asian Americans are 50% less likely to report symptoms of depression to others, and only 2% (compared to 13% of non-Asians) will raise the topic with their doctors. So, it is not unreasonable to imagine that Asian American students on college campuses are less likely than their non-Asian peers to seek treatment when they experience depression symptoms.

HOUSING

**Why this matters** - Since the housing crisis, Asian Americans were a group that experienced steep decline of homeownership rates, resulting in higher rates of foreclosure along with drop of wealth and housing burden. Within California, Asians suffered the sharpest drop in homeownership in 2008, a 1.24 percentage points drop compared to Blacks (0.88 percentage points), Hispanics (0.80 percentage points), and Whites (0.40 percentage points.) From 2000 to 2010, Asians had the highest proportion of homeowners who paid more than 50% of their monthly income to their housing costs.
TOP ISSUES & PROBLEMS TO ADDRESS

MY BROTHER’S KEEPER (FEDERAL INITIATIVE)

Why this matters - Boys and young men of color — regardless of where they come from — are disproportionately at risk from their youngest years through college and the early stages of their professional lives. President Obama has announced a new initiative with leading foundations and businesses that take a collaborative, multi-disciplinary approach to build ladders of opportunity and unlock the full potential of boys and young men of color. The Presidential Memorandum has established the My Brother’s Keeper Task Force to help determine which public and private efforts are working, how the Federal government can support those efforts, and how we can get more folks involved in those efforts across the board. At the White House Briefing portion of the summit, we will be learning about this new special initiative and how we can help make an impact.

The current emphasis of this initiative leans towards the Hispanic and African American communities. To further demonstrate the AAPI Christian community’s commitment towards raising up the next generation of young leaders in America, we will be dialoging on this initiative with policymakers and highlight the challenges that Asian youths also face. For example, studies have shown that dropout rates for high school students are directly tied to income and poverty levels. The national statistics on poverty rates show Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders at 11.7% and 17.6% respectively. These figures still trail behind the African American and Hispanic populations at about 26% and 23%, but still show a need for support and attention in the AAPI communities so that our nation’s young men can be empowered together for the future.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

Why this matters - Asian Americans are facing serious moral choices in regard to how we should respond to recent rulings by the Supreme Court on affirmative action. There are seismic shifts taking place in the landscape of higher education induced by these rulings. Both sides of the debates over affirmative action are seeking to enlist Asian Americans to shore up their arguments for and against affirmative action policies. As it has become clear that race based policies are on the decline, there are some resources to read to help us develop critical responses to changing affirmative action practices that reflect our commitment to social justice and diversity.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Why this matters - Human trafficking, the buying/selling of people, is rising as a dangerous threat. Profits for trafficking are the second largest illegal enterprise in the world, after drugs. People are bought and sold for use as laborers, domestic workers, sex workers, and held against their will in many US cities, and around the world. The AAPI community cares about trafficking because it is disproportionately affecting our communities. Sex trafficking and forced labor are thriving in Asian and South Asian countries. The orientalization of API women helps grow the demand for Asian women in brothels. In the US, victims of trafficking are coming from many Asian countries and the need for services in Asian languages is high. And for our community, there is a unique tie between domestic violence and trafficking that needs to be addressed.

OTHER TOP ISSUES & PROBLEMS TO ADDRESS

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Senior Pastor, Yoido Full Gospel Church

Timothy Haahs
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Rev. Michael Lee
Senior Pastor, Young Nak Celebration Church
Impact Award Honorees

Cha In Pyo
Korean Actor and Representative for Korean Compassion International

Cha In Pyo is a Korean Actor who gained stardom for his role in the MBC drama “All My Love For You”. In 2012, he appeared in the SBS talk show “Healing Camp” where he spread the value of generosity though raising funds for high school textbooks. Recently, he has been active in raising awareness of the Korean culture through co-producing the Korean American joint film “Heaven Quest”.

Shin Ae-Ra
Korean Actress and Ambassador for Korean Compassion International

Shin Ae Ra starred with Cha In Pyo in the 1990’s MBC drama “All My Love For You” and awarded best actress for that role. The two also married soon after the drama. Since 2005, she has been working as an ambassador for Korean Compassion International where she spreads goodwill throughout the world. She is currently pursuing a doctoral degree in family ministry in the United States.

A.C. Green
Former NBA player for the Los Angeles Lakers

A.C. Green spent 16 seasons in the NBA, and won three championships with the Los Angeles Lakers spanning three decades (in 1987, 1988, and 2000), beginning with teammates such as Showtimes’ Magic Johnson, Coach Pat Riley, Kareem Abdul Jabbar, and James Worthy, and ending with Shaquille O’Neal, Kobe Bryant, Robert Horry, Derek Fisher, and Coach Phil Jackson. A.C. is the only player in Laker history to win championships in both the “Fabulous” Forum and Staples Center. A.C. also played with Charles Barkley and the Phoenix Suns, Dirk Nowitzki and the Dallas Mavericks, and Alonzo Mourning's Miami Heat.

Outside of basketball, A.C.’s heart is dedicated to working with youth. Because of his love for young people, A.C. established the A.C. Green Youth Foundation in 1989, with the main focus on sexual abstinence education. Through his “I’ve Got the Power” and “Game Plan” abstinence curriculum, videos, leadership camps, and web site, A.C.’s mission is to help young people build self-esteem and character, and learn moral and ethical principles which will help them make responsible decisions.

A.C. is a youth mentor, author, speaker, and successful businessman. His business interests have included ownership of numerous Denny’s Restaurants and a Hyundai dealership, as well as various entrepreneurial pursuits. A.C. is also in demand as a business consultant and lecturer.

A.C. is a role model that youth across America can respect, and for this he was recognized in the House of Representatives’ Congressional Record of October 26, 1999 and by President George Bush when A.C. attended a ceremony in the Oval Room during
Impact Award Honorees

Paul Sohn
Leadership Coach, Best-selling Author and Speaker

Paul Sohn is a leadership coach, best-selling author and speaker. Formerly employed by both a Fortune 50 company and a Top 100 Great Place to Work Company, Paul is the founder of QARA, an organization dedicated to equipping and empowering the next generation of leaders to discover and live out their God-given identity and calling. Paul is a best-selling author of Quarter-Life Calling: Finding Your God-Given Purpose in Your Twenties. Paul was named one of the Top 33 under 33 Christian Millennials to Follow by Christianity Today. Some of Paul’s favorite things include authentic Korean food, tennis, and travelling. Paul currently resides in San Diego.

Alexander Jun, Ph.D.
Moderator for the Presbyterian Church of America
Professor of Higher Education, Azusa Pacific University

Alexander Jun, Ph.D., is a TED speaker and Professor of Higher Education at Azusa Pacific University. He has published extensively on issues of postsecondary access for historically underrepresented students in underserved areas, and continues to conduct research on issues surrounding equity, justice and diversity in higher education. He is author of the book, From here to university: Access, mobility, and resilience among urban Latino youth. He recently joined the board of Journal of Behavior and Social Sciences and serves as Associate Editor. Dr. Jun’s latest book entitled White Out: Understanding White Privilege and Dominance in the Modern Age, published in 2017, is published by Peter Lang. In June 2017 Dr. Jun was elected as the first Asian American Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA). He is married to Jeany Kim Jun, a professor of pharmacy at the Keck Graduate Institute. They have three middle and high school children.
Ken Fong
Senior Pastor, Evergreen Baptist Church of LA
Affiliate Adjunct Professor of Asian American Church Studies, Fuller Seminary

Growing up in Sacramento, CA, Ken graduated from UC Berkeley with a BA in biology (’76). He earned his MDiv (’81) and DMin (’90) from Fuller Theological Seminary. Since 1981, Ken helped guide Evergreen Baptist Church of LA (Rosemead, CA) to become a cutting edge multi-generational, English-only, majority API American church. He has served as a trustee for InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, Westmont College, Asian American Drug Abuse Program, and has been an affiliate adjunct professor of Asian American Church Studies at Fuller since 2014. Ken is a frequent conference speaker; most notably he served as the weeklong Bible expositor for 20,000 college students at Urbana 2000. Since May 2015 Ken has hosted and co-produced “Asian America: The Ken Fong Podcast,” a weekly program that has drawn listeners from every State and from over one hundred countries. He retired from pastoring EBCLA in July 2017 in order to focus more on specific passions and travel. Congresswoman Judy Chu (27th District) awarded him the Community Leader of 2017 Award (West San Gabriel Valley) for his pioneering work to get more Christian churches to love and include their LGBTQ neighbors. He is an ardent photographer and cyclist. His wife Sharon retired from the Private Bank of UBOC in 2017 and their daughter Janessa attends Seattle Pacific University. They share their home in Sierra Madre, CA, with their two dogs.

Union Bank

MUFG Union Bank is a full-service bank with 398 branches in California, Washington and Oregon and commercial branches in Dallas, Houston, New York City and Chicago. For more than 150 years, MUFG Union Bank has provided meaningful financial support and leveraged a variety of programs designed to build and nurture healthy, thriving communities. Through its Corporate Social Responsibility group, the Bank has made significant investments in underserved areas to effect positive change in areas with critical needs.

Union Bank places the highest value on energetic and proactive community reinvestment through steadfast support of small businesses and affordable housing, supplier diversity spending, philanthropic grants from the MUFG Union Bank Foundation, and volunteer efforts of a dedicated workforce. They believe that a responsible bank has a duty to help address root causes of the challenges in underserved communities and will continue to develop programs to assist low- to moderate- income individuals.
INVITATION TO JOIN THE 1000 INITIATIVE

For too long, Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) communities have been portrayed as a silent minority in the public sphere. It is time for our community to speak up. There is strength in numbers. By joining together, we can make our voices count in the halls of Congress, the White House, and upper echelons of corporate America, and create greater access to our nation’s leaders.

KCCD/FACE invites you to join our 1000 Initiative, a national, nonpartisan network of committed AAPI Christian leaders to speak with a unified voice in the public sphere: to bear witness, to advocate, and to seek partnerships that specifically address our community’s unique challenges. You will receive information and invitations to events, discussions and offerings and be connected with other great leaders.

INVITATION TO JOIN THE 5-2 VISION NETWORK

Many churches have a vision to impact the world and bring transformation to their communities but they often give up before they start as they are often limited in their capacity to navigate the broader community and leverage outside resources and partnerships. The church community is in need of leadership development training, access and information, as well as technical assistance for service delivery and use of resources.

To address this need, KCCD/FACE is launching our 5-2 Vision Network Program to implement at our partnering churches. In John 6: 9-14, a young man had five barley loaves and two small fish to feed a crowd of 5,000 men. Jesus took the loaves and gave thanks, distributing it amongst the disciples and teaching them how to create abundance out of scarcity. Unlike the little boy, the disciples became overwhelmed by the number of people who needed feeding when they saw what they did not have versus the little boy who identified and focused on what he had. The 5-2 Vision Network works to take the “five barley loaves and two fish” of each church and train how to leverage these resources to build capacity and serve the community and congregation.

The 5-2 Vision Network will provide churches with connections to resources and decision makers as well as provide access to trainings on fundraising, grant writing, community service, advocacy and public relations.

To sign up for either the 1000 Initiative or the 5-2 Vision Network Visit www.facela.org
KCCD/FACE PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

About KCCD/FACE
KCCD/FACE is a national, award-winning non-profit organization with the vision to serve as a light and bridge between the Asian American community and the greater community at large. Our mission is to advance the Asian American community’s participation, contribution, and influence through faith-based and community partnerships. To achieve this mission, KCCD/FACE offers a wide range of programs to serve the specific needs of the AAPI community.

Homebuyer Education and Financial Literacy
Our Homebuyer Education training educates potential homebuyers on key topics related to the home-buying process and fiscal responsibility. Participants who graduate can obtain a certificate that potentially qualifies them for government and bank-sponsored down-payment assistance programs. Alongside Homebuyer Education, our HUD-certified housing counselors also assist clients with pre-purchase counseling. To date, KCCD has helped to secure over $1.4 million in down payment assistance and helped train over 8,800 potential homebuyers.

Foreclosure Assistance and Prevention
In 2007, KCCD began offering foreclosure assistance and prevention services to address the growing foreclosure crisis. We are one of three agencies in Los Angeles County selected to offer Keep Your Home California services, which helps unemployed clients with up to a year’s work of mortgages. Our counseling services have assisted over 3,000 families in foreclosure crisis, and helped to save over $93 million in mortgages from going into foreclosure. KCCD was honored with the 2009 HOPE Award and the 2009 HomeFree USA. Also received the 2011 Condor.

Affordable Housing
FACE, in partnership with AMCAL Multi-Housing Inc, has launched an affordable housing project in Koreatown, Los Angeles, called Meridian Apartments, to offer 100 housing units to City of Los Angeles residents. All 100 units will be provided to low-income residents in the City of Los Angeles, with rent scaled based on percentage of AMI. Meridian Apartments is scheduled to open in Fall 2017.

Computer Literacy Training
Our organization also provides affordable computer training to low-income parents and seniors. Our participants learn how to navigate the internet, use social media, and utilize vital software such as Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint.

Affordable Care Act Assistance
Our Affordable Care Act assistance has increased access to affordable health care by promoting awareness, performing outreach and education, assisting clients with Covered California insurance enrollment, and taking a leading role in health care events.

Church & Non-Profit Leadership and Advocacy Training
The Church and Community (C2) Leadership Institute is designed to cultivate young leaders (high school age to 30), who are interested in civic engagement, public-private partnerships, and being a social justice advocate for the community while strengthening church and community partnerships. Currently, the C2 Leadership Institute cohort consists of college students, community leaders, and church leaders from four pilot churches. These emerging leaders are passionate about developing partnerships at the intersection of church and community. The C2 Leadership Institute is part of KCCD/FACE’s Young Emerging Leaders Program (YELP).

Youth and Adult Job Training and Internships
Since 2002, KCCD/FACE has trained a range of disadvantaged and underserved adults and youth from various programs such as Transitional Subsidized Employment (TSE) Job Training, Americorps VISTA, the Summer Youth Program, computer classes, and by also providing internships to students from partner universities and schools. These programs equip adults and youth with critical administrative and leadership skills. In addition, as part of KCCD/FACE’s commitment to our job training program, participants are provided with off-site training opportunities such as grant writing and media relations training as well as opportunities to attend special events and meet elected officials, media, and key leaders - both at local and national levels.

