ASIAN YOUTH CENTER'S 37TH ANNIVERSARY

Gala

CELEBRATION AND AWARDS DINNER

A night of celebration, cultural performances, networking, and giving back to the community

SEPTEMBER 18, 2026

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GET TO KNOW AYC

ABOUT AYC

The Asian Youth Center (AYC) exists to empower low-income, immigrant, and at-risk youth and families of all communities to overcome barriers to success through culturally and linguistically competent education, employment, and social services.

AYC, formerly known as Asian Youth Project, was founded in 1989 by the San Gabriel Valley Task Force of United Way to meet the social service and health needs of Asian immigrant youth and families in the San Gabriel Valley. AYC's founding members include May L. To, the first Executive Director, and Dr. Judy Chu, the first Board President. In the last thirty years, AYC has expanded its scope to serve non-Asian youth and families as well, with culturally appropriate services in Cantonese, Mandarin, Vietnamese, Spanish, and English.

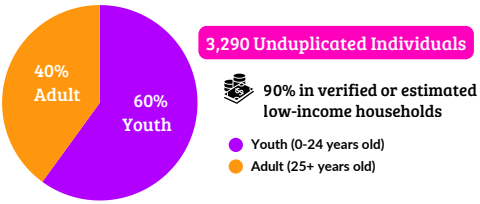
AYC provides services throughout all of Los Angeles County with an emphasis in the San Gabriel Valley and the Antelope Valley. Our offices are in San Gabriel and Lancaster.

WHO WE SERVE

Last year, AYC served 3,290 unduplicated individuals with services and reached more than 25,451 community members through community outreach and education and 142 volunteers. Seventy percent (70%) of individuals served lived in verified low-income households, while an additional 20% (for a total of 90%) were estimated based on school districts to be low-income.

Of those individuals served, 60% were youth (ages 0-24), and 40% were adults. Of the 1,962-youth served, 1% were ages 0-5, 13% were ages 6-11 (elementary school), 17% were ages 12-13 (middle school), 63% were ages 14-18, and 6% were ages 19-24. Thirty-seven percent (37%) of youth were male, 53% were female, 1% were other (including non-binary), 8% declined to state, and 1% were unknown.

Of the 1,962 youth served last year, 67% were assessed as at-risk, 3% were on probation, 1% were in foster care, and 1% were homeless. Youth are considered “at-risk” when they have been assessed with multiple risk factors that may include being from a low-income family, living in a high-crime or gang-identified neighborhood, failing in school, learning English



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Fifty-one percent (51%) of all people served identified as Asian Pacific Islander, while 25% identified as Latinx or Hispanic, 5% as African American, 3% as Caucasian, 2% as mixed race, 1% as another race or ethnicity, 12% declined to state, and 1% were unknown. Forty-five percent (45%) of individuals receiving services spoke English, 35% spoke Chinese (Mandarin or Cantonese), 14% spoke Spanish, 5% spoke Vietnamese, and 1% spoke another language including: Arabic, Batak, Burmese, Hebrew, Hoiping, Indonesian, Japanese, Korean, Persian, Tagalog, Teochew, and Toisanese.

GET TO KNOW AYC

Geographically, 10% of services were provided in the Fifth Supervisorial District (1% in the San Gabriel Valley and 9% in the Antelope Valley). Eighty percent (80%) of services were provided in Supervisorial District One (13% in East Los Angeles and 67% in the El Monte/Pomona side of the District), and 1% of services were provided in Supervisorial District Two (South Los Angeles). Six percent (6%) of services were provided in Supervisorial District Three; 1% were provided in Supervisorial District Four, 1% outside of Los Angeles County and 1% unknown.

OUR PROGRAMS

AYC's programs are divided into five departments: 1) Educational Enrichment Services; 2) Emergency Food Program; 3) Youth & Family Services (YFS); 4) Employment Services; and 5) Community Outreach & Engagement.

Educational Enrichment Services (EES) provides low-income and immigrant youth ages 5-18 with after-school and summer school programming, including Youth and Parent Leadership Development (YPLD) services in middle and high school Dream Centers. Last year, EES served 1,867 unduplicated youth in elementary, middle, and high schools.

Emergency Food Program provided 130,050 meals to 431 unduplicated households with groceries and perishable items such as fresh produce, meat, grains, and dairy products as well as diapers, baby formula, PPE, and other essentials to help supplement basic needs.

Youth & Family Services (YFS) programs are provided at schools, in juvenile facilities, community partner sites, and in client homes to decrease recidivism and juvenile delinquency through diversion, conflict resolution, social emotional learning, case management, and re-entry services. YFS programs served 301 youth, parents, and adults, with post-tests demonstrating significant increases in skills and self-esteem.

