



# APIDC

Asians and Pacific Islanders with Disabilities of California  
*Giving a voice and face to Asians and Pacific Islanders with disabilities*

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I am writing as a follow up to our recent conversation. Thank you for allowing me to further describe an important non-profit organization that I am supporting.

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Asian and Pacific Islanders with Disabilities of California (APIDC) (<http://apidisabilities.net>) is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, employer identification number 80-0211920, dedicated to improving the lives of Asians with mental, physical and developmental disabilities. Since 1999, APIDC has been a unique bridge between our Asian communities—traditionally under-served due to language and cultural barriers—and mainstream agencies and organizations serving people with disabilities.

On October 25, 2014, APIDC will be hosting its first Annual Gala at the beautiful Cicada Restaurant in downtown Los Angeles. APIDC's Lifetime Achievement Award will be bestowed upon the former Secretary of Transportation Norman Mineta, for his historic role in supporting the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act. This will be a unique opportunity to recognize Mr. Mineta's many contributions to our country.

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APIDC will be grateful for your contribution of a silent auction tax deductible item to our Gala. Your contribution will be recognized in the Gala program brochure.

Please see attached additional information about APIDC and the Gala.

Thank you so very much.

Sincerely,

APIDC Gala Committee

## **APIDC**

Asians and Pacific Islanders with Disabilities of California is a non-profit advocacy organization dedicated to raising the visibility of Asians and Pacific Islanders (APIs) with physical, mental and developmental disabilities. APIs with disabilities are an under-served population in employment, education, health and social services due to cultural and language barriers. Created in 1999, APIDC is believed to be the only organization of its kind in the country dedicated to advocating on behalf of APIs with disabilities. It was created because many families and people with disabilities are not familiar with available resources, and because many mainstream agencies serving people with disabilities find it difficult to access our Asian communities.

APIDC convenes statewide conferences which bring together consumers and service providers to network with each other. The conferences have been attended by hundreds of people who have reiterated the need for such conferences for information sharing, support and social networking purposes. APIDC also conducts smaller seminars to educate people about services, and provides a Speakers Series highlighting APIs with disabilities who have become local and national leaders.

One of APIDC's newest programs is a Leadership Institute where college students with disabilities are taught public speaking, media, advocacy, organizing and fundraising skills to become future leaders.

APIDC is hosting its first ever Gala on Saturday October 25, 2014. Proceeds from the Gala will be utilized to support APIDC's programs, including its 2016 statewide conference, educational seminars, trainings, peer group convenings, and Youth Leadership Institute.

Former Secretary of Transportation Norman Mineta will be honored at the Gala for his leadership in helping to sponsor the Americans with Disabilities Act. This will be a rare opportunity to hear firsthand from one of the most extraordinary leaders in our country.

## **GALA INFORMATION**

**Date:** Saturday, October 25, 2014

**Location:** Cicada Restaurant, 617 South Olive Street, downtown Los Angeles in the beautiful and historic Oviatt Building. Valet parking. ADA accessible.

**Time:** 4 p.m. VIP reception, 5 p.m. cocktail reception, 6 p.m. program

**Honoree:** former Secretary of Transportation Norman Mineta, Washington, D.C.

**Individual ticket prices** start at \$150; sponsorship and advertisement details below.

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## **SPONSORSHIP LEVELS**

### **Presenting Sponsor: \$10K: Billing as “Presenting Sponsor” in all pre and post event publicity**

- ID in invitation, program, website, all other printed materials and social media
- VIP reception with Secretary Mineta
- Premium seating
- Premium placement of full page ad in program booklet
- Ten tickets

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- ID in invitation, program, website, all other printed materials and social media
- VIP reception with Secretary Mineta
- Priority seating
- Priority placement of full page ad in program booklet
- Ten tickets

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- ID in invitation, program, website, all other printed materials, and social media
- VIP reception with Secretary Mineta
- Preferred seating
- Half page ad in program booklet
- Ten tickets

### **Silver Sponsor: \$2,500**

- ID in invitation, program, website, social media
- Quarter page ad in program booklet
- Ten tickets

### **Table Sponsor: \$1,500**

- One line listing in program booklet, website, social media

### **Non-Profit Table Sponsor: \$1,000 (not legal or professional associations)**

- One line listing in program booklet, website, social media

### **Individual ticket levels**

- Patron - \$500
- Friend - \$250
- General - \$150

*Patrons and Friends will be listed in program booklet*

### **Advertisement in program booklet**

- Full page - \$750
- Half page - \$400
- Quarter page - \$250

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## **SILENT AUCTION ITEMS**

APIDC welcomes your generous donation of tax deductible items for the silent auction, to be held during the Gala cocktail reception.

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## **YOUTH LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE**

One of the major programs to be supported through Gala proceeds will be the new APIDC Leadership Institute. Five students, Raymond Kwong, Joanne Lee, Daphna Patel, Kevin Phung, and Silkvia To, participated in a unique leadership institute sponsored by APIDC. Raymond Kwong, Joanne Lee, and Daphna Patel attend Pasadena Community College, Silkvia To attends Cal State University Los Angeles, and Kevin Phung attends Rio Hondo College. The students were recommended by their colleges based on leadership potential to become advocates on behalf of Asians and Pacific Islanders with mental, physical and developmental disabilities. Four of the students have disabilities and the fourth is studying to become a rehab specialist.

The students received interactive training in the Asian American civil rights movement, the disability rights movement, research data on APIs with disabilities, public speaking skills from the Honorable John Chiang, communications through the media (e.g., press releases), networking skills, coalition building, fundraising and organizing in the corporate world, branding, formulating mission statements, goals and objectives, fundraising in the foundation and non-profit world, and independent living perspectives. The students are using skills received during the training for critically needed initiatives, including peer support groups. At the graduation ceremony held on June 1, California Commission on Disability Access Commissioner Guy Leemhuis commended the students on their commitment and passion to raising the visibility of young Asians and Pacific Islanders with disabilities. These students will be highlighted during the October 25 Gala.