

Our Voices of Change Portrait Series

By Alex Chiu

Summer 2018



Springing Into Action

By Chi Nguyen, Interim Executive Director

Winter is when most of us draw close to home to hide out the bitter cold. Spring holds so much potential for awakening and rebirth. Personally, I knew change was brewing but did not know from where. By the end of spring, I had found my way home to APANO as Interim Executive Director. There was not a clearer message to affirm that the universe conspired for me to be here right now than during my 7th day on the job: outside of Sheridan Federal Correctional Institution in the midst of a humanitarian crisis. 121 immigrants had been detained for seeking asylum, and the majority of them identified as South Asian.



At 8 years old, I came to the United States from Vietnam as a political refugee seeking asylum. In another time, I could have been on the other side of that fence. In another place, it could have been my children torn from my embrace. More and more our communities are coming under attack. I find myself here for this very reason. I know our collective AAPI voice is growing by numbers, concentration, and volume. Over a quarter of a million of Oregonians identify as AAPI, making AAPIs the third largest ethnic group in the state. Our organization is one that centers on organizing. And that's exactly what we need to do. Let's organize for action. Let's come together and show that love trumps hate. Let's get all hands on deck because more hands make lighter work.

At APANO, we strive to be a member-driven organization. Whatever the reason you were first drawn to APANO, we are so thankful you are here. We have so many amazing people working on some spectacular programs, that I bet you will find something that will enchant and delight you. We want to hear from you. We need you. We cannot do this work without the help of your time, talent, and treasures.

And in between the battles, I hope that we can give ourselves the opportunity to deeply breathe in the new summer air. Let's take a moment to let the warmth envelope and hold us, because it's the smallest moments like these of being ever-so-present where we can regain our strength to soldier on.

I would love to have the opportunity to rekindle old friendships and formally introduce myself to those whom fate hasn't allowed our paths to cross, until now. I look forward to ushering in the new season with APANO and thank you for the opportunity to serve you and our community in my new role.



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to be "Chi Nguyen".

P.S. If you would like to help our efforts for the 121 immigrants currently detained at Sheridan FCI, please consider a donation to help with legal efforts and more at apano.org/Sheridan

Culture of Philanthropy

By Colin K. Crader II, Development Manager

We have all been here before: selling candy bars for a school trip, participating in weekend car washes to support a team, or doing other similar activities to support a cause in a brief and accessible way for community. As APANO's Development Manager, a new role within the organization, my position can be misunderstood and construed as a "sales representative for a nonprofit." While the responsibility of the Development team is to raise funds that allow our organization to make progress towards our mission and vision for a just and joyful Oregon for Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, another aspect to my work is to build a culture of philanthropy for APANO.



You may be wondering what a "culture of philanthropy" means. Simply put, a culture of philanthropy refers to an organization's attitude toward philanthropy and fund development. Here at APANO, I'm working diligently with program staff, executive leadership, and our board to create space for all of us to be thankful to our donors and funders in a way that builds long lasting relationships because YOU are a part of our organization. It is my honest opinion that nonprofits need more time to pause and honor supporters who give their time and talent to nonprofits. APANO will be making more strides to make that a reality.

As part of the relationship building in a culture of philanthropy, there will be more intention from us to create a dialogue about how you can support APANO in the ways that are meaningful to you. On our end, we have a vision of creating a rapid response engagement, knowing that moments like the separation of South Asian families being detained in the I.C.E. facility are just a glimpse of the rocky road ahead for our communities. Other possibilities may include scholarship funds for youth who participate in **ALLY** or **ONYCS**, and creating an endowment or planned giving program to ensure that APANO can continue to do its great work ahead.

What are your thoughts? Do you want to create and engage philanthropically with APANO in a way we have discovered or engaged before - like hosting a house party, connecting us through your donor-advised fund, or making sure we are on your corporate giving platform? I'm always excited to learn from you and my proverbial door is always open if you want to chat.

To donate to APANO, visit apano.org/donate



Celebrating a Year of Political Work

By Robin Ye, Lead Political Organizer



As I celebrate my one year work anniversary in my new role as Lead Political Organizer at APANO, I celebrate just how far our c4 political program has grown in the last year. What started in March 2017 as an idea to expand the advocacy tools available to our organization has now blossomed into a full-fledged electoral politics program -- complete with candidate endorsement programs, and resources to help elect leaders who will fight for our communities.

In the May Primary elections, APANO's impact was felt — **6 out of the 7 candidates that APANO endorsed won**, and several made history. Our very own member **Jackie Leung** became the first person of color to serve on the City of Salem Council, beating a long-time incumbent. **Susheela Jayapal** was elected Multnomah County Commissioner for North/Northeast Portland, and will be the first Indian American to serve in any elected office in Oregon. APANO devoted significant field resources to advance **Jo Ann Hardesty** to the runoff in November, paving the way for the first woman of color to ever be elected to Portland City Council. Representation matters, and seeing our elected officials reflect the communities they serve is essential to a government that values racial equity and fairness.

In January, to win **Measure 101**, APANO volunteers spoke with voters at the doors, on the phones, and over social media for nine days straight leading up to election day. By the end of it, Oregonians affirmed the belief that everyone deserves to get the healthcare they need regardless of their race/ethnicity, place of origin, gender identity, or financial resources.

I get energized about APANO's work because we take political stands, we advocate wholeheartedly for the things we care about, we speak truth to power, and we lead with our progressive values and focused mission to build AAPI political power in Oregon.



The facts point to our growing power in the state: in 2017 the Asian population became Oregon's fastest growing demographic, with Micronesian communities the single fastest growing ethnic minority.