Employment Services increases employment success among low-income youth ages 14-24. Last year, 76 participated in skills development, career workshops, school enrollment, tutoring, and opportunities to gain paid work experience.

Community Outreach & Engagement reached 615 unduplicated individuals and made 122,531 contacts last year in Mandarin, Cantonese, Vietnamese, Spanish, and English through in-language press coverage and community event outreach on a variety of topics, including broadband access for low-income families and utility consumer education, addressing anti-Asian hate, and emergency preparedness.

BECAUSE OF YOUR SUPPORT

1,867 youth received education and enrichment services

130,050 meals provided to community members in need

76 individuals connected to employment services and job support

122,531 in-language contacts made through community outreach and education

301 individuals reported increased skills and self-esteem through youth and family services

Join the Legacy Circle



Securing Your Legacy by Investing in the Next Generation

When you join the Asian Youth Center (AYC) Legacy Circle with a planned gift, you can reflect your philanthropic priorities and ensure your commitment to education and positive youth development for generations while caring for your loved ones.

Benefits

True peace of mind comes from knowing your loved ones are cared for and your values are protected. A legacy gift allows you to do both.

Planned giving options include:

- Wills or bequests of cash or real property
- Appreciated stock
- Donor-advised funds (DAF)
- Life insurance policies
- Retirement plans
- Investment vehicles
- Gifts of real estate



Your Impact

When you include Asian Youth Center (AYC) in your estate planning, you are making an investment in the education and positive youth development of the next generation, helping and strengthening our communities for the future!

Tax Benefits
A planned gift may offer valuable tax advantages while helping you create a lasting legacy for the causes you care about.

Your legacy gift is an enduring expression of your values. Please visit www.aycla.org or contact Michelle Freridge at 626-646-4855 or Exec@aycla.org for more information.

Naming Opportunities to Make a Lasting Impact

For more than three decades, Asian Youth Center (AYC) has been a haven and resource for low-income youth and families. AYC is a place where every young person can learn, grow, and find opportunities. By naming a room or feature of our building, you create a meaningful and permanent symbol of your belief in youth, community, and cultural pride.

$1,000,000	**Main Building**	**100 W. Clary Avenue, San Gabriel** **The cornerstone of AYC's services**
$500,000	Administration Building	300 S. San Marino Avenue, San Gabriel The nerve of our organization
$1,000,000	Antelope Valley Youth Center	43434 E. Sahuayo St., Lancaster AYC's newest facility
$100,000	Lobby Areas	The entryways to our mission
$50,000	Youth Activity Rooms	Where young people learn, grow and lead
$50,000	Community Classrooms	Empowering families through education
$25,000	Offices and Conference Rooms	Investing directly in those who serve
$10,000	Outdoor Courtyard and Garden Areas	A peaceful space for reflection

Each naming opportunity includes a personalized plaque and recognition in AYC's digital donor wall on our website.

Let's Build the Future Together

Every gift helps AYC continue to provide youth leadership programs, after-school education, and family services to those who need them most. Your generosity ensures that the doors at AYC remain open and filled with hope. You can help build that future with a gift that carries your name forward for generations.



To explore naming options or schedule a personal tour, please contact Michelle Freridge, Executive Director, at 626-646-4855 or Exec@aycla.org

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BOARD PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

DEAR FRIENDS,

On behalf of the AYC Board of Directors, I am pleased to welcome you to **AYC's 37th Anniversary Celebration and Awards Dinner, *A Night of Culture and Compassion***. Thank you for being here tonight and, more importantly, for your continued support of AYC!

AYC has come a long way since our founding in 1989 by Congresswoman Judy Chu and the late May L. To. Today, AYC provides culturally and linguistically responsive education, employment, and social services to low-income, immigrant, and at-risk youth, families, and seniors.

Our theme this year, ***A Night of Culture and Compassion***, reflects much of what makes AYC special. We serve incredibly diverse communities, and we have learned over the years that understanding and respecting people's cultures, languages, and experiences matters. So does compassion. It is what brings people together and inspires us to help one another.

Last year, AYC served more than **3,290 people** enrolled in our programs and reached more than **120,000 people** through community outreach and engagement. We are proud of those numbers, but we are even more proud of what they represent—the young people who found new opportunities, the families who received help when they needed it, and the seniors and community members who found resources, support, and connection.