API JOBS Initiative
In 2016, KCCD/FACE, as lead agency, won a grant funded by the City of Los Angeles Economic and Workforce Development Department to launch the API JOBS (Job Opportunities and Business Success) Initiative. This historic initiative, in partnership with various City of Los Angeles Worksource Centers, which include Community Career Development Inc., Managed Career Solutions Inc., and others, will serve the Asian Pacific Islander (API) community in Los Angeles to obtain vocational training, career pathways, community and social services to linguistically isolated participants. The API JOBS Initiative will identify, recruit, and provide access to training and job placement opportunities in the construction, healthcare, security, food service, biotech, and transportation industries.
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Ms. Tersit Asrat is a seasoned professional in the marketing and communications industry. She is a published author of two books, public speaker and producer/writer of various television programs and events. In the past, Ms. Asrat owned and operated Universal Media Group, an ethnic marketing, and communications company for over 10 years. She has built her career in the advertising and communication industry working with major clients such as Phillip Morris, Blue Cross, Nordstrom, Sumitomo Bank of California, and So. Cal Gas Company. She has earned a reputation for her ability in strategic planning and implementation of marketing plans and managed over 1 million-dollar accounts. Currently, Ms. Asrat is fulfilling her God-given purpose to take the gospel of Jesus Christ to underserved people of the world, as well as care for the poor and the needy through Hosanna Broadcasting Foundation, a non-profit organization she founded in September 2002. Ms. Asrat is also the founder and President of Hosanna Broadcasting Network (HBN-TV) that broadcasts Christian programming via various platforms including DirecTV, Dish Network, AT&T, ROKU and various over the air digital channels throughout the country. HBN-TV is also on Google Play as well as many platforms. HBN-TV’s program format includes preaching, teaching the word of God, gospel music series, as well as wholesome variety programs for the whole family. In addition, Ms. Asrat is the founder of Hosanna House, an orphanage that cares for beautiful homeless girls who have lost their parents due to the HIV/AIDS.
Betsy Berkhemer-Credaire, Author
“The Board Game – How Smart Women Become Corporate Directors”

Author of “The Board Game – How Smart Women Become Corporate Directors,” Betsy is president and co-founder of Berkhemer Clayton Inc., retained executive search firm. Her book “The Board Game” reveals how 58 women directors found their first corporate board seats. She serves on the boards of the statewide National Association of Women Business Owners-California (NAWBO-CA), also Southern California Leadership Network (SCLN) and was previously on the consumer advisory board at Southern California Edison (SCE) and UCLA Medical Center. Betsy chairs the Los Angeles/Orange County chapter of Women Corporate Directors (WCD), a global nonprofit network of women serving on public and private boards. She has been keynote speaker throughout the U.S., and in Washington D.C. at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. Based in downtown Los Angeles, Betsy co-founded Berkhemer Clayton Inc. 22 years ago with business partner Fred Clayton. The firm specializes in searches for Boards of Directors, also senior management of Corporate Communications, Finance and Investor Relations. Client companies include Bank of America, GAP, Mattel, Toyota, Ross Stores, Southern California Gas Company, Tournament of Roses, City of Hope, UCLA, USC and American Lung Association. Before going into retained executive search, Betsy owned a major public relations agency which was acquired by global firm Golin/Harris based in Chicago. She’s a graduate of UCLA.

J. Edgar Boyd, Pastor
First AME Church of Los Angeles

Pastor J. Edgar Boyd, Born December 7, 1947 in the State of Florida, was named Edgar E. Boyd. He is one of 8 children born to H. Waymon & Alice M. Swails-Boyd. His childhood nick-name was Jerry, and thus, has been added to his legal name. Pastor Boyd was educated at Mayhaw High School in Blountstown, Florida, graduating in 1965. He served in the US Army from 1968-1970 and was Honorably Discharged. Academically, he graduated Western Washington University in Bellingham WA, Graduating in 1979 with a B.A. Degree in Community Development. He completed a Master of Divinity Degree, graduating from the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary, Dubuque, IA, graduating in 1982. Currently, Pastor Boyd is in the dissertation phase of a Doctor of Ministry Degree Program at the American Baptist Seminary of the West, Berkeley, CA.

Pastor J. Edgar Boyd’s Pastoral Assignments have included St. John A.M.E. Church, Pueblo, Colorado, 1971- 1973; Pastor of Grace A.M.E. Church, Casper, Wyoming, 1973-1975; Pastor of Walker Chapel AME Church, Seattle, WA, 1975-1980; Pastor of Brookins AME Church, Oakland, CA, 1982-1986; Pastor and Bethel AME Church, Los Angeles, CA 1986-1992; Pastor of Bethel AME Church, San Francisco, CA, 1992-2012. He was appointed pastor of First AME Church of Los Angeles, by Bishop Theodore Larry Kirkland on October 28, 2012. Pastor Boyd is a current Member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Gamma Chi Lambda Chapter. N.A.A.C.P., San Francisco, Chapter; most recent, the Clerical Dean, CA Conference, AME Church from 1992 – 2012. He is a past member of the San Francisco Housing Authority and San Francisco Planning Commission. He has received over 100 citations, awards and honor from Political, Civic, Social, Community, Religious, Educational and Financial groups and organizations from throughout the U.S.

Pastor J. Edgar Boyd has a long history of leadership throughout civic and religious communities in the state of California. He has organized and established a Multi-Million Dollar Housing and Community Develop- opment Organization in the San Francisco and consults with a number of CBOs throughout the state. Pastor J. Edgar Boyd is married to Florence Miles-Boyd, a native of Oakland, CA. They are parents to two sons; Eric and Jonathan Devereaux; and two daughters, Kimberly Boyd-Folks and Tamara Marie Boyd.
Raúl Bustillos, Senior Vice President, Community Relations
Bank of America, Greater Los Angeles Region

Raúl Bustillos is Senior Vice President, Community Relations for Bank of America’s Greater Los Angeles region. Raúl provides business, civic and philanthropic leadership for Bank of America throughout Los Angeles County, and works to strengthen communication and integration among the company’s local business lines. Raúl works to continuously improve brand favorability in the region and enhance Bank of America’s presence in the community. Raúl has volunteered his time with numerous organizations and served on various boards and advisory committees including the Koreatown Youth & Community Center, La Plaza de Cultura Y Artes, American Camp Association Southern California/Hawaii, Archdiocesan Youth Employment Services (AYE), and many others. Raúl has a M.A. in Public Policy from Claremont Graduate University, a B.A. in Political Science from the University of California, Irvine and is a graduate of the Coro Fellow’s program in Public Affairs.

Brian S. Chan, Professor
Biola University / Founder, Creativity Catalyst

Brian S. Chan founded and directs Creativity Catalyst, which cultivates creativity for the good of human flourishing. Having received his D.Min. in philosophy in film from Talbot School of Theology and his Th.M. and M.A. from Dallas Theological Seminary, he is a professor at Biola University, teaching “Beauty and Spirituality” and “Theology of Heroes and Villains.” He authored The Purple Curtain: Living Out Beauty in Faith & Culture from a Biblical Perspective and Not Easily Broken (a novel). He is a speaker for Greenhouse Arts & Media, Act One in Hollywood, and Models for Christ. As an exhibiting visual artist, he creates with oil, acrylic, charcoal, and ink, and is a member of the Burbank Art Association. As a practitioner of four Kung Fu disciplines and the Wing Chun grand champion of the 2002 Chin Woo International tournament, he instructs a Wing Chun group in Burbank, training actors and stunt people. Married to Ellen for 17 years, they fostered two baby boys and adopted their beautiful son, Josiah. His creative portfolio is carried by a passion to create beauty out of brokenness as a redeemed creative steward of God. www.briancseechan.com

Sheldon Cruz, Senior Policy Analyst
City of Los Angeles Human Relations Commission

Sheldon Cruz is a Senior Policy Analyst for the City of Los Angeles, Human Relations Commission. He has over 16 years of experience working in some of the most underrepresented communities in Los Angeles’ urban core. Mr. Cruz is very passionate about youth and community engagement and strives to assure that youth and Angelinos are empowered and engaged in the civic process at the local, state and federal government levels.

Melany De La Cruz-Viesca, Assistant Director
UCLA Asian American Studies Center (AASC) / City of Los Angeles Human Relations Commissioner

Melany De La Cruz-Viesca is the Assistant Director of the UCLA Asian American Studies Center (AASC) and the Managing Editor of AAPI Nexus, a nationwide journal focusing on Asian American & Pacific Islanders (AAPI) policy, practice, and community issues. She also serves as the Director of the AAPI Community Development Census Information Center, a joint partnership with the U.S. Census Bureau. Her research focuses on AAPI demographics and policy, in relation to asset building, housing, community and economic development, and education. She is a member of the Insight Center for Community Economic Development’s Experts of Color Network. She was appointed by Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa in 2008 and re-appointed by Mayor Eric Garcetti to the City’s Human Relations Commission. She holds a master’s degree in urban planning from UCLA and a bachelor’s degree in ethnic studies and urban studies and planning from UC San Diego.
James Flanigan, Business Columnist

Los Angeles Times, New York Times

James Flanigan, business columnist for the Los Angeles Times, New York Times and other publications, has covered national and international business and economics for more than 50 years. For 20 years he wrote a column in the business section of the Los Angeles Times. Since 2005, he has written on small business for the New York Times. During 18 years with Forbes Magazine, he served as bureau chief in Washington, Los Angeles, London and Houston and later in New York as assistant managing editor. His work has won numerous awards, including the Gerald Loeb Lifetime Achievement Award for Distinguished Business and Financial Journalism. His book, “Smile Southern California, You’re the Center of the Universe”--published in 2009--tells of Southern California’s relation to the global economy. He is currently writing a book on the Korean Community in California and across the United States, which will be published in 2018. Flanigan, who was born in New York City, is a history and English graduate of Manhattan College. He and his wife Patricia have five adult children and an assortment of exuberant grandchildren.

Alfred Fraijo Jr., Partner

Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP

Alfred Fraijo Jr. is a partner in Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP’s Real Estate, Land Use and Environmental practice in the firm’s Los Angeles office. He is a recognized leader in real estate law and was recently featured in “Newsmakers” by the Los Angeles Business Journal and also was recognized among the Journal’s Who’s Who in Real Estate Law in 2013. Alfred leads cutting edge real estate transactions for public, private and nonprofit developers and multi-national corporations in the United States and abroad. He has significant experience obtaining and negotiating public financing and land use entitlements for complex educational campuses and mixed-use development projects throughout California. Alfred advises clients on state and federal land use and environmental laws, including the Subdivision Map Act, California Community Redevelopment Law, California Environmental Quality Act, National Environmental Policy Act, Clean Water Act, Endangered Species Act, CERCLA, RCRA, California Superfund Law and the Polanco Redevelopment Act. He also works closely with clients and consultants on due diligence review of land use issues, including local zoning ordinances, general plans, redevelopment agency plans and related land use restrictions.

Jenny Darroch, Dean

Peter F. Drucker and Masatoshi Ito Graduate School of Management

Jenny research sits at the intersection of government policy and firm strategy and has examined macroeconomic policy that fosters innovation; behaviors and practices within organizations that lead to more innovative outcomes; types of innovation; and the impact of innovations on consumer behavior. Jenny Darroch is the Henry Y. Hwang Dean of the Peter F. Drucker and Masatoshi Ito Graduate School of Management, and Professor of Innovation, Entrepreneurship, and Marketing. Before joining the Drucker School, Jenny was a Professor and the Director of Entrepreneurship at the University of Otago in New Zealand. Here she launched New Zealand’s first Masters in Entrepreneurship. As Dean, she is relentless in her passion to lead the Drucker School so that its graduates and alumni advance leadership to transform the world. Jenny research sits at the intersection of government policy and firm strategy and has examined macroeconomic policy that fosters innovation; behaviors and practices within organizations that lead to more innovative outcomes; types of innovation; and the impact of innovations on consumer behavior.

Adam Estle, Director

Field and Constituencies, National Immigration Forum

Adam Estle brings a wealth of experience in the immigration world to his role as Director of Field and Constituencies for the National Immigration Forum. Adam coordinates the Bibles, Badges and Business for Immigration Reform network and serves as the liaison between the Forum’s work around the country and its Washington, DC headquarters. Before joining the Forum in 2015, Adam served as the executive director for Evangelicals for Middle East Understanding, directed a program providing housing and care for unaccompanied immigrant children at Neighborhood Ministries (Phoenix, AZ) and practiced basic immigration law at LifeBridge Community Alliance (also in Phoenix). In 2015, the Islamic Speakers Bureau of Arizona honored him with their Hero Award for his local multifaith peacemaking efforts with his church and the Islamic Community Center of Phoenix. Originally from Peoria, Arizona, where he currently resides, Adam is a graduate of Olivet Nazarene University and Fuller Theological Seminary.
Rev. Zachary Hoover, Executive Director
LA Voice

Rev. Zachary Hoover is the Executive Director of LA Voice, a multi-racial, interfaith organization of 55 congregations across LA County. He is an ordained American Baptist Minister and holds a Master of Divinity from Harvard. Zach serves as one of three peer-elected members of the Guiding Council for PICO National Network and is an appointed member of the LA Co. Probation Commission. He is vice-chair of the Board of Deacons at First Baptist Church of Pasadena. Zach has been organizing for thirteen years, first for Inland Congregations United for Change in Coachella Valley, and then as Lead Organizer and now Executive Director for LA Voice. He nurtures and encourages congregational leadership in diverse religious communities, is a fluent Spanish speaker and leads national trainings with clergy and professional organizers. Zach has led campaigns that have dismantled unfair car impound policies affecting immigrants; increased access to jobs and rehabilitative services for formerly incarcerated Californians; increased public accountability for reinvestment by major financial institutions; leveraged hundreds of millions of dollars in public investments for poor and homeless Angelinos; increased voter participation in communities of color; and bridged relationships between communities often divided by race, class and geography. He lives in Los Angeles with his wife and son.

Jerome E. Horton, Member
California Board of Equalization

Jerome E. Horton is a longtime friend and advocate for the Korean Churches for Community Development/Faith and Community Empowerment (KCCD/FACE). Appointed to the Board in June of 2009 by Governor Schwarzenegger and confirmed by the California State Legislature, Horton was overwhelmingly elected in November 2010 and re-elected in 2014 to represent over nine million Californians in Los Angeles, Ventura, and San Bernardino Counties in the Third District. Horton served as chair of the Board from 2010 to 2016; and Vice Chair from 2009 to 2010. Horton is distinguished as the only Member of the Board with over 37 years of tax policy, law, and administrative experience: including 22 years within the Board of Equalization, three terms in the California Legislature, and Member of the California Medical Assistance Commission, Cultural Endowment Board and Inglewood City Council. Horton is also the first African American elected to the Board since its inception.

Jihee Huh, Vice Chair
PAFCO / Co-Founder, Pete's Seafood

Jihee Huh is the Vice Chair of PAFCO and Co-Founder of Pete's Seafood. Jihee oversees company marketing, strategic planning and new business development at PAFCO. PAFCO is a Seafood Import Export, manufacturing processing, distribution company based in Vernon, California. Expanding the retail brand and collaborating with vendors and retailers, PAFCO has purchasing offices based around the world. Canada, South America, Europe, China, SouthEast Asia and Africa. The Company employs over 300 associates and has over 5,000 unique product offerings. PAFCO has satellite office and facility in Boston and clients across the United States. PAFCO was established in 1977 and is a family owned and operated business, ranked one of the top100 privately held business in Southern California. PAFCO is one of the top10 API ranked seafood business in the US.