While folks in our community are at different stages in their political awakening and advocacy journeys, I find it a feature not a flaw that APANO is explicitly and emphatically political. Politics alone cannot save us, but certainly for this November 2018, we have another chance to fight back against dangerous forces at the ballot. I hope you're just as excited as I am to fight.

中国家长团

by Wanna Lei, Chinese Parent Organizer



APANO的核心工作是建立强大的社区成员，共同创造和共同领导可以解决真正社区问题的活动。我们组织的信念根植于最受事件影响的居民。我们同心协力找出解决方案。

2017-2018年，中国家长团正式命名为UP-RISE，意为家长团团结一致，争取平等。我们定期每月一次的家长代表会议让家长分享社区，家庭生活，共同学习社会国家时事。

回顾2018年上半年，中国家长团参与聆听会议，提出了大家关心社区的教育，房屋，医疗和移民政策各方面的问题；家长团参与社区调查，为APANO收集了很多有用的民事意见。所有意见将会列入APANO 2018年的政策活动计划；家长团参与总统日西林首府的行动日；家长团参与西林英文为第二语言的年会；家长团与友谊之树合作的焦点组会议；家长团参与波特兰地区议会选举投票电话银行；家长参加每个星期一晚上的免费英文课程；APANO帮助柏文居民解决升租问题和困难；暑假APANO与动物园首次合作的一天夜露营圆满成功，孩子增长见识，锻炼意志，收获满满；旧家私店的重建是社区令人兴奋的大事。

新建筑预计于2019年二月落成。楼上为48间低收入房屋，低层将是APANO新的办公室和社区活动中心。低收入房屋的申请要求将于10月份公布，暑假APANO将还有新节目安排给大家。请大家记住8月18日和8月25日两个星期六将是大家喜爱的夏天节目---翡翠区的灯光夜市。希望大家继续关注APANO的新动态。

APANO不断的努力，致力于建立一个安全，平等，欣欣向荣的翡翠区。APANO的茁壮成长需要家长团的参与支持。只有同心协力，我们一起创建美好家园。



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Join us for our 2nd Annual East Portland Arts & Literary Festival honoring artists of color! The festival will feature interactive performances, workshops, a book and craft fair, kid-friendly activities, and more.

APANO Helps Put Portland Clean Energy Fund on November Ballot!

By Khanh Pham, Manager of Immigrant Organizing



Asian and Pacific Islander communities are on the frontlines of climate change, as communities that are hit first and hardest by the hurricanes, flooding, and deadly heat waves. We know that poor communities and communities of color are most vulnerable to the impacts of climate change. So for the last two and a half years, APANO has been working with our partners **Verde**, **NAYA**, **NAACP**, the **Coalition of Communities of Color**, **Sierra Club**, and **350PDX**, on a ballot measure initiative to address climate change while also creating good-paying jobs for our communities.

The Portland Clean Energy Fund would raise more than **\$30 million per year** to support new solar power and other renewable energy, energy efficiency housing upgrades, and other climate resiliency efforts. The measure includes living-wage job training for low-income Portlanders and people of color. **The Portland Clean Energy Fund** would be funded by a 1 percent business license surcharge that would only apply to mega-retailers with more than \$1 billion per year in nation-wide gross revenue, making sure corporations pay their fair share.

In just 7 weeks, APANO staff and volunteers gathered signatures by talking to our family members, friends, and neighbors, and on Thursday, July 5, 2018, our coalition proudly submitted 60,000 signatures in support of putting the **Portland Clean Energy Fund** on the November ballot! APANO is excited to engage in climate solutions, because we know that addressing the climate crisis also offers us a historic opportunity to create huge numbers of good, living-wage jobs, to close the gap between rich and poor, and to strengthen democracy in our communities from the bottom up.



The Portland Clean Energy Fund is proudly supported by the following organizations:



Our Voices of Change

By Candace Kita, Cultural Work Manager



In honor of **Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month**, APANO worked with local artist **Alex Chiu** to highlight the faces and stories of APANO members who are helping build a more just and equitable world.

APANO members were nominated and eight portraits (see front page) were painted to represent these **“Voices of Change”** deeply engaged in each of our core program areas: Policy and Civic Engagement, Leadership Development, Cultural Work, and Organizing. Selected members sat down for a custom portrait and responded to the question: Why is the program in which you are involved important to you? Their responses were recorded and highlights were captured within each portrait.

We are grateful to our members who made this project possible & plan to hang the portraits in the new development upon its completion!



Introducing the Orchards of 82nd!

By Duncan Hwang, Associate Director

APANO convened a stakeholder committee of local residents, business owners, AMP members, and ROSE staff to come up with a name for the new affordable housing development and APANO’s future office and community space at the intersection of SE 82nd and Division. After an online vote, the APANO board voted to approve the name **Orchards of 82nd**.

This name invites people to consider the history of SE 82nd Ave, including the **Shiogi family**, which owned orchards in Montavilla until the Japanese internment of WWII. Some remnants of original orchards along 82nd continue to exist on the PCC campus.

This name also fits within our **Roots to Rise** theme and community members liked both the restorative justice nature of the theme, the multiculturalism, and the symbolism that orchards bear fruit for our community. It also fits well with the building as there will be opportunities for murals and trees in the public plaza.



Keep up with the campaign progress or learn more: visit RootsToRise.org

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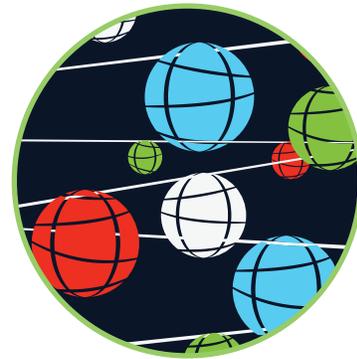
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