We could not do this work alone. I want to personally thank our staff, volunteers, Board and Community Advisory Board members, community partners, donors, and friends. Many of you in this room have supported AYC for years. Others are joining us for the first time tonight. We are grateful to have all of you as part of the AYC community.

Tonight, we are also proud to recognize **The Honorable Sasha Perez, Becker Law Group, Pasadena City College, Kaiser Permanente, and Frank Shyong**. Each of our honorees has contributed in meaningful ways to making our communities stronger. We are delighted to celebrate them this evening.

Most of all, I hope you enjoy yourselves tonight. Please visit the silent auction, take a photo in front of the mural artwork created by our youth, reconnect with old friends, and make some new ones.

For 37 years, AYC has continued to grow and change along with the communities we serve. What has remained constant is our commitment to helping people build better lives and stronger communities. With your continued partnership, I know we can carry that work forward for many years to come.
Thank you for being here, and thank you for being part of AYC.

Warmly,

Elizabeth Yang
President
AYC Board of Directors



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

WELCOME EVERYONE!

I'm so happy to have all of you here tonight for **AYC's 37th Anniversary Celebration and Awards Dinner—*A Night of Culture and Compassion***!

Tonight is a chance to celebrate 37 years of AYC helping youth and families overcome challenges, find opportunities, and build better futures. We've grown a lot since 1989, but one thing hasn't changed: **we believe in people**. We believe in meeting people where they are, respecting the cultures and communities they come from, and being there when someone needs a little help finding their way forward.

That's what ***A Night of Culture and Compassion*** is all about.

AYC serves people from so many different cultures, languages, neighborhoods, and walks of life. Tonight, we get to celebrate all of that diversity, and the generosity and kindness that bring us together.

And speaking of generosity, we have some people to thank!

A huge thank you to all of our **sponsors and community partners** who make tonight, and so much of AYC's work throughout the year, possible. We truly could not do what we do without you.

I also want to give a big shout-out to our Dinner Committee Co-Chairs, **Carol Lee and Alice Shyu**, our fantastic Dinner Committee, and our Board of Directors, led by President **Elizabeth Yang**. They have put a tremendous amount of time, energy, and heart into making tonight special.

And, of course, we are excited to celebrate our amazing honorees: **The Honorable Sasha Perez, Becker Law Group, Pasadena City College, Kaiser Permanente, and Frank Shyong**. Thank you for your leadership, your service, and everything you do for our communities. Tonight, we get to celebrate **you**!

Every person in this room is part of our community. Whether you've supported AYC for decades or this is your very first AYC event, **we're really glad you're here**.

Thank you for believing in our young people, our families, and our communities, and thank you for helping us make the next 37 years just as exciting as the first.

Now, let's have a great night!

With gratitude,

Michelle Freridge
Executive Director



PRESIDENT'S AWARD



Honorable Sasha Renée Pérez
25th Senate District

Award presented by: Elizabeth Yang, AYC Board President

Elected to represent the 25th Senate District in November 2024, Senator Sasha Renée Pérez has been appointed to serve as the Chair of the Senate Education Committee. She also Chairs the Budget Subcommittee No. 1 on Education. She also serves on the Senate Committees on Budget, Emergency Management, Health, Human Services, Public Safety and the Joint Committee on Arts. In addition, Senator Pérez served on an Affordability Working Group in 2025 to push forward an affordability plan aimed at improving the lives of working Californians and seniors.

Born and raised in Alhambra, her family has lived in the San Gabriel Valley for three generations. Her father is an electrician and her mother is a social worker. After graduating from Mark Keppel High School, Pérez became the first in her family to graduate from college, earning degrees in Political Science and Economics from California State University, Los Angeles.

In college, Pérez led a statewide campaign that successfully secured $97 million dollars to increase college access and affordability for all California students. During the same time, she was elected to her local neighborhood council and worked on issues such as neighborhood beautification and transportation.

Since graduating, Pérez has continued her work on pressing policy issues, led statewide campaigns, and educated constituents from across California on how to effectively fight for policies to improve their community. Over the last decade, she has played an important role in passing historic legislation that increased healthcare access, expanded government transparency, and provided protections for victims of violent crimes.

In November 2020, Pérez was elected to Alhambra City Council and immediately sworn in as Mayor, making her the youngest female mayor in San Gabriel Valley history and the youngest Latina mayor to lead a city of more than 50,000 in California.

Pérez continues to be an active community member volunteering her time at food banks and as a board member to Asian Youth Center, a 501(c)(3) non-profit dedicated to empowering low-income, immigrant, and at-risk youth. In her free time, she enjoys hiking, supporting local restaurants, and attending music festivals.