Since 2016. Jihee has served as the Asian Pacific Islander Public Affairs Commissioner for State of California. Huh is also Life trustee-Active for Public radio station, SCPR. Has served as Chair of the Board of SCPR. At Children’s Hospital of Los Angeles Board, Jihee is serving as the Vice-Chair of the Saban Research Institute. In 2017, She joined as the Committee member for Human Rights Watch of Los Angeles. This year Jihee is one of the Co-Chair of their Annual dinner, Voices of Justice. She is an active member of the national organization, The Council of Korean Americans. She recently Co-Chaired in April, the Embrace Unity Scholarship Gala, Commemorating the 25th Anniversary of the LA riots. The dinner raised over $250,000. for underserved families and student scholarship funds. Jihee is passionate about connecting community leaders from private and public businesses to advance common good. Hyper focused on Civic engagement and building young generation leaders to help underserved communities.
Gregory Irish, Executive Director
City of Los Angeles Workforce Development Board (WDB)

Gregory Irish (or “Gregg,” as he prefers to be called) was appointed by Mayor Villaraigosa as the Executive Director of the City of Los Angeles Workforce Development Board (WDB). Gregg Irish has dedicated his entire career to public service and workforce development programs. He served as Director of the District of Columbia’s Department of Employment Services and Labor since 1998. Previously, he worked in the Employment and Training/CareerWorks Division of Santa Cruz County’s Human Resources Agency. Prior to that position, he led the Human Services Department of the Santa Barbara County Administrator’s Office. In each of these capacities, Irish oversaw multi-million dollar budgets and implemented job training, worker outreach and social service initiatives for low-income residents. Irish obtained his undergraduate degree at Occidental College and graduate degree at Fordham University.

Funded primarily through the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, the City of Los Angeles WDB oversees the City’s $60 million system of 17 WorkSource Centers for adults and 14 YouthSource Centers for youth. These centers offer a wide range of quality employment-related services to both job seekers and employers. Over 170,000 jobseekers, 16,500 youth and 1,400 businesses are served annually through the WDB’s system. The workforce delivery system is the second largest in the nation and operates through the partnership of various organizations including, community-based non-profits, labor organizations, the Los Angeles Unified School District, the Los Angeles Community College District and the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce.

Bill Imada, Founder, Chairman, and Chief Connectivity Officer
IW Group, Inc.

Bill Imada is founder, chairman and chief connectivity officer of IW Group, a minority-owned and operated advertising, marketing and communications agency focusing on the growing multicultural and millennial markets. For nearly three decades, Bill has worked with some of the top domestic and global companies, including American Airlines, City of Hope, Coca-Cola, General Motors, Lexus, McDonald’s, MGM Resorts International, Southern California Edison, Toyota Motor Sales, USA, Inc., Walt Disney Imagineering, Warner Bros. Pictures, Walmart Stores, Walt Disney Studios, Westfield Malls and many others. His areas of expertise include advertising, branding, multicultural communications, marketing, crises management, partnership marketing and public relations.

Bill is active in civic and community affairs, and serves on more than a dozen boards and advisory councils, including the Advertising Educational Foundation, Asian/Pacific Islander American Chamber of Commerce & Entrepreneurship, Center for Asian American Media, Coalition for Asian Pacifics in Entertainment, LAGRANT Foundation, PBS, PBS Foundation and many others. Bill was appointed to serve on the President’s Advisory Commission on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders under President Barack Obama. He and three other Commissioners continue to provide a perspective on Asian American and Pacific Islander concerns to federal government leaders. Bill also co-founded the National Millennial Community, a group of millennial leaders in 35 states and the District of Columbia, who foster civil dialogue on the most critical issues impacting our country. In less than two years, the group has met with more than 120 corporate, foundation, governmental and nonprofit leaders.

Hyepin Im, President / CEO
Korean Churches for Community Development / Faith and Community Empowerment

Ms. Hyepin Im is a former U.S. Presidential Appointee on the Board of the Corporation for National and Community Service. She is the President and Founder of Korean Churches for Community Development (KCCD), soon to be Faith and Community Empowerment (FACE) a national nonprofit empowering churches and nonprofits to leverage their resources by building capacity, leadership, and partnerships in economic development and serving as a bridge between the Asian American community and the greater community. Since 2001, KCCD/FACE has had over 300 partners, ranging from the White House to Fortune 500 companies.

She has been featured on CNN, NPR, LA Times and the Washington Post and presented at numerous conferences including the White House, U.S. Department of Labor, and Christian Community Development Association. In 2013, she was recently honored by Los Angeles Magazine as “Ten Inspirational Women of Los Angeles”. She was also honored as 2012 Woman of Action by California Speaker of the Assembly John Perez and also as Pioneer Woman of the Year by Council President Eric Garcetti and Councilmember Tom LaBonge. She was also recognized by LAUSD School Boardmember as a Trailblazer for her work and advocacy for students. She has a B.S. from U.C. Berkeley, M.B.A. from University of Southern California, and M.Div., summa cum laude, from Wesley Theological Seminary.
Kevin Kang, English Ministry Pastor
Shalom Church of Southern California

Kevin Kang is a native of Los Angeles, California. He currently is the English Ministry pastor at Shalom Church of Southern California, one of the largest Korean churches in the South Bay; a Legal/Human Resources Assistant at BYD Motors, the world’s largest Electric Vehicle manufacturer; a freelance wedding and event florist; and Director of Perichoresis, an alternative spiritual community designed to create space for people process doubt, heal from ecclesial/spiritual trauma, and redefine what it means to be human and follow Jesus. Kevin strongly believes his calling in life is to write permission slips for the disempowered and empower people to pursue their passions and walk in wholeness and authenticity. His upcoming projects include perichioresismedia.com, a blogging platform discussing spirituality and culture, and a church plant geared towards reaching and creating for the LGBTQI+ community.

Hannah Kim, Founder
Remember727

As the founder of Remember727 since 2008, Hannah Y. Kim has been dedicated to honoring Korean War veterans and promoting peace on the Korean Peninsula. She just completed a worldwide tour across 6 continents to thank and interview more than 200 Korean War veterans in 28 countries that participated in the Korean War, including North Korea. Most recently, Hannah was the Chief of Staff/Communications Director to Rep. Charles B. Rangel (D-NY), who served in the U.S. Congress from 1971-2007. During her tenure on the Hill, she also drafted and ushered five bills into passage. She was recruited to work for Rep. Rangel after successfully spearheading the historic enactment of a bill that created a memorial day (7/27) for Korean War veterans on July 27, 2009. Hannah’s experiences span working at the United States Institute of Peace and the United States Peace Corps Headquarters, as well as being a published author and entrepreneur all before the age of 25. She studied at various institutions including the Seoul National University, Graduate School of Political Management at George Washington University, UCLA Anderson School of Management and Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies. A proud pastor’s kid, Hannah remains committed to public service, lifetime learning, and fitness.
Chris Ko, Director of Homeless Initiatives
United Way of Greater Los Angeles

Chris Ko serves as the Director of Homeless Initiatives for the United Way of Greater Los Angeles, managing Home For Good. In this role, he leads California’s largest community-based effort to end homelessness, directed the coalition that created and passed historic ballot measures around homelessness, and developed the Coordinated Entry System, which went onto become a national model. He has enjoyed seeing different approaches to social change, being an officer at an after school program in West Philadelphia, managing IT at a Liberian Refugee Camp Self-Help Initiative, and serving as an economic development policy aide for the Mayor’s Office. The Coro Foundation also named him a Public Affairs Leadership fellow through which he worked for the D.A., SEIU, KPCC, and LAUSD. Chris began his work as an Urban Studies major at the University of Pennsylvania and was also named one of Next City’s 40-under-40 Vanguards and Empowerment Congress’s 40-under-40 civic leaders. Previously, he served on the boards of Coro Southern CA and the Supply Education Group.

Larissa Lam, Award-Winning Singer
Music Composer and TV/Radio Host

Larissa Lam is an award-winning singer, music composer and TV/radio host. She began her career as the CFO of NSoul Records and one the lead singers of the EDM praise and worship group, Nitro Praise. She has released four solo albums and performed all across the U.S. She previously composed music for The Oprah Winfrey Show among other film, TV and video game projects. Her song “I Feel Alive” won the Hollywood Music in Media Award for Best Dance Song and was the theme song for a national suicide prevention campaign. For nine years, she hosted a weekly talk show, “Top 3,” on TBN’s youth network JUCE TV alongside Rich Wilkerson, Jr. and Reba Toney. More recently, Lam directed the award-winning documentary, Finding Cleveland, about the early Chinese immigrants in Mississippi and is co-hosting a new advice show for teens, UTalk Radio, with speaker and author, Steve Russo.

Sandra Ko, KCCD/FACE Board Co-Chair and Secretary
Project Director, Hospitality Training Academy

Sandra Ko grew up in Korea and Paraguay amid poverty, inequality, dictatorship, coup d’état and financial crisis. She is fully aware that she is standing here solely due to God’s grace and her parents’ sacrificial hard work leading an immigrant family in unknown territories. She got a scholarship to attend University of Southern California and came to the United States. She has a BA in Political Science/International Relations and an MBA from USC. She had 10-year-long career at Enterprise Rent-A-Car where she learned the importance of truly taking care of the customers and employees. She worked as the Director of Development at United Way of Greater Los Angeles raising resources and advocates to break the cycle of poverty in LA. She also worked for Harbage Consulting doing healthcare outreach for low income seniors. She is currently the Project Director at the Hospitality Training Academy, a non-profit institution and a labor-management partnership/Taft-Hartley fund that provides benefits to both employers and the UNITE HERE Local 11 labor union, serving Los Angeles and Orange Counties. She is passionate about her family, being grateful every moment and serving people by building bridges & partnerships.

Michael Lee, Senior Pastor
Young Nak Celebration Church

Michael Lee has been serving in ministry for 28 years including as a church planter and college professor in Seattle, and, most recently, as the senior pastor of Young Nak Celebration Church in Los Angeles. He graduated from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary (D.Min.) and Gateway Seminary (M.Div.). Michael is married to his best friend, Mink, and together they have three children: Karis, Kayla, and Nathan. His family goal is to be the same person at home as he is in public.
Janna Louie, Southern California Area Director
InterVarsity Christian Fellowship’s Graduate and Faculty Ministries

Janna Louie is the Southern California Area Director for InterVarsity Christian Fellowship’s Graduate and Faculty Ministries. In this role, she equips graduate students and faculty to embody faithful witness in their university contexts through integrating their fields of study with their faith convictions. Prior to this role, Janna served as a university minister at Pasadena City College and Vanderbilt University. She is a member of the American Baptist denomination and received her MDiv from Fuller Theological Seminary in 2014. Upon graduation, she was awarded the David Allan Hubbard Award and Parish Pulpit Fellowship, which enabled her to study sociopolitical engagement through preaching in Southeast Asia. Before going into vocational ministry, Janna worked as a high school math teacher and youth pastor. When she is not engaging in conversations about theology, church, and society, you can likely find her eating good food, spending time with friends, or running on trails.

Raul Lopez, Regional Coordinator
Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA)

Raul Lopez is a Regional Coordinator with the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA). LAHSA is a joint powers authority of the City and County of Los Angeles, created in 1993 to address homelessness in Los Angeles. It is responsible for funding and coordination of homeless services and housing assistance to support people experiencing homelessness in the City and County of Los Angeles. Prior to joining LAHSA, Raul was a Job Developer with Shields for Families a non-profit in South Los Angeles where he provided employment guidance for formerly homeless and low income people. In addition, Raul worked for Starview Behavioral Health Group a mental health agency that served systems involved youth and their families. Raul is passionate in creating positive change at the community level and connecting different stakeholders to be change agents for their communities. Raul has a B.A. in Political Science from U.C. Santa Barbara and a Master's in Public Policy from California State University Long Beach.

Paul Lin, Enterprise Risk Management
Southern California Gas Company

Paul Lin is a Christian, a husband, and a father of two. He attended a unique two-year college called Deep Springs before graduating from UCLA. Paul currently works at SoCalGas in Enterprise Risk Management. Outside of work, Paul has spoken on servant leadership at a summer camp called TAF (Taiwanese American Foundation) and has recently joined the Board of Faith and Community Empowerment (FACE). He enjoys praising God and is currently attending Cornerstone Church in West Los Angeles.

Adam Ma, Community Relations Manager, External Affairs
Southern California Gas Company

Adam Ma joined SoCalGas as their Community Relations Manager under External Affairs in 2015. Previously he was a Senior Political Advisor to Congressman Xavier Becerra. He also worked for CA Senate President pro Tem Kevin de León, CA State Senate Majority Leader Gloria Romero, and Los Angeles City Council Member Wendy Greuel. He also has a broad range of campaign and political experiences with California’s elected leaders and organizations, including: Jeff Prang for Los Angeles County Assessor, Kevin de León for State Senate & State Assembly, Judy Chu for Congress, and with the LA County Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO.

Adam stays active in the community and has been a long-time member with the Chinese American Citizens Alliance – Los Angeles (Chinatown). He is also SoCal Chair with the California Democratic Party – Asian Pacific Islander Caucus, on the Board of Directors with CAUSE (Center for Asian Americans United for Self-Empowerment) and the Korean American Coalition. Adam has a Master’s in Public Administration from the University of Texas, Dallas and a Bachelor’s in Political Science from the California State University, Northridge.
Rev. Mark M. Nakagawa, West District Superintendent
California-Pacific Annual Conference, The United Methodist Church

Reverend Mark M. Nakagawa is the West District Superintendent of the California-Pacific Annual Conference, The United Methodist Church. He is a Los Angeles native who was born and raised in the Crenshaw area and has over 30 years of pastoral experience, having pastored congregations in Sacramento, West Los Angeles, and most recently Centenary United Methodist Church, the home church of his family. A graduate of UCLA (B.A.-1978) and the Pacific School of Religion (M.Div.-1985), Mark has always believed that church and community ministries go hand in hand, and his record reflects this important dimension of his life and ministry. He is a past President of the Nisei Week Foundation (2011, 2012), which sponsors the longest running ethnic festival in the U.S. He has also served on the Little Tokyo Community Council, the Nikkei Interfaith Group, and the Christian-Muslim Consultative Group of Southern California.

Prophetess Saundra O’Neal, Co-Founder
Fountain of Love Christian Center

At the age of eleven Saundra O’Neal received Christ as her Lord and Savior. As evidence of the spirit-filled powerhouse she was to become, she also wrote songs and directed the children’s choir of her church at that age. Comfortable in a leadership position, while in high school she started a lunch time ministry that was attended by both faculty and students. As if that weren’t enough, she also held prayer meetings in a dorm basement of Pepperdine University’s campus that would become Crenshaw Christian Center. Saundra would later graduate from Pepperdine University with dual degrees in Psychology and Sociology. Degrees in hand and a heart for service, Saundra applied both with the Los Angeles Department of Social Services as an advocate for battered women and abused children. She has traveled extensively throughout the United States and abroad teaching the word of God with dunamis and exusia power and authority. She is a member of an International Apostolic and Prophetic Roundtable and in 2004 was ordained into the International Prophetic Ministry by a team of ministers from the UK.

