



Asian-Pacific-Islander

Person with origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asian, the Indian Sub-Continent, or the Pacific Islands.

Areas include, for example, China, Japan, Korea, the Philippine Republic, Cambodia, Vietnam, Laos, Samoa, Guam & Hawai'i, & Indian Sub-Continent, including India, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Sikhian and Bhutan



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History of APALA

In 1992, over 500 Asian Pacific American (APA) labor activists from around the country gathered in Washington D.C. for the founding convention of the Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance, AFL-CIO.

Prior to the founding convention several local APA labor groups were formed. The Asian American Labor Committee in New York, the Asian American Federation of Union Members in San Francisco, and the Alliance of Asian Pacific Labor in Los Angeles in Los Angeles were all created to meet regional labor needs. Still, there was a necessity for a national coalition. In 1990, APA labor activists approached the AFL-CIO with a historic proposal to form a national Asian Pacific American labor group.

As a result, in 1991, the AFL-CIO Executive Council established a committee to explore the formation of a national APA labor group. The Steering Committee that was formed from this proposal included the three regional APA labor groups, representatives from the Hawaii State AFL-CIO, and representatives from the seven founding unions.

The stated goals of APALA were to create an organization, which would educate APA workers; promote political education and voter registration programs among APAs; and promote training, empowerment, and leadership of APAs within the labor movement and APA community. APALA further set out to defend and advocate for the civil and human rights of APAs, immigrants and people of color and to develop ties within international labor organizations, especially in the Asia-Pacific Rim.

Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance
SEIU Local 521
APALA Caucus
6th Annual Asian & Pacific
Islander Heritage Celebration

FREE FAMILY EVENT

Saturday

May 3, 2014

11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

SEIU Local 521 Union Office
5228 E. Pine Avenue
Fresno, CA 93727

**Key Note Speaker:
Blong Xiong**

Candidate for Board of Supervisors

**There will be cultural foods, activities,
raffles, music, performers and more!**

Please **RSVP** your attendance by leaving
a message at (559) 447-2579

A Message from SEIU Local 521 APALA Fresno Caucus Leadership

The APALA Board and APALA members welcome you to our 6th Annual APALA Heritage Month Celebration and to share with us the unique cultures in our Caucus and in our community. The goal is to increase participation in APALA “Asian Pacific American labor Alliance”, and Asian Pacific-Islander group, and to make our voices heard in the election year, as well as fighting for our working middle-class

Bo Thao
Chair



Bella Barela
Co-Chair



Cecilia Tatum
Secretary/
Treasurer



APALA Mission Statement

The APALA Caucus will strive to promote a greater understanding and respect in the Asian and Pacific Islander cultures within the diverse membership of SEIU Local 521. APALA serves as the bridge between the labor movement and social economic justice – be part of that bridge.

