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Culture and Community: The Intersectionality of the East San Gabriel Valley

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10:00am – 1:00pm

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Event Description

Join AAPIP-LA in partnership with the Asian Pacific Community Fund on a tour to explore the East San Gabriel Valley and the community nonprofits which serve this important but often overlooked part of Los Angeles. Encompassing roughly four hundred square miles, 15 cities ranging from El Monte to Diamond Bar, the East San Gabriel Valley is home to nearly one million Angelenos and vibrant AANHPI communities.

In our visit to the East San Gabriel Valley, we will have two panels hosted outdoors at the Jeff Seymour Family Center and learn from local nonprofits about how the community has grappled with the impacts of the pandemic on the community's health, education, and well-being as well as emergent needs for the future. We will learn about barriers, funding gaps and how funders can make an impact within the AANHPI community.

Nonprofits showcased:

- El Monte Promise Foundation
- East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center
- Foundations for Disabled Youth
- Chinatown Service Center
- Buddhist Tzu Chi Medical Foundation
- Empowering Pacific Islander Communities

At the end of our tour, we invite you to enjoy lunch with us catered by a local restaurant.

We ask that all participants are fully vaccinated and if you are experiencing any COVID-like symptoms approaching the date of the tour, we ask that you please stay home.

Masks will be required for parts of our tour.

Speakers



Jennifer Cobian, Executive Director, El Monte Promise Foundation

Jennifer Cobian is the Executive Director for the El Monte Promise Foundation. She is a dedicated advocate for education and equity for all children and families. Jennifer also serves as a member of t... [Read More](#)



Karla Thomas, Deputy Director, Empowering Pacific Islander Communities (EPIC)

Karla Thomas is the oldest daughter to Samoan and Aymara parents, who come from the villages of Vatia, Tutuila in American Samoa and Quime, Bolivia. She was raised in San Bernardino, CA on Serrano and... [Read More](#)



Pearl Omiya, Executive Director, East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center

Pearl Omiya is the Executive Director of the East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center. She has been with the organization since 2005, first as the Operations Manager, and promoted in 2006 to ... [Read More](#)



Stephen Denq, CEO, Buddhist Tzu Chi Medical Foundation

Dr. Denq is a highly rated internist in Los Angeles, CA. He has been practicing as primary care physician for over 25 years since graduating from New York Medical College and is licensed to practice i... [Read More](#)



Wendy Lai, Board Member, FFDY-Foundation For Disabled Youths

I have been a member, a volunteer Mom and the program coordinator of FFDY, Foundation for Disabled Youths for fourteen years and became a board member in the last five years. I, like many of our pare... [Read More](#)

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