Saundra met and married her late husband Dr. James O’Neal at St. John Church of God in Christ. They were married for thirty-four years and together raised two sons, J. Michael and Jarron Christopher O’Neal. In 1983 they founded a prosperous business, Accounting Management Service. In 1987 they founded Fountain of Love Christian Fellowship, now known as Fountain of Love Christian Center, and its Senior Pastor is their youngest son, Jarron C. O’Neal. Bold Ministries International, of which Prophetic Zone Conference is an off-shoot, was founded in 1994. Saundra also founded Youth Word Explosion, a conference for youth ages 12-19. Saundra O’Neal, born in Bogalusa, LA and raised in poverty with her five siblings by a single mother that fled an abusive husband, is a daily testimony to the power of God working in and through someone’s life. Indeed it is a testimony that with God all things are possible.

Dr. Ravinder Singh, Neurologist

Dr. Ravinder Singh is a board-certified neurologist specializing in the prevention and treatment of neurological diseases, especially stroke, headache and epilepsy. Ravinder Singh received his medical degree in 1989 from St. George’s University, School of Medicine, in Grenada, West Indies. He completed his Neurology residency at West LA VA Medical Center/UCLA in Los Angeles, California. In 1994, he became Chief Resident in Neurology, subsequently followed by a VA Fellowship grant in Neuroscience and Traumatic Brain Injuries. During this time, he also became a Clinical Instructor in Neurology at University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA). After completing his training, he became an Assistant Professor of Neuroscience at Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science, and Head of the Stroke Center at King-Drew Medical Center, in Los Angeles, California. Dr. Singh has served on the boards of many organizations, including the American Heart Association (AHA), at the local, state and national level, and the Stroke Association of Southern California. He has served as the President of the Los Angeles division of AHA.

Early on in his practice of neurology, Dr. Singh recognized the limits of Western medicine and sought to provide a more complete care to his patients. Being a certified stress and wellness consultant, trained by the prestigious Canadian Institute of Stress, he utilizes his knowledge of Western and Eastern medicine, and his studies in stress and wellness medicine to help people achieve greater satisfaction in their lives, and achieve truly long-lasting optimal health, with emphasis on disease prevention. He provides individualized yet systematic solutions that are leading edge, scientifically-based, and proven in the real-world. These very pragmatic and result-oriented solutions and skills are immediately applicable and geared towards high speed success. Dr. Singh has given over 100 presentations on the topics of stress management, stroke, headache and epilepsy to the medical community. He has been an invited lecturer at over 100 hospitals and other related organizations in the US. He is an active member of the American Headache Society and has been the featured speaker at the regional board meetings for the American Heart Association. He is the author of Not Tonight I Have A Headache, which is available through major retailers and his website, www.NotTonightIHaveAHeadache.com. In addition, Dr. Singh has made many media appearances, including mainstream and cable television and radio networks.
Nancy Olson, Vice President
Center for Leadership, Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce
Executive Director, Southern California Leadership Network (SCLN) and NextLA

Nancy Olson is vice president overseeing the Center for Leadership with the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce. She also serves as executive director for two partner nonprofit organizations housed within the Center for Leadership: Southern California Leadership Network (SCLN) and NextLA. Nancy formerly served as executive director of Volunteer Los Angeles, and prior as director of volunteer action at CaliforniaVolunteers in the Office of the Governor. She has also worked extensively in fundraising and consulting with nonprofits across the U.S. In addition, Nancy spent eight years working in Haiti with organizations including the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), World Concern and International Child Care. She holds a Masters in Leadership, and completed her undergraduate work in International Studies. Nancy also holds professional certificates from UC Berkeley Haas School of Business and Drucker School of Management. She is a member of the International Leadership Association, the Association of Leadership Programs and the Pacific Council on International Policy.

Frank Robinson, Multicultural Strategy Manager
MUFG Union Bank, N.A.

Frank Robinson is the Multicultural Strategy Manager for MUFG Union Bank, N.A. He is in charge of developing the bank's multicultural strategy, including the management of diverse banking segments and the development and implementation of internal and external marketing and multicultural programs. He has been with the bank for 21 years. Prior to his current position, he oversaw the bank's Special Purpose Credit Program. Business Diversity Lending offers more flexible underwriting guidelines for women-, minority-, and veteran-owned businesses. Robinson, a Baton Rouge, Louisiana native, earned a bachelor's degree in business management from California State University, San Bernardino. He is also a graduate of Pacific Coast Banking School at the University of Washington.

Mark A. Rothman, CEO
Good Shepherd Shelter

Mark A. Rothman’s career shows a long history of involvement with human relations. As Chief Executive Officer of Good Shepherd Shelter, a domestic violence shelter, Mark is committed to ending the cycle of domestic violence. Mark was previously the principal in MAR Consulting, a consulting firm providing management and development consulting to non-profit organizations around the world. Mark served as Executive Director of the Los Angeles Museum of the Holocaust. Mark supervised all aspects of the Museum’s evolution into its permanent home for the Museum, including managing a $20m capital campaign, the construction of the new facility and its exhibits. Prior to joining the Los Angeles Museum of the Holocaust Mark was Holocaust Services Advocate at Los Angeles-based Bet Tzedek Legal Services, helping survivors in their struggles to obtain reparations and restitution. Mark graduated from Columbia University and earned an M.F.A. from USC's School of Cinema-Television.

David Ryu, Councilman
Los Angeles City Council, 4th District

Los Angeles City Councilmember David E. Ryu represents the 4th Council District which includes the neighborhoods of Sherman Oaks, Toluca Lake, Hollywood, Hollywood Hills, Los Feliz, Silverlake, Miracle Mile, Hancock Park, Windsor Square, Larchmont and a portion of Koreatown. Ryu studied economics at UCLA; Public Policy and Administration at Rutgers; won a prestigious United Nations graduate internship; and was a Netkal Fellow at USC’s School of Social Work. As Senior Deputy to Los Angeles County Supervisor Yvonne Burke, he worked for years on issues like public health, housing, children and family services, transportation and senior services. He helped oversee the County budget and worked for a time as a Special Investigator for the Auditor-Controller, rooting out waste and fraudulent expenditures. Ryu returned to the non-profit world and served as Director of Development and Public Affairs at one of Los Angeles’s largest non-profit health care providers: Kedren Acute Psychiatric Hospital and Community Health Center. On July 1st, 2015 Ryu became the first Korean American to serve on the LA City Council and only the second Asian American.
Seung-Ju Ryu, South Korean Actress

Seung-Ju Ryu is a renowned musical theatre actress in South Korea. She is also well-known for her TV entertainment image and hosting of events and TV shows. Her theatrical Works include falling Eve (2011), Maria Maria (2013, 2010), Dreamgirls (2009) and Wedding Singer (2009). She is happily married to actor and producer Ricky Kim. They first met while working with Compassion International, an NGO that they both are very active in. Ms. Ryu is also well-known for her Outreach and humanitarian works. Currently she is studying in a master's program in musical theater at Hong-Ik University and is also in the master's program in Christian family therapy at HIS University.

Lisa Salazar, Director

Workforce, Development & Economic Opportunity, City of Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti

Lisa Salazar has nearly two decades of experience developing and administering oversight of publicly funded programs for youth workforce and human services. Before joining Mayor Garcetti’s team, Lisa served as the YouthSource Director for the City of Los Angeles Economic & Workforce Development Department, where she managed and provided fiscal oversight to $29 million in federal, state, and local grants. She also managed Summer Youth Employment Programs, including HIRE LA’s Youth, where she led a record breaking campaign to employ 11,644 youth in 2015. Other notable positions include Acting Chief Management Analyst, managing $51 million in federal, state, and local grants that sparked workforce and economic development in vulnerable regions of the City, including South, Central, and Harbor regions. Lisa received her Master of Executive Leadership from USC and her BA from Saint Mary’s College.

Rev. Dr. Robert A. Schuller, Televangelist and Pastor

Rev. Dr. Robert A. Schuller For 32 years, the Rev. Dr. Robert A. Schuller was seen by more than 20 million people every week on the internationally televised program, The Hour Of Power, broadcast from the Crystal Cathedral. From 2006-2008, three years, he was the senior pastor. An accomplished author, he has written over 20 books including a New York Times best-seller, “Walking In Your Own Shoes.” He has been on the Leadership Council of the Global Peace Foundation, since 2009, whose priority is the reunification of the Korean Peninsula. Currently he is writing and producing inspirational videos, which encourage and motivate people to find hope and healing in their families, communities, their nation, and the world. These courses are available at: www.RobertSchullerInspiration.com. Dr. Schuller has been married to Donna since 1984. He has 4 adult children and 6 grandchildren. He resides in Newport Beach, Ca. and La Playita, Mexico.

Inteck Seo, President

Global Peace Foundation (GPF) Korea / Co-chair, Action for Korea United

Inteck Seo is President of Global Peace Foundation (GPF) Korea and co-chair of Action for Korea United, a coalition of over 850 NGOs committed to building a grassroots movement to support Korean reunification. Mr. Seo has been involved with many of GPF’s ground-breaking initiatives to advance awareness and advocacy for Korean reunification and overseas development work. He was instrumental in the launch of the All-Lights Village Project that uses solar powered lanterns to spark community development through improved literacy, entrepreneurship, economic opportunity and security.

Dr. Paul Y Song, Co-chair

Campaign for a Healthy California

Paul Y. Song, MD is on the national board of Physicians for a National Health Program and serves as Co-chair for a Campaign for a Healthy California. He most recently left the faculty at the Samuel Oschin Cancer Center at Cedars Sinai Medical Center in the Department of Radiation Oncology and currently works part-time seeing Medicaid and uninsured patients at California Dignity Hospital. Dr. Song is also the Chief Medical Officer of ATGen Global, a Korea based publicly traded biotech company focused on immunodiagnostics and treatment. In 2013, Dr. Song as the very first visiting fellow on healthcare policy in the California Department of Insurance and from 2013-2016 served as the Executive Chairman of the Courage Campaign. He graduated with Honors from the University of Chicago with a BA in the Biological Sciences and earned his MD from George Washington University School of Medicine. He completed his residency in radiation oncology at the University of Chicago Medical Center where he also served as chief resident. He completed a brachytherapy fellowship at the Institut Gustave Roussy in Villejuif, France and was awarded an ASTRO Research Fellowship by the American Society of Radiation Oncology for his work in radiation inducible gene therapy. Dr. Song currently serves on the board of People for the American Way, the Eisinger Pediatric and Women’s Center, Healthcare NOW, Progressive Democrats of America, and the Asian Pacific American Institute of Congressional Studies.
Dr. Philip Starr, Executive Director
Managed Career Solutions (MCS)

Dr. Philip Starr is the Executive Director of Managed Career Solutions. He holds a Doctor of Psychology in Clinical Psychology (Ryokan College), Master of Science in Educational Psychology (USC), and Bachelor of Arts in Psychology (UCLA). Dr. Starr has extensive knowledge of workforce, business and economic development. As one of the principal founders of MCS, his work history is inclusive of the development and execution of programs that provide employment, training, access to capital and support services to businesses and job seekers in both the City and County of Los Angeles. At present, MCS maintains a 90 member staff dedicated to providing critical services to job-seekers.

Dr. Starr has over 20 years direct leadership and experience managing City, County, State, and Federal contracts, including: WIOA/WIA; JTPA; CalWORKs, CDBG, TFSS, DPSS, SSA and DOL programs. Dr. Starr ensures that MCS staff consistently meet and exceed contractual outcomes and provide tangible benefits and economic empowerment to the community. Additionally, as a Certified Rehabilitation Counselor, CRC, Dr. Starr is focused on ensuring job seekers, entrepreneurs and small businesses, especially those with multiple barriers, receive comprehensive services that lead to gainful employment or self-employment and economic empowerment.

Daniel Tamm, West Area Representative/Interfaith Liaison
City of Los Angeles Mayor Garcetti’s Office of Public Engagement

Mr Tamm works in Mayor Garcetti’s Office of Public Engagement. He represents the Mayor in the West Area of Los Angeles, as well as to the faith community of L.A. He began his political activism during the 2004 presidential campaign and later was elected to leadership roles in the Democratic Party of the San Fernando Valley, Los Angeles County Democratic Party, and the California Democratic Party. He has coordinated campaigns on all levels, including as a Regional Field Director in Southern California for Barack Obama, 2007-2008. Daniel enjoys life with family and is a seminarian preparing for the Diaconate in the Episcopal Church.

Dr. Rhonda Thornton-Crawford, Director
Small Business Diversity, & Small Business Liaison Officer (SBLO), University of Southern California

Dr. Rhonda Thornton-Crawford is the Director for Small Business Diversity, & Small Business Liaison Officer (SBLO) for Federal Research Subcontract Plans at the University of Southern California. Dr. Crawford’s work in tandem with USC Procurement Services to promote business diversity for active inclusion of MWBEs, and certified Government subcontractors; small Local Community Enterprises within the university supply chain. USC SBDO seeks to ensure diverse business engagement is achieved on all levels of strategic sourcing to include: 1. Long-term university contracts, 2. Within Government Subcontract Plans and 3. Strategic partnerships with USC Local Community Enterprises.

Dr. Crawford’s community engagements include The Greater Los Angeles and local chambers of commerce, National Association of Educational Procurement - Supplier Diversity Institute, the Executive Board of the Department of Defense Western Regional Council, the USC SBDO Advisory Council, Alumni of: USC Cecil L. Murray Center for Community Engagement Faith Based Partnerships, USC Marshall School of Business-Executive Management Development Program, NDU Bible College, Bible Believer College & Seminary, University of California San Diego, and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and the African Millennium Foundation. August 2017 marked Dr. Crawford’s 13th years of service at the University of Southern California.

Tunua Thrash-Ntuk, Executive Director
Los Angeles Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LA LISC)

A native Angeleno, Tunua Thrash-Ntuk is the Executive Director of Los Angeles Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LA LISC). She is a seasoned community and economic development practitioner of more than 15-years with both non-profit and private sector experiences. Her strengths range from community advocacy to asset and real estate development around neighborhood revitalization. She has already led a number of important urban initiatives in Los Angeles focused on affordable housing and commercial development as well as transit-oriented projects. Prior to joining LISC, Tunua served as Executive Director of West Angeles Community Development Corporation, during her tenure she was responsible for the asset management and oversight of the WACDC real estate portfolio valued at $150 million. Tunua led the growth of WACDC’s real estate portfolio, in part by brokering a breakthrough in the development, construction and opening of West Angeles Plaza, a 24,000 square foot commercial office project. Tunua serves as a board member or advisory board member to many entities, including Federal Home Loan Bank San Francisco's...
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Alton Wang, Assistant Director
AAPI Data and the Center for Social Innovation, University of California, Riverside

Alton Wang currently serves as the Assistant Director for AAPI Data and the Center for Social Innovation at the University of California, Riverside. He formerly served as a Policy Advisor for the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus (CAPAC), where he worked to ensure that issues facing Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPIs) were addressed on Capitol Hill. Prior to CAPAC, Alton managed communications and development for Asian and Pacific Islander American Vote (APIAVote), focusing on engaging and mobilizing AAPIs in electoral and civic participation. Currently based in the San Gabriel Valley and Greater Los Angeles area, Alton studied sociology and government at Wesleyan University, where he taught a for-credit course on Asian American history.