Senator Sasha Renée Pérez represents the 25th Senate District that includes the communities of Glendale, Pasadena, Alhambra, Altadena, Arcadia, Claremont, Glendora, La Cañada Flintridge, La Crescenta-Montrose, Monrovia, Monterey Park, Rosemead, San Gabriel, San Marino, Sierra Madre, South Pasadena, Temple City, Fontana, Rancho Cucamonga, Upland, and San Antonio Heights.

BUSINESS LEADERSHIP AWARD



Todd B. Becker
Senior Trial Attorney

Award presented by: Honorable Sasha Renée Pérez, 25th Senate

Todd B. Becker is a California mass tort and trial attorney who has spent nearly four decades representing individuals, families and communities in complex, high-stakes litigation. As Founder and Senior Partner of Becker Law Group, his practice focuses on mass torts and catastrophic-loss cases, including wildfire litigation, toxic exposure and environmental contamination, institutional sexual abuse, wrongful death and other matters involving widespread community harm.

Throughout his career, Becker has represented thousands of people affected by some of California's most consequential disasters and cases of institutional wrongdoing. Today, that work includes approximately 7,000 people affected by the Eaton Fire and approximately 3,000 people who have signed up in connection with the Boyle Heights warehouse fire. His work in these communities extends beyond litigation to direct engagement with residents, including community meetings, informational events and efforts to help people understand their rights and options following a disaster.

Becker has represented clients in major matters arising from California wildfires, landfill and toxic chemical contamination, institutional sexual abuse and other large-scale events. His experience includes a significant role in litigation that resulted in a historic $4 billion settlement with Los Angeles County on behalf of survivors of childhood sexual abuse, the largest settlement in the county's history.

Becker has been repeatedly selected to Southern California Super Lawyers and named to the Los Angeles Business Journal's LA500, recognizing influential leaders in the Los Angeles business community. He is a member of the Consumer Attorneys of California President's Club and has served on the board of the organization's Political Action Committee.

Community service has also been a longstanding part of Becker's career. He has served on the board of Urban Compass, a Los Angeles nonprofit supporting children and families in underserved communities and spent several years on the board of the Asian Youth Center, which provides education, employment and social services to low-income, immigrant and at-risk youth and families. During his tenure with the Asian Youth Center, Becker served as Second Vice President of the board.

Becker's experience also extends internationally. He has lectured on international law and related topics at the University of Southern California, Georgetown University, the China/U.S. Business Summit, the U.S. Consulate, Sun Yat-sen University in Guangzhou, Tsinghua University in Beijing and Wuhan Business University. Through decades of professional work and longstanding relationships in China, he has developed strong ties within the Chinese and Chinese American communities in Los Angeles.

Becker's approach to practicing law is highly personal. He believes clients facing life-changing circumstances deserve direct access to their attorney, clear communication and an understanding of what is happening at every stage of their case. He works to cut through legal jargon, identify the heart of the problem, establish a clear strategy and remain personally engaged from the first conversation through resolution.

That philosophy is particularly important in mass tort and disaster litigation, where thousands of individual experiences can become part of a single legal proceeding. Becker believes effective representation requires never losing sight of the people behind those numbers, listening to those affected, understanding the impact on their families and communities, and helping them make informed decisions about what comes next.

For clients and communities facing complex, high-impact litigation, Becker brings nearly four decades of courtroom and mass tort experience together with a hands-on approach built around integrity, accessibility and disciplined advocacy. His goal is not simply to pursue a legal claim, but to serve as a trusted advocate as clients work to recover, rebuild and move forward.

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP AWARD



Steve Gibson
Board of Trustees
Pasadena City College

Award presented by: Assemblymember Mike Fong, CA 49th District

Steve Gibson began on the governing board of the Pasadena Area Community College District in July 2022. He represents Area 3 which includes Northwest Pasadena and part of southwest Altadena. PCC Northwest is located in Area 3 on the campus of John Muir High School.

Gibson has worked for nonprofit and political organizations throughout his career. He was the Los Angeles Area Program Director of American Friends Service Committee, formerly headquartered in Pasadena. He was a Healthcare Organizer for AARP, as well as organizer and administrator for other organizations.

Gibson has traveled nationally and internationally giving talks and presentations on Bayesian statistics, number theory, computer science, ethnic conflict, and media communications. He has published more than 20 books, some translated into Spanish, Italian, and Portuguese.