Karim Webb, Co-Owner and Operations Partner
PCF Restaurant Management

Karim Webb is a twenty-five year veteran of the restaurant industry. In his current position as Co-Owner and Operations Partner of PCF Restaurant Management, a Los Angeles-based franchise of Buffalo Wild Wings; he uses his expertise to oversee the development and operations for each restaurant. Karim was exposed to the restaurant business at an early age. As a teen, working at one of his parents’ McDonald’s restaurants, he was trained in all aspects of restaurant operations. Later, while attending Morehouse College in Atlanta, GA, Karim worked for the McDonald’s Corporation matriculating from Assistant Manager to Multi-Unit Supervisor. He successfully completed the McDonald’s training program and became an approved McDonald’s Franchisee.

In 2007, looking to apply his restaurant expertise to another brand, he became the Operating Partner of PCF Restaurant Management. With his leadership, the Buffalo Wild Wings franchisee group has successfully opened four restaurants in the Los Angeles area, with two more in development. Three locations (Baldwin Hills, Carson, and Torrance) have consistently outpaced regional and national sales trends within the industry and have produced double-digit sales increases. The Baldwin Hills location was recognized for achieving the highest sales percentage increase of any Buffalo Wild Wings in 2012, 2013 and 2014.

Beyond McDonald’s and Buffalo Wild Wings, Karim is on the Board of the California Community Foundation, which works to strengthen Los Angeles communities through effective philanthropy and civic engagement. He is also on the Board of Corporate Advisor’s for the Brother-hood Crusade, is Co-Chairman of the California Community Foundation’s BLOOM Advisor Council, as well as a Special Advisor to the Multicultural Foodservice & Hospitality Alliance (MFHA), an educational non-profit that helps companies maximize their ROI by engaging di- verse cultural groups through Cultural Intelligence. Webb, also currently serves as Chair of the Los Angeles Southwest College Foundation and is a Board member of both the LA Kitchen and the Living Through Giving Foundation: Hashtag Lunchbag. Additionally, Karim promotes leadership development within the hospitality industry. His focus is helping entry-level Team Members activate possibility in their lives by “exercising their mus- cle of excellence.” Webb also recently appointed to the Franchisee Advisory Council, Marketing Sub-Committee & Diversity & Inclusion Council at Buffalo Wild Wings Corporate.

Herb Wesson, Council President
Los Angeles City Council, 10th District

Herb J. Wesson, Jr. has served as the President of the Los Angeles City Council since November 2011 and has represented Council District 10 since 2005. Wesson is the first African American to hold the position of Council President in the city’s history and has been re-elected three times to lead the city’s legislative body. During his tenure as Council President, Wesson has presided over monumental policy initiatives making Los Angeles a better place to live, work and raise a family. Not only have local policy initiatives — which include raising the minimum wage, pension reform and consolidating city elections to increase voter turnout — positively affected local residents, but in many cases the city’s actions have spurred state and national response and served as a model for similar policies.

Wesson chairs several committees including the Rules, Elections, Intergovernmental Relations, and Neighborhoods (REIRN) Committee, Board of Referred Powers and the Ad Hoc Committee on the 2024 Summer Olympics. He is the Vice Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee on Comprehensive Job Creation. As chair of REIRN, Wesson has facilitated the empowerment of Neighborhood Councils while finding new and innovative ways to engage the public and promote civic engagement.
Since assuming office Wesson has brought much needed economic development to the 10th Council District. Wesson has presided over completed and highly anticipated development projects bringing economic investment and jobs to the community such as Midtown Crossing, a 330,000-square-foot urban retail development, Kaiser Permanente Baldwin Hills/Crenshaw Medical Offices, which will provide primary and specialty health care services for local residents, District Square, a proposed 300,000-square-foot retail complex located steps from Metro’s Expo/Crenshaw Station, and Cumulus, a proposed transit oriented development on 12 acres which will include a mix of residential units, office space and pedestrian-oriented retail. According to a report by the L.A. Area Chamber of Commerce, under Wesson’s leadership Council District 10 has the second highest private employment growth rate in the city, is setting the trend for mixed-use developments citywide and boasts an increase in local business activity.

Ronald W. Wong, President and CEO
Imprenta Communications Group, Inc.

Ronald W. Wong is President & CEO of Imprenta Communications Group, Inc. an award-winning public affairs, campaign and ethnic marketing firm based in Southern California. Mr. Wong has more than 30 years of experience advising Fortune 500 companies, government entities, and elected officials on public relations, political, and communications strategies. As President of Imprenta, Mr. Wong oversees a multi-million dollar business and develops and implements marketing, community outreach, and communications strategies for the firm’s most prominent clients. He has managed communications and marketing projects for The California Endowment, Water Foundation, Pacific Gas & Electric, California Student Aid Commission, California Community Colleges, California Department of Education, Southern California Gas Company, and many other candidates, causes, and initiatives. Imprenta’s mission is to empower communities of color by giving them a voice and communicating to them in ways which respects their diversity and understands their culture. The company’s clients share this philosophy and commitment to educating hard-to-reach culturally and linguistically isolated communities.

Mr. Wong’s work is recognized as “best in the business,” and he has received numerous awards including Boutique Agency of the Year from Bulldog Reporter, and was recognized as one of the Fastest Growing Companies in America from Inc. Magazine, two years in a row. The Los Angeles Business Journal recognized Mr. Wong as the Asian Business Advocate of the Year 2013, and he was a semi-finalist for the Ernest & Young Entreprenuer of the Year in 2016. He has also been honored by the State Senate, State Assembly, Los Angeles City Council, Organization of Chinese Americans, among others. Prior to founding Imprenta, Mr. Wong served on the staff of some of the country’s most prominent elected officials including California Governor Gray Davis, Speaker Willie Brown, State Senator Art Torres, L.A. County Supervisor Ed Edelman, and as a political appointee in President Clinton’s Administration at the U.S. Department of Justice, Community Relations Services (CRS). Mr. Wong has been a civil rights advocate and has long been active in the fight against discrimination in all forms. Previously, he served as the Field/Legislative Director of the ACLU of Southern California and was Co-Chair of the Southern California Civil Rights Coalition in the early 1990’s.

Charlie Woo, CEO
Megatoys / Co-Founder and Chair, Center for Asian Americans United for Self Empowerment (CAUSE)

Charlie Woo is an entrepreneur with a passion for public policy and civic engagement. He is the CEO of Megatoys, an international toy manufacturing company headquartered in Los Angeles. He turned the once run-down industrial area in downtown Los Angeles into a thriving toy wholesale district. He is also a developer of housing and commercial mixed-use projects in downtown Los Angeles, helping to create the trendy Arts District of Los Angeles. Charlie has a long history of civic and community involvement. He is a co-founder and Chair of Center for Asian Americans United for Self Empowerment (CAUSE) with its mission of encouraging civic engagement in the Asian American community and developing the next generation Asian American political leaders. He currently chairs the Workforce Development Board for the City of Los Angeles, a commission that oversees the nation’s second largest workforce development system. He has been serving on this board for over 25 years, under five successive mayors. Under his leadership, the City’s workforce system has been recognized in the country as a model for innovation. He is also a former Chairman of the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce, as the only Asian American to head this 128 year old prestigious business organization.

Helen Easterling Williams, Ed.D., Dean and Professor
Pepperdine University’s Graduate School of Education and Psychology

Helen Easterling Williams, Ed.D. is the dean and professor of education at Pepperdine University’s Graduate School of Education and Psychology. She also serves as president of Health Education & Welfare International providing consultative services to individuals, faith-based organizations, and educational institutions. Previously, she served as the dean of the School of Education at Azusa Pacific University where she developed an international visiting scholars program with South Korea. She also served as the Senior Assistant Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Delaware. Williams has
a reputation for improving student academic outcomes, globalizing the curriculum, diversifying faculty, and securing additional fiscal resources. She earned a doctorate of education degree in Educational Leadership from the University of Delaware, is an American Council on Education Fellow (2004-2005), a lifetime member of Delta Sigma Theta, Sorority, Inc., and an ordained elder in the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

Cindy Wu Freedman, President and CEO
The Estates Group

Cindy Wu Freedman is a high-powered Senior Real Estate Executive & Consultant with more than 20 years of experience in the real estate, hospitality, technology and healthcare industries. Leveraging extensive experience in the professional business world and blending it with both her entrepreneurial and rich East Asian culture, Cindy is a valuable asset for real estate, business consulting, technology, medical, healthcare, and other companies seeking expert assistance with operational turnaround, revitalizing the sales force, creating strategic plans for change management, increasing sales, building a go-to-market strategy, and incentive programs. Her key areas of expertise include business consulting, turnaround, change management, marketing (gorilla), sales, diversity, and leadership and team building.

Presently, Cindy is the President and CEO for The Estates Group, a global real estate team helps buyers and sellers negotiate transactions in Greater Los Angeles from San Fernando Valley to San Gabriel Valley. She increased the profitability by 700% within 6 months, oversaw 200+ agents, restructured the business according to the bottom line. She is a Certified International Property Specialist, a Certified Distress Property Expert, a Certified Internet Professional, a Certified (HAFA) Home Affordable Foreclosure Alternatives Specialist. Cindy holds a Bachelor of Science, Business, Administration & Entrepreneurship, minor in Real Estate from University of California (USC), and is a NAWBO Scholar, from the Management Development for Entrepreneurs Program, Harold Price Center for Entrepreneurial Studies (UCLA). She also studied East Asian Languages and Cultures at Stanford University and Beijing University.

Kim Yamasaki, Executive Director
Center for Asian Americans United for Self Empowerment (CAUSE)

Kim Yamasaki is the Executive Director of the Center for Asian Americans United for Self Empowerment (CAUSE). In her position, Kim manages and oversees the entire organization, including its staff, programs, and fundraising efforts. Kim is passionate about finding creative and innovative ways to appeal to the younger generation of future community leaders and voters. In her three years with CAUSE, she successfully worked to triple the organization’s budget and more than doubled the organization’s staff and programming efforts. Prior to CAUSE, Kim gained valuable work experience through internships and work with CAUSE, US Congressmember Judy Chu, the US House of Representatives Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Imprinta Communications Group, and the UCLA Asian American Studies Center. She is a proud CAUSE Leadership Academy alumnus. Kim was born and raised in Los Angeles. She received her Bachelor of Arts in Political Science with a concentration in International Relations and a minor in Asian Languages (Korean) from UCLA. She serves on the Board of Directors for Kizuna, a local nonprofit organization for Japanese American youth empowerment, and the Community Advisory Council for SoCalGas.

Michael Yang, Co-Founder and Founding Chairman
Council of Korean Americans (CKA)

Michael Yang is a co-founder & founding Chairman of the Council of Korean Americans (CKA), a national non-profit organization of Korean Americans. Michael is also the Founder & CEO of Michael Yang Capital Management, LLC, an investment management company focused on technology investments (www.michaelyang.com). He has over 30 years of experience in the technology industry in Silicon Valley. In 2001, Michael visited Rajin area of North Korea on a humanitarian mission. Michael received his BS degree in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science from UC Berkeley, an MS degree in Computer Science from Columbia University, and an MBA degree from the Haas School of Business at UC Berkeley. He has served on the advisory board of the Stanford Institute of Economic Policy Research (SIEPR) at Stanford University as well as on the IT Advisory Council for President George W. Bush. He also serves as a director and as the Treasurer of La Cañada Flintridge Education Foundation. Michael holds a fourth degree black belt in Tae Kwon Do and enjoys playing golf and soccer.
Kris Young, Professor of Screenwriting

University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)

Kris Young received his UCLA screenwriting M.F.A. in 1998 where he was a finalist in the Samuel Goldwyn Awards. He's written six movies for Disney Channel including Teen Angel, starring Jason Priestley and Jennie Garth, and Teen Angel Returns. In addition to pilots for CBS and Nickelodeon, Young has written features for Columbia, Trimark and producers Richard Pryor and Terence Chang. His micro-mini movie, Mosquito Cupid, was produced for ABC-Touchstone. He was a staff R&B lyricist for Grammy Award-winning producer Freddie Perren (I Will Survive), where he wrote for artists such as Tavares, Mighty Clouds of Joy, Peaches & Herb, The Spinners and Johnny Gill. Young has taught screenwriting at UCLA since 2001. He's also taught at Visual Communications, East West Players, L.A. Film Studies Center, UCLA’s Summer Arts Program and the Watts Juvenile Probation Center. From 2006 to 2013, Young was a founding member and co-chaired the WGA’s Asian-American Committee.

Margaret Yu, National Director

Epic Movement / Executive Director of Ethnic Focused Communities, CRU

Margaret Yu is the National Director of Epic Movement, the Asian American ministry of Cru and the Executive Director of Ethnic Focused Communities of Cru. Margaret has served with Cru’s Campus Ministry for over 30 years. Her campus experiences span the globe from Milwaukee to Berkeley, to East Asia to Uzbekistan or to Los Angeles where she currently resides. Margaret loves college students. Her passion is to see God form many more culturally competent leaders for the kingdom of God. Her interests include mentorship or leadership development, talking shop about the NBA, the beach and being a caregiver for her special needs nephew. You can follow Margaret on Twitter: @CCCEpicMargaret or on her blog at http://margaretyu.com

Mark Whitlock, Executive Director

USC Cecil Murray Center for Community Engagement / Pastor, Christ Our Redeemer AME Church

Rev. Mark Whitlock is the executive director of the USC Cecil Murray Center for Community Engagement, where he helps other pastors take on the work of community and economic development. He also serves as the pastor of Christ Our Redeemer AME Church in Irvine, which started with five members and has grown to more than 3,000 members. Before his full-time call to the ministry, he served as the founder and executive director of FAME Renaissance, the economic development arm of First AME Church, which raised more than $400 million in grants, loans, and contracted service initiatives that created more than 4,000 jobs with South Los Angeles. The FAME Renaissance Venture Capital Fund and Commercial Loan programs funded more than 200 small businesses. FAME Renaissance’s Home Loan Program created more than 200 new home owners and trained more than 2,000 home loan candidates. Rev. Whitlock was a board member and lecturer at Harvard Divinity School’s Summer Leadership Institute from 1994 to 2004. He completed his undergraduate studies at the University of La Verne with a major in religion, and he has a master of science in social entrepreneurship from University of Southern California’s Marshall School of Business. He received an honorary doctorate from American International University in Humanities.

Ricky Kim, Actor and Producer

Ricky Kim has been an actor and producer for over 10 years. He has spent majority of his career in South Korea as an actor and entertainer on major networks across Asia. Recently Kim has started a production company between Korea and the US and has been a part of film and content production. Ricky Kim and his family are very involved in volunteer work and spend lots of their time with NGOs and church groups to help increase awareness all over the globe. Kim is married to musical actress Seung Ju Ryu and is a father to three lovely children. The Kim’s are always pushing to increase a happier home and caring environment for family all over the world.

Javier Angulo, Senior Director for Community Relations

Walmart Stores, Inc.

Javier Angulo has responsibility for Walmart’s national community and associate engagement strategy with the focus on reinforcing Walmart’s position as the most valued retailer in the community. Javier was previously responsible for Walmart’s regional and state business growth strategy, legislative and policy affairs, stakeholder outreach, and regional philanthropy in California, New Mexico and Hawaii.
Javier has over ten years of experience working in the non-profit and political sectors. He began his career in Washington, D.C. as a Congressional Hispanic Caucus Fellow and served as a constituent liaison for the Senate Democratic Steering and Coordination Committee. He returned to California to join the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF) where he served as Director of Development. He then joined the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) to direct their national civic engagement programs. Prior to joining Walmart, Javier served as a senior associate for Progressive Strategy Partners where he managed political and educational campaigns for local and statewide candidates, ballot initiatives, and public and non-governmental organizations.

Javier is currently Chairman of the LA Plaza de Cultura Y Artes in Los Angeles and board secretary of the Los Angeles Business Federation. He is also a member of the US Conference of Mayors Business Council. Other current board memberships include: American Red Cross of Los Angeles, Southern California Leadership Network, Valley Industrial and Commerce Association (VICA), the Valley Economic Alliance, and White Memorial Hospital. Javier also co-founded HONOR PAC, a political action committee dedicated to electing Latino LGBT candidates. He served as a mayoral appointee to the Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Review Commission and the Los Angeles East Area Planning Commission where he served as President. Javier earned a Bachelor’s Degree from the University of California Santa Barbara and resides in the Lincoln Heights neighborhood of Los Angeles with his partner Ryan and his two doggies Canela and Kobi.

Rev. Sam Park, Founding and Lead Pastor
Community Church at Holliston UMC

Pastor Sam Park is the founding and lead-pastor of Community Church at Holliston UMC, a multigenerational and multiethnic congregation in Pasadena, CA. His great passion is for the local church. His mission is to develop the health and prosperity of the local Body of Christ with the firm conviction that the church is called to bring health and prosperity to our cities, our nation, and our world. His wife, Linda, is an educator and tennis coach. They and their three children (and their dog) reside in South Pasadena.

James Cho Ph.D., KCCD/FACE Board Member
Professor, Grace Mission University

James Cho is a transplant from Northern California. He studied civil engineering at UCLA and received his Master’s of Divinity from Talbot School of Theology and his Ph.D in Intercultural Studies from Biola University. He previously served as a pastor in a couple churches in Koreatown for fifteen years. He currently is teaching at Grace Mission University in Fullerton and serves on a number of organizations including Innovative Space for Asian American Christianity, ByGrace Children’s Home, Korean Churches for Community Development, and Great Commission Research Network. His passion is to raise awareness of the marginalized both in Los Angeles and in Kenya.

James Suh, Managing Director
Perspective Wealth Management LLC

James Suh is an experienced executive in the investment and financial planning industry for the past 18 years. His career has been dedicated to developing and applying best practices, enabling individuals and companies to secure their financial futures while building enhanced trust. Mr. Suh provides leadership roles within many associations and councils focusing on financial information, market updates, economic commentaries, and political impact to the financial industry. Mr. Suh is currently a managing director at Perspective Wealth Management LLC (www.perspectivewealth.net), where he provides global corporations and clients with a comprehensive business and financial plan. Previously, Mr. Suh was a training manager & financial planner at IDS American Express in Garden City, NY. He developed investment strategy for Financial Planners that incorporated the financial planning process. After four years, he was recruited to JP Morgan Chase, where he managed high net worth financial advisors and premier bankers in lower Manhattan. He was nominated to be a key member of management team to develop and implement strategy for reassuring clients and employees after September 11, 2001 attack on the World Trade Center. Mr. Suh moved to California and recently worked at Wells Fargo Private Client Service in Los Angeles. He directed a team of senior financial advisors, licensed bankers and regional private bankers. He developed specialized training to assist each team member’s strength and development areas. He was nominated for several boards in Los Angeles. Mr. Suh often provides expert testimony and advice regarding investment and financial planning. He is a prolific author and speaker in financial industry.
**Dr. Jessie Miranda, CEO**

National Hispanic Christian Leadership Conference

Dr. Jesse Miranda, a Distinguished Professor at Vanguard University in Costa Mesa, California, is an international Christian leader with a firm commitment to Latino civic engagement. A noted community leader and religious educator for more than forty years, his expertise and extensive background in the areas of leadership, social ethics, reconciliation, and theological education have resulted in his being called for consultation with four United States Presidents on issues dealing with church, society and immigration. His knowledge and expertise regarding Hispanic culture have been dissected in two books, The Christian Church in Ministry (translated into ten languages) and Liderazgo y Amistad (Leadership and Friendship). He was co-director and one of the principal researchers of the Hispanic Churches in American Public Life research project funded by the Pew Charitable Trusts and one of the editors of the Latino Religions and Civic Activism in the United States, a book of anthologies, monographs and reports published by Oxford Press.

Dr. Miranda is a veteran church leader. He was the Founder and President of the Alianza de Ministerios Evangelicos Nacionales (AMEN) consisting of 27 denominations and 77 ministries. He also founded the largest Latino seminary in the nation, The Latin American Theological Seminary. Currently, he serves as an Executive Presbyter with the General Council of the Assemblies of God, the President and Founder of the Miranda Center for Hispanic Leadership, and CEO of the National Hispanic Christian Leadership Conference, America’s largest Hispanic Christian organization. This organization leads more than 16 millions growing Hispanic born again Christians and 25,434 Evangelical congregations by providing leadership, networking, partnerships, and public policy advocacy platforms to seven directives: Life, Family, Great Commission, Stewardship, Education, Youth and Justice.

Dr. Miranda received his B.A. at Southern California College (now Vanguard University), a Masters in Religious Education Degree Talbot Theological Seminary (Biola University), a Master of Science Degree in School Administration from California State University (Fullerton), and a Doctor of Ministry from Fuller Theological Seminary. He and his wife, have three grown children and eight grandchildren and lives in Hacienda Heights, CA.

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**Jim Lee, Senior Associate**

GiANT Worldwide

Jim Lee’s leadership experience emerged from traditional large corporate top down management. During his 11 years working for several Fortune 10 telecommunications companies, he strove to bring out the best in his teams through empowerment. Fighting for the highest possible good in people was counter-cultural, as fear based management was the norm and minimal effort was made by leaders to invest in their people. Jim’s success proved that great accomplishments can come as a byproduct of secure, confident, and humble employees that were free from domineering.

In 2009, Jim accepted the role as vice president of sales and operations for an energy performance general contracting firm, building a culture of employees that valued relational harmony as the foundation of achievement. After 8 years of tremendous growth, he hired himself out of the company to pursue his dreams of being an entrepreneur of healthy leadership. Currently, Jim enjoys multiplying positive team culture and changing the way people lead through GiANT Worldwide as a senior associate.

Outside of GiANT, Jim volunteers his time with several ministry organizations, helping spread a liberating leadership culture in the Church. Jim has served his gifts in various churches as part of their leadership teams for over 15 years. His religious organizational experience includes being an Operations Director for a church plant in Los Angeles, currently serving as the Small Groups Community Coordinator at his local church, architect for a home-based ministry for those that have left the Church, and overseeing operations for a startup online ministry. Currently, he is also taking classes at Gateway Baptist Seminary (formerly Golden Gate Baptist Seminary) pursuing a Masters in Divinity part time. Jim and his wife, Jane, enjoy investing in each other and traveling on road trips across the country. They can often be found walking their feisty dog Mady in the evenings, building relationships and community with neighbors.

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**Rev. John Jongdai Park, KCCD/FACE Board Co-Chair**

Senior Pastor, Joong-Ang Korean Church

Rev. John Jongdai Park is an ordained pastor and advocate for Korean immigrants. He is originally from South Korea and came to the States in 1982, where he attended Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary. Rev. Park served as the past President for The Council of Korean Churches in Southern California. He also currently the Chairman of the Korean Cultural Heritage Foundation of America as well as Co-Chair of the Board of KCCD/FACE. Rev. John Park is currently in Los Angeles California where he continues to serve as Head Pastor of Joong-Ang Presbyterian Church in Hollywood.

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**Annika Yeo, KCCD/FACE Board Member**

Kowin / Global Children’s Fund / GG Construction

Annika Yeo is a KCCD/FACE Board member, Donor Advisory Board member, and currently the Director of California Korean Contractors Association since 2013. She is also serving on the Korean American Coalition Advisory Board since 2012 and is also the Director of Public Relations for BIC Mission since 2010.
Dr. Jiah Kim, Professor
University of Southern California

Dr. Kim takes a vision and makes it reality through sound strategy development with her unique, multi-faceted background in research, organizational management, high-profile marketing and communications, and branding for Fortune 5 and 500 companies worldwide. Her qualitative research is well regarded in the various industries including Automotive, Pharmaceutical, and Luxury Retail. At Harbage Consulting, she is spearheading communication efforts in healthcare working with the State of CA serving the marginalized and underserved.

Dr. Kim also serves as a professor at the University of Southern California teaching graduate courses in management, research methods, and teaching. Her dissertation on “Asian American Females in Leadership Positions in the U.S.” is currently being published. In addition, she served as an administrator in higher education for over 10 years. Dr. Kim is also a leader in community advocacy and empowerment. Her involvement in various social change initiatives including Women Empowerment and Diversity has helped numerous organizations. She was the Co-Founder of StilettoGal, which provided a multi-media platform for aspiring women leaders. Dr. Kim believes in giving back. She’s been running a non-profit, arts program for kids in the underserved communities since 2009. Her vision is to bring communities together through the arts and over 2,000 students in K-12 and families benefited from the program. She has been nominated for the KCET’s Local Heroes Award 2009 – 2011. Dr. Kim received her Bachelor’s of Fine Arts degree from the Roski School of Fine Arts, both a Master’s Degree and a Doctorate degree from Rossier School of Education, all from USC. She serves on several boards including LAEDC, LA Chamber, World Affairs Council, and KCCD/FACE.

Tim Lounibos, Actor

Much was expected of Tim Lounibos in the 90s. Critics saw him as an “exciting new breed of Asian American actors” with “widespread mainstream appeal”...but back then reflecting the face of society was hardly a consideration and the phrase “we’re not going that way” was commonplace. In 2009, after guesting on numerous television shows (including Star Trek: TNG, Crossing Jordan, The West Wing, JAG and The Practice), Lounibos made the decision to leave Hollywood in order to provide for his family. Now, the timing seems right for his return. Diversity is a mandate in (including Star Trek: TNG, Crossing Jordan, The West Wing, JAG and The Practice), Lounibos made the decision to leave Hollywood in order to provide for his family. Now, the timing seems right for his return. Diversity is a mandate in

Dennis Kato, Commander
Operations-West Bureau, Los Angeles Police Department

Commander Kato was born in Los Angeles, California, in 1959. He was raised in the city of Montebello where he graduated from Montebello High School in 1977. He received his Associate of Arts degree from East Los Angeles College and his Bachelor of Science degree in Occupational Studies from the California State University at Long Beach. He began his law enforcement career when he entered the Academy in May 1987. After graduating from the Academy, he was assigned to Pacific Area for his probationary period where he worked in patrol and on the Beach Detail. Upon completing probation, he was transferred to 77th Street where he worked a variety of assignments in patrol, gangs and vice. In January 1995, he was promoted to the rank of Detective and assigned to Southeast Area where he investigated burglaries, assaults and domestic violence incidents. As an investigator, he has been assigned to Narcotics Group-Newton Field Enforcement Squad, Detective Support Division - Asian Crimes Investigation Unit's homicide team and Narcotic Division – Special Investigation Team. In April 2000, he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant and assigned to Harbor Area Patrol and eventually became the Officer in Charge of the Harbor Area Vice Unit. He was promoted to Lieutenant in July 2003, and was assigned to Southeast Area Patrol where he was a watch commander. Shortly thereafter, he was selected to be Deputy Chief Earl C. Paysinger's Adjutant in Operations-South Bureau and then was assigned to oversee the gang enforcement efforts in South Bureau as the Bureau Gang Coordinator. He has also worked as the Adjutant to Deputy Chief Michael R. Hillman in Special Operations Bureau, Operations-West Bureau and Incident Management and Training Bureau. He promoted to Captain in November 2007 and was assigned to 77th Street Patrol Division. As Commanding Officer, Kato oversaw the day-to-day patrol operations in the Department's largest Area command. In July 2008, Captain Kato was assigned to Metropolitan Division. Captain Kato is currently assigned to West Bureau.

He is a member of the Law Enforcement Association of Asian Pacifics and the California Narcotics Officer’s Association. Captain Kato is involved in activities with the Boy Scouts of America and is a coach in the Sansei Baseball organization in South Bay. Captain Kato is a resident of Torrance, California, where he lives with his wife and two children.
Zoë Klein Miles, Rabbi
Temple Isaiah in Los Angeles

Rabbi Zoë Klein Miles is the Rabbi of Temple Isaiah in Los Angeles which has a long standing partnership with the First AME Church and a shitory of social justice. Rabbi Klein Miles is the author of the children’s book The Goblins of Knottingham: A History of Challah (Apples & Honey Press, 2017) and the novel Drawing in the Dust (Simon & Schuster, 2009).

Timothy Park, CEO
IATIA Cherish Mission / Pastor, Glory Church of Jesus Christ

Timothy Kwan-Ung Park is a first Korean-American pastor and missionary who started the Hope Street church for homeless since Oct 30, 2012, Easter Sunday, after 130 years after the first American missionary Appenzeller and Underwood came to Korea on Easter Sunday April 5, 1885. He graduated Fuller Seminary and served the church as Sunday school teacher and pastor for 30 years. He built Lincoln Termite Company before he became pastor. He is currently a pastor of Glory Church of Jesus Christ, and also the president of IATIA Cherish Mission, 501C3 Non-Profit Organization. He is third son of elder E Hahn Park and mother Soon Kyu Park. Pastor Timothy Park has a nick name, “Timodeo” “Ye Bo Nam pastor.” He is a follower of Jesus Christ and a grand-grand son of pastor Yi Meong Jik, the father of Holiness church (“성결교회의 아버지”) of Korea.

Terri Batch, Senior International Trade Specialist
U.S. Department of Commerce, U.S. Commercial Service

Mrs. Terri L. Batch is a Senior International Trade Specialist with the U.S. Department of Commerce, U.S. Commercial Service (a division of the International Trade Administration – Global Markets) in West Los Angeles, California. Terri assists Los Angeles based companies in the agribusiness, automotive, consumer products, advanced manufacturing, and design & construction sectors with exporting products and services abroad. Terri received a B.S. from Spelman College, and a MPA degree from the University of Southern California. Terri spent time in language training institutes in Beijing, China and Taipei, Taiwan and speaks Mandarin Chinese at an advanced level. She has traveled extensively throughout China and Asia. Terri has a professional designation as a Global Logistics Specialist from California State University Long Beach and is a Certified Global Business Professional from NASBITE.