Gibson has been a community organizer, having been trained by United Farm Worker staff. He has organized and carried out training for ecological campaigns, universal healthcare campaigns, and community empowerment. He is presently on the board of Progressive Asian Network for Action, has been a board member for Latinos for America and numerous Democratic clubs and organizations. He has organized community meetings about health care access, Black Lives, climate justice, and housing issues.

Steve Gibson received his AA from Pasadena City College in 2010, a Masters in Communications from CSUN, and earned his PhD in Education from Northcentral University. His dissertation was titled, Descriptive and Causal Comparative Examination of Community College Adjunct Faculty: Job Satisfaction and Efficacy of Reluctant and Enthusiastic Stayers. He has published textbooks, including Impact of Communication and the Media on Ethnic Conflict. He lives in Altadena with his spouse.

CORPORATE LEADERSHIP AWARD

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Award presented by: Assemblymember Mike Fong, CA 49th District

Kaiser Permanente is committed to helping shape the future of health care. We are recognized as one of America's leading health care providers and not-for-profit health plans. Founded in 1945, Kaiser Permanente has a mission to provide high-quality, affordable health care services and to improve the health of our members and the communities we serve. We currently serve 12.6 million members in 8 states and the District of Columbia. Care for members and patients is focused on their total health and guided by their personal Permanente Medical Group physicians, specialists, and team of caregivers. Our expert and caring medical teams are empowered and supported by industry-leading technology advances and tools for health promotion, disease prevention, state-of-the-art care delivery, and world-class chronic disease management. Kaiser Permanente is dedicated to care innovations, clinical research, health education, and the support of community health.

CULTURAL ICON AWARD



Frank Shyong
Columnist, Critic, and Host

Award presented by: Mike Eng, former member of the CA State Assembly

Frank Shyong is a freelance writer and the author of the Lunch Box newsletter on Substack. He was a reporter for the Los Angeles Times covering the San Gabriel Valley for more than 12 years. He also created and hosted the podcast "Asian Enough" and became the paper's first Asian American news columnist. A story he wrote was adapted into the 2026 film "Rosemead."

MISTRESS & MASTER OF CEREMONIES



Gigi Yam
TV personality and Event MC

Gigi Yam (任霜霜) is a TV personality and Event MC in Los Angeles. She hosts several shows on Chinese broadcasting television station SkyLink TV. Gigi started her career as a model and show host with TVB and AM1430. Besides working on TV and events, Gigi enjoys her time doing volunteer work. She is the Vice President of Morning Light Foundation and President for the Hong Kong School Alumni Federation, both educational foundations helping scholars with financial need.

Gigi also hosts for many international and community organizations throughout California as well as politicians' fundraising events. Gigi is a strong supporter for many charitable organizations and hosts many of their events including the Chinese American Museum, Chinese Parents Association for the Disabled and Chinese Christian Herald Crusades annually. Gigi has been a supporter and volunteer MC for AYC's gala's and other fundraising events for more than 10 years and we deeply appreciate her time, support, and friendship!



Sky Patterson
Actor

Sky Liam attended the University of Southern California where he studied Theatre and Chinese language while captaining both the Tae Kwon Do and Wushu martial arts teams. After graduation he moved to Beijing, China on a full scholarship to the Capital Institute of Physical Education. His athletic achievements include Gold Medal at the Shaolin Temple Cultural Festival and Grand Champion at the Long Beach International Karate Championships. He can be seen on shows such as The Bold and the Beautiful and the upcoming Baywatch revival. Sky grew up in Portland, Oregon and resides in Los Angeles.

YOUTH SPEAKER



Veronica Deras
Alhambra Highschool Student

Veronica Deras is a current 11th grade student at Alhambra High School. She has been a participant of Asian Youth Center (AYC) since 2024 through the Alhambra High School Dream Center, where she has been supported by staff members Mr. Bryan Kim, Ms. Christine Lee, and Mr. Michael Sanders.

ENTERTAINMENT



Ning Hu
Glow Dance Studio

Glow Dance & Fitness is a dynamic dance studio where movement meets joy. Offering a wide range of classes including Ballroom, Latin, Zumba, K-pop, Hip-hop, Jazz, Chinese dance, and Ballet, Glow Dance & Fitness brings energy, confidence, and fun to every class.

With passionate instructors who work great with kids (ages 3+), adults, and seniors, the studio offers private lessons, small group sessions, and open group classes to fit every goal and lifestyle. Glow Dance & Fitness has two convenient locations in San Marino and Monterey Park.

Glow Dance & Fitness is led by Director Ning Hu, a professional instructor with 21 years of teaching experience and over 10 years of judging experience in competitions. Specializing in Ballroom, Latin, Hip-hop, and K-pop dance for students ages 3 and up, Ning has built 8 dance studios and taught over 2,000 students over the past 20 years.