Francisco Ortega, Director of Commissions and Community Engagement
Housing and Community Investment Department / Human Relations Commission

Francisco Ortega has been a senior staff member for the City of Los Angeles’s Human Relations Commission (HRC) for over a decade. Recently, he was appointed Director of the Commissions and Community Engagement Unit for the Housing and Community Engagement Department (HCIDLA) which oversees the work of the HRC and five other commissions. His work with the HRC has focused on building and strengthening community resiliency, capacity and collaboration with community stakeholders and institutional partners. He joined the commission as a field staff in late 2006 and has been working primarily as an advocate in reducing racial and ethnic tensions in some of the city’s most violent and challenged communities. In this capacity he’s been responsible for creating and opening safe spaces for transformational dialogue between law enforcement (LAPD and LA County Sheriff’s Department) and communities of color. In this capacity he has helped convene and facilitate community forums and town halls that aim to bridge the gap between police and community to build safe and healthy communities. He has worked throughout the city in places like South Los Angeles, Westlake Pico-Union, Northeast Los Angeles and the Valley. Currently he has helped develop and implement a race equity initiative through the LA City Council that brings attention to racial disparities and was instrumental in the City of Los Angeles’s adoption of Indigenous Peoples Day replacing the Columbus Day Holiday. Through the embRACE LA initiative the City HRC aims to open up dialogue on the role of race in community cohesion, race relations and institutional and systemic bias. He’s worked to reduce violent crime and leverage resources in areas that have long felt ignored by the city and county government. As his role with the HRC continues to evolve, he is committed to creating opportunities that allow for broader cultural understanding and continued civic engagement for all Angelenos.
**Cristina Garcia**, Acting Education and Outreach Manager
Center for Health Care Rights

Cristina Garcia came to the Center for Health Care Rights after nearly eight years of experience working with public and non-profit organizations. She holds a B.A. degree from Rutgers University. Cristina has worked with Spanish speaking communities in Ecuador, Nicaragua, Guatemala, and El Salvador. During this time she developed unique educational programs for low income women and children; she also provided assistance at medical clinics and nursing homes and helped raise funds to help sustain medical costs. In addition, she has worked as a medical interpreter and EMT/Driver for various clinics and hospitals on the East Coast. Her former work experience has allowed her to work with different age groups and has helped her develop a passion for social justice, diversity, and multiculturalism. Currently, as the Acting Education and Outreach Manager, Cristina is responsible for developing and implementing all community education programs, health fairs and trainings throughout Los Angeles County.

**Sharon Peterson, Ph.D.,** Alumni Manager
Southern California Regional Center for Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses Initiative

Dr. Sharon Peterson is Alumni Manager for the Southern California Regional Center for Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses Initiative. She supports the Southern California alumni and is a liaison to the national 10,000 Small Businesses alumni program. She has worked as a consultant with several Small Business Development Centers over the past decade helping small businesses achieve economic impact in their communities. Prior to starting her own business, she worked for companies such as PepsiCo, Hughes/General Motors and ConAgra Foods on brands including Healthy Choice and Banquet meals. Her basic responsibilities were in the area of brand management and program management. Dr. Peterson graduated with a Bachelor’s degree in Architectural Engineering from North Carolina Agricultural & Technical State University. She received her Master in Science in Industrial Administration (MSIA) from Carnegie Mellon University and completed her Ph.D. in Organization and Management from Capella University.

**Curren D. Price Jr.,** Councilman
Los Angeles City Council, 9th District

Born and raised in South Los Angeles, Curren D. Price, Jr. is proud of his roots, and his public service experience has consistently stood up for working-class families. In 2013, he was elected to represent the Los Angeles 9th Council District with a focus on economic development, cleaning up neighborhoods, tackling blight and advocating for more resources and services. He was re-elected for another term in March 2017. In his role as City Councilmember, Price is the Chair of the Council’s Economic Development Committee, and serves on the committees on Planning and Land Use Management (PLUM); Homelessness and Poverty; Immigrant Affairs, Civil Rights, and Equity; Arts, Entertainment, Parks, and River; Personnel and Animal Welfare, as well as the Ad-Hoc Committee on the 2028 Olympics and Paralympic Games. He launched his decades-long career in 1993 as a public servant on the Inglewood City Council. Price then went on to serve in the California State Legislature as an Assemblymember in 2006 where he served as the Chair of the Assembly Committee on Elections and Redistricting and Committee on Governmental Organization. In 2009, as a State Senator, he chaired the Business and Professions Committee and was chosen by his colleagues to lead the California Legislative Black Caucus, as Chair, in 2010.

In his current post as Los Angeles City Councilman, Price has a personal commitment to bettering the lives of low-income families and children. In 2014, he introduced policy to raise the wage for hotel workers to $15.37 per hour. One year later, he led the fight to raise the minimum wage to $15 by 2020. In addition, Price played a key role in the adoption of a citywide policy requiring employers to offer 48 hours of paid sick leave per year. He has actively supported local projects that promote economic opportunity and consistently pushed for good-paying “local hire” labor agreements that benefit constituents of the Ninth District. A former entrepreneur, he is a proud supporter of small and minority business owners, and in October 2014 opened the Business Resource Center (BRC) to provide residents access to business development tools, services and training. Price remains committed to turning the community around and making neighborhoods safer, cleaner and greener. Under his leadership, more than $40 million has been invested into public parks and recreation. To combat the trash problem and promote cleanliness districtwide, he has led an unprecedented effort to remove more than 15,000 tons of trash since 2013 and has secured the addition of hundreds of new trash cans. To address the homelessness crisis in a responsible and humane way, Price was a sponsor of the successful $1.2 billion bond measure HHH, which voters approved last November to help build 10,000 housing units with wrap-around support services over the next decade.
Aziza Hasan, Executive Director
NewGround: Muslim-Jewish Partnership for Change

Aziza Hasan has been part of the NewGround team for a decade and currently serves as the executive director. She has extensive experience in program management and coalition building. Aziza’s work has been featured on Ozy, Yahoo News, MSN.com, Public Radio’s "Speaking of Faith" with Krista Tippett, the United States Institute for Peace, Arabic Radio and Television, the LA Times, the Jewish Journal and InFocus. Aziza is a volunteer mediator with the Los Angeles City Attorney's Dispute Resolution Program.

Fred Mendez, Managing Director
Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) for the Americas, MUFG Union Bank

Horacio “Fred” Mendez is Managing Director of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) for the Americas for MUFG Union Bank. He is responsible for managing the bank’s social and environmental risk, government affairs, and community outreach activities. Prior to MUFG, Fred was Chief Sustainability Officer for Rabobank, where he oversaw CSR and Community Reinvestment Programs with an emphasis on food, agriculture and rural economic development. Fred was also: a Senior Fellow at the Aspen Institute; the director of Community Development at SVB Financial Group; and the senior investment specialist at the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco. He worked on the equity options floor of the Pacific Stock Exchange, ran the fixed income desk for Continental Savings of America, and was a financial industry specialist for Dow Jones. He lives in Alameda, CA with his wife, Nicole, and their two boys, Alejandro (8) and Santiago (5).

Ashlee Oh, MPA, Principal Analyst
County of Los Angeles’ Homeless Initiative

Ashlee Oh, MPA is a Principal Analyst for County of Los Angeles’ Homeless Initiative, a multi-jurisdictional endeavor in the Chief Executive Office to prevent and combat homelessness. She contributes to the development of strategic direction, design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of multi-departmental and multi-sectoral programs that have a countywide impact. Ms. Oh is a progressive leader who is driven by social justice. Her leadership have brought about systemic changes in public, non-profit, and private healthcare systems. Her past roles include: Senior Health Policy Advisor to a County Supervisor leading strategic planning, coordination and direction of County Health & Hospital System; Community Benefit & Health Manager in Kaiser Permanente that enhanced the community health focusing on at-risk populations via innovative philanthropic approaches; and, Clinic Administrator for Catholic Charities establishing and operating the first community-based primary and behavioral health integrated clinic. Ms. Oh holds a Master in Public Administration degree from San Jose State University and Bachelor of Science degree in Anthropology from University of California, Los Angeles.

Paul Jung, acting Executive Director
API RISE

Paul Jung graduated from UCLA Law School’s Public Interest Law and Policy Program in 2013. He formerly worked at Asian Americans Advancing Justice-LA where he focused on raising awareness about the impact of mass incarceration in California, educating individuals and families in Southern California directly impacted by the system, and advocating for juvenile and criminal justice policy reforms. Paul now practices Crimmigration law at Ponce Law Group. Paul is currently the acting Executive Director of API RISE, a non-profit organization that he co-founded that seeks to empower-and advocate on behalf of—formerly incarcerated APIs through mentorship, peer-led support, and job creation.

Anma Qazi, Commissioner
City of Los Angeles Human Relations Commission

Dr. Anma Qazi was born and raised in Pakistan. She is a trained physician and always wanted to pursue a career in the field of medicine. She attributes all her success to her supportive parents. She started her career as physician working in Pakistan and London, later after she moved to United States and worked at prestigious institutions such as New York Donor Organization and Dyker Heights Medical Center in New York. Dr. Qazi is an active Muslim leader and a philanthropist by nature and is involved in many charitable organizations. She is a long-term member of Rotary International and assisted in many projects. She has organized rallies and prayer vigils to support victims of violence in the Middle East. In addition, she has been an active member of Democratic Party and has participated in many
democratic campaigns in her former home state of Wisconsin and Maryland. Dr. Qazi has participated in many clinical research projects and has done her masters in Hospital Administration from Cornell University. She currently lives in city of Los Angeles and has been working with community and organizations on vast variety of projects. She is engaged in interfaith dialogues promoting understanding between different faith groups. She is a strong advocate for homeless and have been arranging food drives at DWC and have also been involved in Mayors projects to end homelessness as it’s a pressing issue. She is married and have two kids, her husband Dr. Haroon Yousaf is a Cardiology fellow at USC.

Nirinjan Singh Khalsa, Commissioner
City of Los Angeles Human Relations Commission

Nirinjan Singh Khalsa has served as a Commissioner on the City of Los Angeles Human Relations Commission for more than fifteen years. He was President of the Commission for more than six. He is also an activist for, and has publicly represented the Sikh Community for more than 30 years. He is the Executive Director of the California Sikh Council and a cultural intelligence educator and advisor to the Department of Justice, Department of Homeland Security, Los Angeles Police Department, the Los Angeles and Orange County Sheriff’s Departments, and many other public and private organizations.

Rosa Russell, Commissioner
City of Los Angeles Human Relations Commission

Ms. Rosa M. Russell holds more than 35 years of professional experience in the public and private sectors and retired from the City of Los Angeles. As a child, she grew up in South Central Los Angeles California and graduated from David Starr Jordan High School. She also took many college classes to help improve her skills and knowledge. Having began her career with the Los Angeles Unified School District, she worked her way up to Intermediate Clerk Typist. Unbeknownst to her, God had another plan for her life: politics. The passionate LA native currently serves as President of the 54th Assembly District and has been an elected member of the Democratic Party for 16 years. Her professional political career started when she was hired by Councilman David Cunningham as a community service representative, a position lasting over 10 years. After Councilman Nate Holden was elected to the Tenth Council District in June 9, 1987, she was selected to be the district deputy for Senior Citizens Affairs. This is when and where I realized my passion to advocate for many issues faced by senior citizens. Rosa worked for Councilman Nate Holden until his termed ended which was 16 years. She received a new position with the Los Angeles Community Development Department as an project assistant where she worked for six years.

Rosa is a lifelong member of the West Angeles Church of God and Christ and an active member. She has also been a member of public service organizations including her tenure as President of the Tenth District Women’s Steering Committee for 10 years. She also served as Board of Trustee for the oldest African American Club, New Frontier Democratic Club, and has been an elected member of the Los County Central Committee Democratic Party since the year 2000. Rosa also serves as a Board Member for the Center for Health Care Rights. Her personal quest is help supported and inspire people to help make the world a better place for all families.

Mark Rothman, President/Commissioner
City of Los Angeles Human Relations Commission

Mark Rothman is a principal in MAR Consulting, providing management and development consulting to non-profit organizations of varying sizes and located around the world. Mark previously served as Executive Director of the Los Angeles Museum of the Holocaust, one of the oldest such institutions in the country. Mark played a critical role in all aspects of the Museum’s project to construct a new and permanent home for the Museum, including managing the building’s capital campaign.
Courtney A. Morgan-Greene, Commissioner
City of Los Angeles Human Relations Commission

Courtney A. Morgan-Greene is an immigration and nationality attorney specializing in sports, entertainment, business and family based immigration in West Los Angeles. Commissioner Morgan-Greene is committed to the public interest, previously conducting death penalty investigations with The California State Habeas Corpus Resource Center, clerking for the Los Angeles County Public Defender, NAACP Legal Defense Fund, L.A. Gay and Lesbian Center, and Alliance for Children’s Rights and as an inaugural member of the Loyola Law School Center for Juvenile Law and Policy’s Juvenile Justice Clinic. Commissioner Morgan-Greene completed her undergraduate studies at the University of California at Berkeley in 2000 and obtained her Juris Doctor from Loyola Law School, Los Angeles in 2006, receiving the Dean’s Public Interest Award.

Irma Beserra Núñez, Commissioner
City of Los Angeles Human Relations Commission

Irma Beserra Núñez is founder/owner of Doña Irma Heritage Arts Institute, co-founder/co-chair of the Coalition to Save The First Street Store Mural Wall 1970s Chicano Historical Monument, and founder/chair of the California Coalition to Save Older Adult Education. Irma has devoted her life to using “The Universal Language Of The Arts” to empower and unite our youth and society by instilling a sense of cultural pride and self esteem while celebrating our cultural diversity and common human bond. To accomplished this, Irma has taken on various roles throughout her career as a Community Advocate and Spokesperson, Cultural Arts Educator and Archivist, Visual and Performance Artist, Producer and Director, Media and Marketing Consultant, Fine Arts Curator and Distributor, and Artist Representative in the areas of Bilingual and Multicultural Education, Chicano/Mexican American Historical Preservation, Community Revitalization, Hispanic Marketing and Communications, Government and Community Relations, Aging and Health Education, Human Rights, and other critical issues that impact our nations diverse multi-ethnic and multigenerational families and low income communities. Irma received numerous national, state and local Awards and Commendations including the “2012 Pioneer Women of the Year” for then Council President now Mayor Eric Garceo and the City of Los Angeles Commission on the Status of Women’s; as well as the “Excellence In Teaching Award” from the California Council for Adult Education.

Desolina Avila, Regional Diverse Segments Manager
Wells Fargo

Desolina Avila has been with Wells Fargo for over 17 years. Her current position is the Regional Diverse Segments Manager for the County of Los Angeles. She has been in the housing industry for over 25 years. Desolina was born and raised in The City of Los Angeles and grew up in neighborhood of Cypress Park. She graduated from Cal State Dominguez Hills. Desolina sits on the board of East LA Community Corporation, Pasadena Meals on Wheels where she also delivers food once a week. She is on the board of the National Association of Real Estate Professionals (NAREP) Montebello South East Los Angeles Chapter where she also is one of the Founding Director.

Rev. Jong Jin Pee, Former Senior pastor
Nam Seoul Chungang Presbyterian Church, South Korea

Rev. Jong Jin Pee was a former senior pastor of Nam Seoul Chungang Presbyterian Church in South Korea and still actively involved with the church as Chairman of General Association. He is also General Chairman of World Missionary Association and Vice President of Henderson Christian University. He had a remarkable impact on the evangelization movement in South Korea and travel around the world to lead revival meetings and seminars. Received awards include the World Peace Award and The Holy Spirit Man Medallion.
It is time for the Asian American church to wake up. The church, for many Asian Americans, and in my experience, for Korean Americans, is a central part of our life and identity. We have yet to use the enormous strength we’ve developed as a community to make the world a better place. But we can and we should.

Sam Yoon
President, Council of Korean Americans

KCCD has been the leading cause for community development among the Asian and Non Asian community. It has given hope for many who are struggling with life’s physical issues!

Ken Kong
Director, Southeast Asian Catalyst, The Navigators

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Misi Tagaloa
Pastor, Second Samoan Congregational Church

It’s time for change for the Asian-American church. At this hinge point in history, when its immigration rates are set to become the nation’s highest, and as its people begin to step onto the stage of American life (both political and economic), it’s time for the Asian-American church to find its voice. I’m glad that Hyepin and KCCD are rallying the church, at such a time as this, to begin this process. May this week’s meetings kick-start this process for us!

John Lo
Lead Pastor, Epicentre Church

In the name of our Lord Jesus, I send my sincere encouragement and support to the 10th Lighting the Community Summit and its hosting organization, Korean Churches for Community Development (KCCD), which helps guide people of the Korean- and Asian-American community toward a more successful and faithful life.

Dr. Young Hoon Lee
Senior Pastor, Yoido Full Gospel Church

I am very grateful to pray for the key issues facing the API community with fellow believers and then to advocate on our community’s behalf.

Russell Jeung
Professor, San Francisco State University

The KCCD Summit will be an opportunity for churches, small businesses, and the non-profits organizations in the API communities to create public and private collaboration and awareness to bridge the main stream issues faced in America.

Sojung Lim
President, Korean American Association of the Washington Metropolitan Area
KCCD’s Lighting the Community a Summit is a critical convening leading AAPI Christians to find and establish its collective voice in the public sphere. This is important, not merely for the sake of finding our voice, but because God has given us gifts and perspectives to offer to bless his people and display his awesome creation. In gathering around our rich ethnic identity and loving cross of Christ, we find empowerment and more of his glory together.

**Shela Jeong**  
Associate, Partnership for Public Service

I am proud to be a Community Ambassador for KCCD as they have opened unprecedented doors for the Korean American community to connect, network, and work together in a rapidly changing and globalizing world. As Koreans make up the largest diaspora in the world, the annual Summit has created a platform for Korean Diaspora Community leaders to partner and work together towards a reunified North and South Korea.

**Steve Sun Cho**  
Lead Pastor, Ocean City Church

KCCD is doing work that few in the Asian American faith community are equipped to do, providing a much needed bridge between our community and national interests at large. Under the leadership of Hyepin and Jin, the organization has done a tremendous job of working tirelessly to ensure that the voices of the powerless are heard beyond the walls of our inner-circles.

**Saras Chung**  
Doctoral Student/Research Assistant, Washington University in St. Louis

Often lost amidst the squabbling over the presence of undocumented Latino immigrants is the fact that a significant percentage are immigrants from all over the Pacific Rim. Asian and Asian American Christian churches are strangely silent, which is why it’s profoundly important that Hyepin Im and KCCD are leading the way to make sure that our governing officials don’t ignore the plight of our undocumented Asian brothers and sisters.

**Rev. Dr. Ken Uyeda Fong**  
Sr. Pastor, Evergreen Baptist Church of LA  
Exec. Dir., Asian American Initiative - Fuller Theological Seminary

Whether it is to highlight our desire for immigration reform or advocate for the issues that impact our communities, the time has come for Christian AAPI leaders to join hands and set our path for civic engagement. Please join us this May for an event not to be missed, as we attempt to pour out our hearts to positively impact and strengthen our AAPI communities.

**Sam Koh**  
Leader of Hillside EM at LACPC and Founder of NexGen Pastors Fellowship

Let us build a strong bond of unity as we advance Christ’s call for justice. The KCCD summit is a needed voice during these times where hope must prevail.

**Diane Ujiiye**  
Seminarian, Fuller Theological Seminary

The AAPI Faith Alliance Summit is a wonderful place to meet and fellowship with others serving the Lord in all sectors of society. Come and be inspired!

**Kenneth Liu**  
Director, Legal Aid Ministries, Christian Legal Society; Gammon & Grange, PC

Jesus not only spoke about God’s love, he also allowed people to experience it in tangible ways by demonstrating compassion and alleviating hunger and suffering. KCCD embodies this strategy of Christ - they mobilize and resource local churches so that they can impact people’s eternity by sharing God’s love in tangible ways that impact everyday life. KCCD is an incredible ally to local churches that want to grow and make a difference in their communities.

**Rev. Michael Lee**  
Senior Pastor, English Ministry  
Young Nak Celebration Church

I believe in what KCCD and Hyepin is doing on behalf of our AAPI community.

**James Yu**  
Executive Director/Pastor, Community Christian Center of LA
To build the well-being of society is one mission of the church, and KCCD is one great vehicle for helping churches know how to build or transform their congregation for the well-being of the community, especially for Asian immigrants. Through KCCD, you will find many resources and tools for refreshing your vision and expanding your ministry.

Rev. Peter Hwang
Senior Pastor, The First Korean Baptist Church of Philadelphia
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KCCD is a blessing and prophetic example for every U.S. ethnic group and for every city as they demonstrate in action what is good, right, helpful, and healing. Thank God for KCCD.

Tom Steers
Founder and Co-Director, Asian American Ministries of the Navigators

KCCD has been a voice to the voiceless, especially among recently arrived immigrants. What impresses me is KCCD’s continuing adaptive stance, responding to the concrete needs of people and the communities they aim to serve. Hyepin’s organizational and interpersonal skills have been put to use for the needy in a timely fashion. May Christ continue to bless everyone at KCCD with joy and strength in serving the Lord in the least among us.

Father Paul D. Lee, S.T.D
Senior Pastor, Epiphany Catholic Church

I am very blessed to be a part of KCCD’s compassionate service for the Korean-American community. I know how KCCD has been working for the community with dedication and tireless work to establish sustainable networks and create vibrant movement for local ethnic communities to enhance and enrich lives... I believe and pray that God is honored by your love and enthusiasm for those who come through your door.

Reverend Dr. Kyunglim Shin Lee
Vice-President, International Relations
Wesley Theological Seminary

I am grateful for the work of KCCD under the leadership of Hyepin Im to bring Asian American faith leaders together with the President and the White House. This historic gathering will give a greater voice and visibility to the AAPI faith community to become even more influential. I look forward to working together with Hyepin to “do justice, and love kindness, and walk humbly with our God.” Micah 6:8

Pastor Steve Choi
Senior Pastor, Crossway Community Church (Irvine, CA)
Endorsements & Testimonials

10TH NATIONAL LIGHTING THE COMMUNITY SUMMIT

My deepest appreciation to KCCD for teaching and guiding the way for our church to become the light and the salt of the Earth.

Rev. Eui Chun Hwang
Pastor, Korean Presbyterian Church of Trenton, NJ

I am grateful for the way KCCD displays the gospel in this city by empowering the urban poor through its capacity building in churches and economic development programs. They are a light to the world through their work developing leaders, building capacity and fighting the root causes of poverty and injustice.

Dr. Keith Phillips
President, World Impact

“KCCD’s leadership is to be commended not only for its expertise but its relentless pursuit in seeking viable and sustainable solutions in its relatively brief history. KCCD has established itself as a significant intermediary in leveraging both public and private sector resources to address the critical needs of often misunderstood and under resourced communities.

Michael A. Mata
Urban Development Director, World Vision

KCCD has come to play such a critical role in giving voice and empowering Los Angeles’ Korean community. Not only have they continued to stand at the forefront of addressing significant needs within the community, they have brought major resources into the community, and increased its political visibility.

Helene Slessarev
Professor of Urban Studies, Claremont School of Theology

KCCD is the wise beginning to a living end of poverty, racism, isolation, and disharmony. God is using KCCD to level the economic playing fields throughout the world!

Rev. Mark E. Whitlock
Pastor, Christ Our Redeemer A.M.E. Church

It is my great pleasure to support the efforts of KCCD and its tremendous work for the empowerment of the APIA community. Congratulations on this significant milestone event and may God bless all your ventures to come.

Rev. Kyu Young Lim
Senior Pastor, Tacoma New Life Presbyterian Church

Here in Washington, DC, we are that the forces tearing apart our nation’s communities are only increasing while the funds available from governmental sources to strengthen communities are disappearing. From the founding of the republic, America’s strength has been voluntary associations like KCCD. We must now rely upon you again to keep the light’s burning in the darkening world. May God continue to bless you in your work.

Reverend Dr. David McAllister-Wilson
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I have seen time and again how Christians from different congregations can dramatically impact a community when they serve and witness together. KCCD has an important role to play in bringing light to Los Angeles.

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I salute KCCD on its ministry and am thankful for the partnerships you have formed, the bridges you have built, and the initiatives you have undertaken not only on behalf of the Korean community but for all of God’s children.

Jim Winkler
Senior Pastor, General Secretary, General Board of Church & Society (GBCS)

As a member of President Obama’s first Council for Faith and Neighborhood partnerships, and as CEO of the Christian Community Development Association, I have seen hundreds of faith-based organizations making a significant impact in neighborhoods across the nation. KCCD, led by Hyepin Im is one of the most effective of such organizations that I have had the pleasure of working with. Congratulations on 10 years of service!

Noel Castellanos

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2001
• 1st KCCD Conference in partnership with U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
• 1st Lighting the Community Conference in Washington, D.C.

2002
• Supervisor Yvonne Burke awards $50,000 grant to KCCD
• KCCD hosts first Homeownership Fair with over 600 participants

2003
• MOU with FDIC for Korean Translation Review of Korean Money Smart Financial Literacy Program
• Freddie Mac Awards $45,000 for Homebuyer Education

2004
• KCCD receives national AmeriCorps*VISTA grant for 26 members
• KCCD receives Korean Civil Merit Badge Award “GukMin Pojang Sang”
• KCCD President Hyepin Im receives Korean Civil Merit Badge Award “GukMin Pojang Sang” from South Korean Government

2005
• KCCD’s Healthy Marriage Network Established 1st National Asian American Marriage Day Celebration
• KCCD receives a three-year $5 million Department of Labor grant for at-risk youth services.
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2006
• KCCD becomes corporate partner with Mayor Villaraigosa for “Hire LA’s Youth 2006” Youth Workforce Program (YWP)
• Launch of Korean Community Homeownership Initiative

2007
• First time homebuyer receives over $174,000 in down payment assistance through KCCD’s Homeownership Program
• KCCD partners with Freddie Mac to offer consumers and potential homebuyers CreditSmart Asian Guidebooks
• KCCD awards over $420,000 in grants to organizations

2008
• KCCD publishes Korean American Churches as Partners in Community Development featured on The White House website
• KCCD hosts Wake Up Call! Faith and community leadership summit
• KCCD helps raise $400,000 in marriage grants in the Korean American community

2009
• KCCD awarded 2009 HomeFree-USA President’s Award for outstanding achievement in foreclosure prevention
• KCCD President Hyepin Im as Presidential Appointee to the Corporation for National and Community Service Board
• KCCD President, Hyepin Im, honored as 2009 Pioneer Woman by Los Angeles City Council President Eric Garcetti

2010
• KCCD selected as 1 of 5 national partners for Freddie Mac’s Borrower Home Network Initiative to help distressed homeowners
• KCCD Partners with the Wilshire Family Source Center to serve 420 low-income Los Angeles residents in providing emergency referrals and services as part of City of Los Angeles Family Source Program

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President Barack Obama and Vice President Joe Biden hold a meeting on immigration with faith leaders in the Oval Office, Nov. 13, 2013. (Official White House Photo by Pete Souza)
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2011
- KCCD hosts its 10th Anniversary Dinner and 2011 Lighting the Community Conference
- KCCD Awarded Grant From Greenlining Institute to train Minority Business Owners to win Corporate Contracts

2012
- KCCD Hosts 7-month long SAIGU Campaign to commemorate the 20th Anniversary of L.A. Riots – Over 1,500 Attend Culminating Service
- Hyepin Im, KCCD Founder & CEO selected as a “2012 Woman of Action” by CA Speaker John A. Pérez
- Hyepin Im, KCCD Founder & CEO selected as a “Pioneer Woman of the Year” by Councilmember Tom LaBonge
- Hyepin Im, KCCD Founder & CEO Recipient of the Prestigious Presidential Citation Award from South Korean Government

2013
- KCCD Founder Hyepin Im Recognized as “Ten Most Inspiring Women” by Los Angeles Magazine
- American Jewish Committee of Los Angeles Makes Historic Visit to Glory Church of Jesus Christ through Partnership with KCCD
- KCCD Offering Free Basic Computer Classes for Low Income Residents of the City of Los Angeles in Collaboration with 1736 Family Crisis Center
- KCCD joined by Councilmember Tom LaBonge and Rev. David Meyers of the White House Office of Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships - Over 400 Attend Successful Disaster Readiness Seminar
- KCCD & Korean Pastors Join Fasters at U.S. Capitol for Commitment to Immigration Reform
- KCCD President meets with President Barack Obama and 7 other faith leaders on Immigration Reform in the Oval Office

2014
- Launch of AAPI Faith Alliance
- KCCD awarded CA Emerging Technology Fund Grant – Providing low-income families with high speed internet access and services
- KCCD launches faith and community mental health collaborative, in partnership with Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) – One of 12 communities selected by SAMHSA
- KCCD President meets with President Barack Obama and other AAPI leaders on Immigration Reform
- Over 140 AAPI Christian leaders attend KCCD’s 7th National Lighting the Community Summit, the first time AAPI Christian leaders are invited to a historic White House Briefing.

2015
- KCCD hosts its New Year Kick-Off Reception at The Belasco Theater - Over 300 attend
- KCCD Signs MOU with Yoido Full Gospel Church - Located in South Korea, one of the largest churches in the world with over 800,000 members

2016
- KCCD receives historic $125,000 grant from the City of Los Angeles to assist linguistically isolated residents. As a result of the grant, launches API JOBS Initiative.
- KCCD hosts its 15th Anniversary Gala Dinner at the Belasco Theater to celebrate fifteen years of service to the community.

At the White House - KCCD White House historic briefing for AAPI Christian leaders, May 2014
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