AYC Scene to Seen

For immigrant and under-resourced families in Los Angeles, invisibility isn't a condition — it's a strategy. Keep your head down. Don't draw attention. Do the right thing and maybe, eventually, you'll be accepted. Kids in these families absorb that philosophy. They code-switch before they can name it. They shrink in rooms where they don't see themselves. They grow up in the storytelling capital of the world — and rarely see anyone who looks like them holding the camera. AYC SEEN Festival is about changing that. Not by telling these kids they matter. By proving it — with a camera and a public stage to tell their stories.

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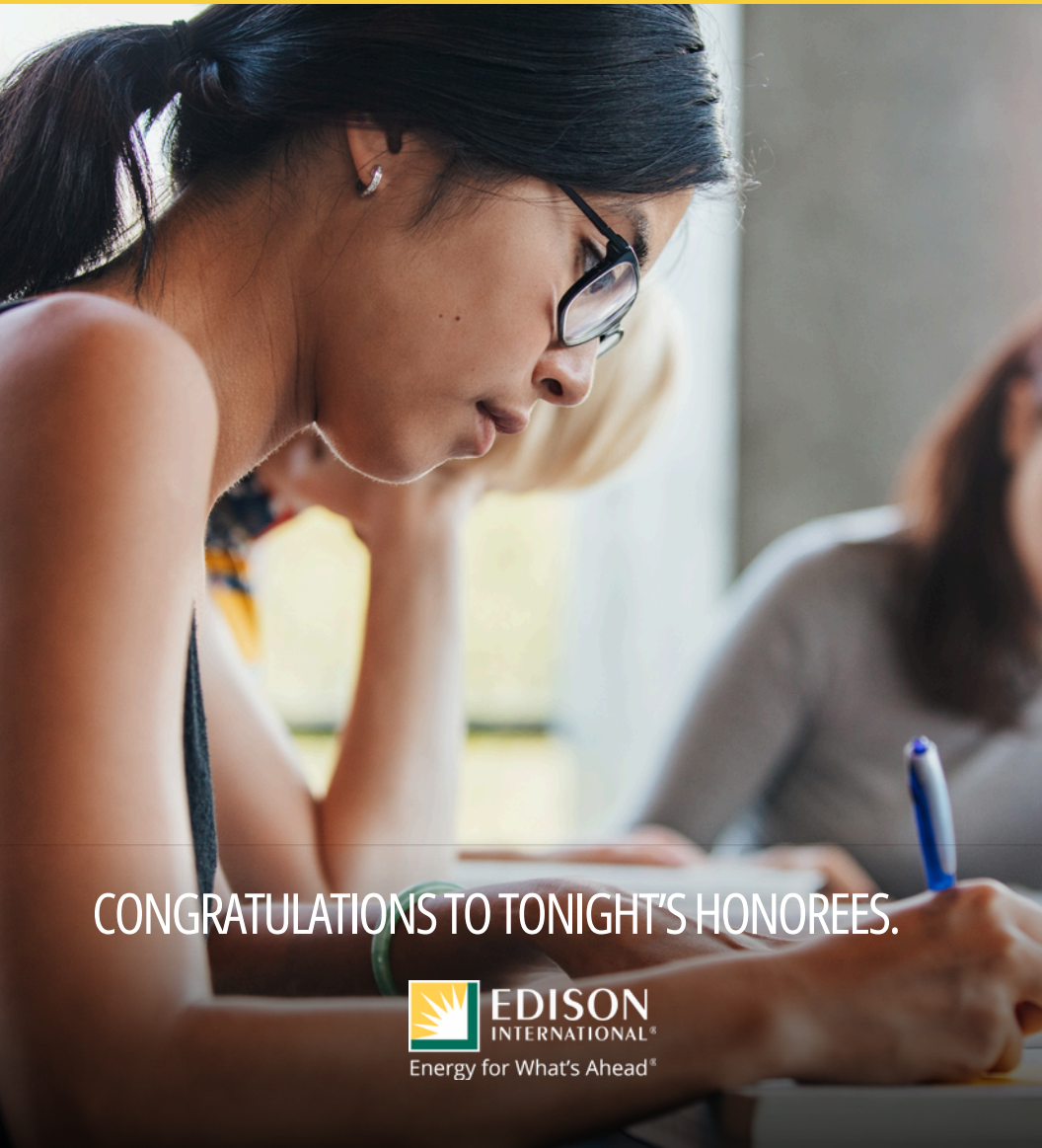
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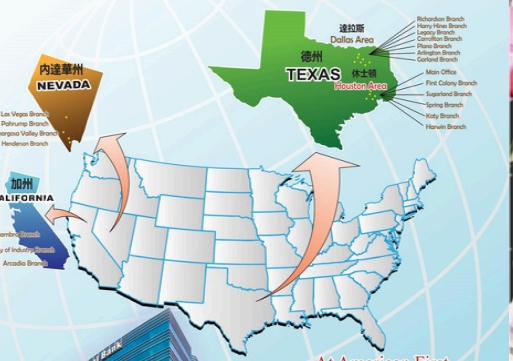
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Asian Youth Center
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Dear Friends,

I am pleased to extend a warm welcome to everyone gathered for the 37th Anniversary of the Asian Youth Center and to all those being honored today.

Since its founding in 1989, the Asian Youth Center has been a vital partner in providing social services and addressing the health needs of Asian youth in the San Gabriel Valley. Through essential programs for at-risk youth, such as educational support and emergency food assistance for youth and their families, the Center has continued to grow, serving our diverse and vibrant community with compassion and dedication. As one of AYC's founding members, I take great pride in the organization's steadfast commitment to equipping young people and their families with programs tailored to their needs. This work is critical to ensuring that future generations thrive in an environment that fosters health, opportunity, and success.

I also commend this year's honorees, Hon. Sasha Perez and Frank Shyong, along with Becker Law Group, Pasadena City College, and Kaiser Permanente, for their contributions in advancing AYC's mission. To both AYC and the honorees, I am deeply grateful for your passion and dedication to improving our communities. It is an honor to recognize your efforts in strengthening the San Gabriel Valley family.

On behalf of the United States House of Representatives and the people of the 28th Congressional District, I extend my sincere gratitude to the Asian Youth Center for thirty-seven years of service and offer my best wishes for your continued success.

Sincerely,

Judy Chu

JUDY CHU, Ph.D.
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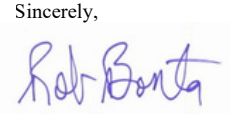
Dear Friends:

On behalf of the California Department of Justice, I am honored to congratulate the Asian Youth Center (AYC) on your 37th anniversary.

For nearly four decades, AYC has been a trusted partner to Asian communities across Los Angeles County. Whether supporting a young person as they plan for their future, connecting an immigrant family to resources in their own language, or bringing people together to stand against hate, AYC has remained rooted in the needs of the communities it serves. That legacy is worth celebrating—and so are the people who have made it possible. The services you have and continue to provide have made a world of difference for so many families and children. I commend you for all of your work and your dedication.

Congratulations to tonight's honorees who are being recognized for their commitment to service and for representing AYC's core values. Please accept my well wishes for a wonderful event and continued success in the years to come.

Sincerely,



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Dear Friends,

I am honored to join you for the Asian Youth Center (AYC) 37th Anniversary & Awards Ceremony in the City of Montebello!

For more than three decades, AYC has championed health services and youth services by supporting those ages 6-18 in the San Gabriel Valley. This milestone stands as a testament to AYC's profound impact on the San Gabriel Valley, highlighting the incredible board members and volunteers who have dedicated their time and resources to empower low-income, immigrant, and at-risk youth. Through active volunteerism, its members have consistently uplifted and supported education, employment, and social services across the community.

Tonight, we proudly celebrate and commend Asian Youth Center and its volunteers for their vital contributions. I am deeply grateful for their unwavering commitment to serving others, and I extend my sincere congratulations on another successful and inspiring year.

Sincerely,

Sasha Renée Pérez
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Dear Friends,



As the 34th Treasurer of the State of California, it is my pleasure to join the Asian Youth Center (AYC) in celebration of the 37th Anniversary Celebration & Awards Dinner.

For 37 years, AYC has been dedicated to empowering young people and strengthening communities through education, leadership development, mentorship, and service. I commend AYC for its longstanding commitment to nurturing the next generation of leaders and creating opportunities for Asian American youth to thrive and make meaningful contributions to our communities.

This event is truly an example of the power of community, collaboration, and service. It provides an opportunity to recognize the achievements of outstanding individuals, celebrate the important work of AYC, and bring together friends and supporters who share a commitment to building a brighter and more inclusive future.

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Dear Friends,

Congratulations to the Asian Youth Center for hosting your 37th Anniversary Ceremony and Awards Dinner!

For 37 years, the Asian Youth Center has dedicated itself to serving the San Gabriel Valley community, particularly low-income, immigrant families, youth, and seniors. From the Emergency Food Program to free training for community health workers, to Stop the Hate programs and senior outreach, Asian Youth Center has done tremendous work to improve lives and make a positive impact. I applaud your dedication and diligent work throughout the years.

At this year's anniversary, Asian Youth Center also celebrates and recognizes the leaders, pioneers, and organizations who have made great contributions and supported the critical work you do each day. I want to congratulate all the honorees: Hon. Sasha Renée Pérez, Becker Law Group, Pasadena City College, Kaiser Permanent, and Frank Shyong for all your phenomenal work and dedication.

On behalf of the California State Assembly's 49th District, I am honored to celebrate the 37th Anniversary for Asian Youth Center. I offer my sincerest congratulations and best wishes for your continued success.

Sincerely,

Mike Fong
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RE: Commemorating 37 Years of the Asian Youth Center (AYC)

It is my honor to recognize the Asian Youth Center as it marks its 37th anniversary of empowering young people and families across our communities. Founded in 1989, the Center has remained steadfast in its mission to remove barriers and help youth reach their full potential, providing education, employment, and social services with cultural and linguistic sensitivity. Today, AYC serves communities throughout Los Angeles County, including the San Gabriel Valley and Antelope Valley, connecting families with the resources and support they need to thrive.

The impact of AYC's work is reflected in the lives of more than 105,000 community members reached through its outreach and engagement. By meeting people where they are and creating pathways to stability, confidence, and opportunity, AYC demonstrates that when young people and families succeed, our entire community benefits.

On this 37th anniversary, I extend my heartfelt congratulations to AYC's President Elizabeth Yang, Executive Director Michelle Freridge, the board of directors, staff, volunteers, and community partners. I also commend this year's distinguished honorees: the Honorable Sasha Pérez, recipient of the President's Award; Becker Law Group, recipient of the Business Leadership Award; Pasadena City College; recipient of the Community leadership Award; Kaiser Permanente, recipient of the Corporate Leadership Award; and Frank Shyong, the recipient of the Cultural Icon Award. Their support and leadership are a testament to the strong community that makes AYC's work possible.

May AYC continue to uplift young people, strengthen families, and build stronger communities for years to come. Thank you for your unwavering dedication to our shared future.

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RE: Asian Youth Center's 37th Anniversary Gala Night

Dear Esteemed Members and Guests,

It is my great pleasure to recognize the honorees of the Asian Youth Center's 37th Anniversary Gala Night. This distinguished event honors individuals and organizations whose dedication, leadership, and service have made a meaningful impact in our community. Your commitment to excellence, advocacy, and fostering opportunity reflects the values we hold dear and serves as an inspiration for others to engage and give back.

The Asian Youth Center's 37th Anniversary Gala Night is a testament to their unwavering support for youth and families. By highlighting these outstanding honorees, the Center emphasizes the importance of leadership, service, and community engagement, inspiring others to make a lasting impact.

I commend the Asian Youth Center's leadership for organizing this event and providing a platform to celebrate these remarkable achievements. Your work uplifts not only those being recognized but also the communities they serve, leaving a legacy of positive change.

Congratulations to each honoree, and I wish you continued success in your efforts to enrich and strengthen our community. May the celebration be memorable and inspiring.

Warm regards,

Michelle Rodriguez

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Assemblymember, 53rd District

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Dear Friends:

37th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION & AWARDS DINNER

On behalf of the men and women of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, I am honored to extend my congratulations and welcome all to the Asian Youth Center's (AYC) 37th Anniversary Celebration & Awards Dinner. This year's theme, "**A Night of Culture & Compassion**," highlights AYC's local roots and its commitment to serving the diverse communities of the San Gabriel Valley and Los Angeles areas.

Since 1989, the AYC has worked to empower low-income youth, families, and seniors through linguistically and culturally competent programs and services. Your continued dedication to education, opportunity, and community service has made a meaningful difference in the lives of countless individuals throughout Los Angeles County.

Los Angeles County is one of the most diverse regions in the nation, and organizations such as the AYC play an important role in strengthening our communities. It is always rewarding to recognize individuals and organizations whose leadership, service, and commitment have had a positive impact on those they serve.

I am pleased to join the AYC in congratulating this year's distinguished award recipients:

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Each of these honorees has demonstrated exceptional leadership and a strong commitment to the community. Their accomplishments reflect the spirit of service, compassion, and partnership celebrated by the AYC.

We wish you much success with your 37th Anniversary Celebration & Awards Dinner and continued success in your efforts to uplift and empower the diverse communities you serve.

Sincerely,

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