

APANO



FALL
2014

ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN NETWORK OF OREGON

CALENDAR

- Oct 9** General Meeting
Oct 14 Voter Registration Deadline
Oct 18 Dis/Orien/Ted Comedy
- Nov 4** **Election Day**
Nov 13 Membership Meeting
- Dec 1** Health Equity Legislative Kickoff
Dec 11 APANO Holiday Party
- Jan 8** General Meeting
Jan 13 Legislative Reception
Jan 31 Pacific Islander Student Alliance
- Apr 13** Legislative Day of Action

Save the Date

May 7 4th Annual Voices of Change

Registration & Time/Location at www.apano.org
or contact Diem@apano.org 971-340-4861

Interested in volunteering?
Contact info@apano.org.



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APANO Members with Assembly Member Rob Bonta at Rolling Tides Statewide Convention

GET YOUR MULTILINGUAL VOTER GUIDE

APANO is organizing our communities to get out and vote. Voting is one way we can join with our neighbors, family, and friends to directly affect the ways our communities' look and feel. Voting matters because elected leaders and ballot measures create the rules we live by - and these can either help or hurt our families.

Voters can expect to see a total of 7 ballot measures this year. These measures focus on issues ranging from financial aid for college students, marijuana legalization, to GMO labelling. Check out the APANO Voter Guide on Page 2 to see our endorsements, and more information on each one. You can download the multilingual voter guide at www.apano.org. If there are any questions, please contact **Paolo Esteban** at paolo@apano.org or **Kathy Wai** at kathy@apano.org. You can also register to vote online at www.apano.org.

Take Action:

- Get your family registered to vote by October 14th
- Volunteer to get out the vote
- Promote our APANO Voter Guide, available in 10 languages (Chinese, Hindi, Vietnamese, Tagalog, Chuuk, Samoan, Korean, Cambodian, Lao and English)

YOUR VOTE IN NOVEMBER COUNTS!

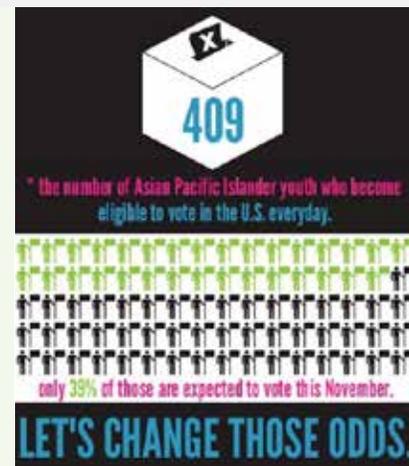
The APANO Voter Guide includes the basics on voting, and Oregon Ballot Measures. Please visit www.apano.org to download and share the Voter Guide.

- 86 | YES Oregon Opportunity Initiative - APANO joins the business, faith and law enforcement communities in urging a Yes on Measure 88.
- 87 | YES State Judges- Amends the Oregon Constitution to allow state judges to be employed by the National Guard and state public universities as teachers.
- 88 | YES Driver's Card- Authorizes the DMV to issue driver cards to anyone who can provide proof of Oregon residence for at least a year, can pass the driving test, and can provide proof of insurance coverage.
- 89 | YES Equal Rights Amendment - Amends the Oregon Constitution to prohibit state and local government from discriminating on the basis of gender.
- 90 | NO Oregon Open Primary Initiative- Changes the current primary election rules to permit all candidates to be listed together and any registered voter can vote, regardless of their political party. The top two finishers would advance to the general election, regardless of party.
- 91 | YES Legalized Marijuana - Regulates the personal possession, commercial cultivation, and sale of marijuana to adults over 21 years of age.
- 92 | YES Oregon Mandatory Labeling of GMO's- Requires stores that sell and companies that make food using genetically modified ingredients to label packages, displays, or shelves as is required in many countries outside the United States.

APANO endorses a YES on Measure 88 because we all deserve safe roads and the opportunity to work and care for our families. We don't need one more barrier to the economic recovery for Oregon. Thousands of Oregonians, including 1 in 8 Asian and Pacific Islander immigrants, are affected by these government barriers, many due to a broken immigration system. These include military veterans, adoptees, foster children, and the elderly who face significant challenges to having ID.

Measure 88 is about Safe Roads: We can all agree that we want our children and families to be as safe as possible - and that means ensuring all drivers pass the driver test and have adequate insurance.

Measure 88 is about Strong Families: Many Asian and Pacific Islanders need to drive, especially in rural areas, to take care of our basic needs. We tend to live in multigenerational homes, caring for our grandparents and extended family.



JADE DISTRICT VISIONING REPORT



As APANO looks to the future, the Jade International District is a focal point for location-based organizing and community building and placemaking work. This year, as part of the Jade District NPI work, Duncan Hwang, Todd Struble, and Stanley Moy with the help of Tony DeFalco and Emily Hull-Bower, set out to get direct feedback from the diverse communities of color that reside in the Jade District. One of the challenges of organizing and working in East Portland includes working with communities where English is not the primary language.

For example, at the local schools, including PCC Southeast and Harrison Park SUN School, over 40 languages are represented in the community, and many residents do not speak English fluently. However, any projects that APANO and

the Jade NPI take on need to reflect the values and ideas of the diverse communities that live, work, and live with their families here.

The Jade District NPI worked on two visioning events. First, we wanted to speak directly with the different communities. Five groups met separately, representing groups that spoke Spanish, Russian, English, Vietnamese, and Cantonese. Next, we invited these groups to meet together with community leaders present to translate and interact with their neighbors and community partners. From this meeting, each group was able to share their ideas about what improvements they would like to see in the Jade International District, and what their long term vision for their neighborhood is.

The results were wonderful, and demonstrated all of the shared values between all of the communities. People wanted to see safe walking spaces, community spaces, and additional green space. From this process, we were able to identify projects like the Jade International Night Market and the Harrison Park Community Garden that we were able to make a reality!

JADE INTERNATIONAL MARKET SUCCESS



Over the course of the last month, over 20,000 people came to the Jade International Night Market for summer evenings of community, good food, and culturally specific entertainment. This major event helped put our work in the Jade International District on the map and began to shift the discourse around 82nd Ave to really highlighting some of our community strengths. This was also an invaluable opportunity for community organizing as we collected hundreds of contacts through surveys and talked about transportation issues along 82nd Avenue. We consider the Jade International Night Market to be a resounding success. Thank you for your support and are excited to as the planning process has already begun for Jade International Night Market 2015!

CONVENTION 2014 ROLLING TIDES

A huge Thank You to the Rolling Tides volunteers and attendees for making our bi-annual convention a success! September 20th was filled with taiko performances, educational and thought proking workshops, and riveting keynotes from Jose Antonio Vargas, Assembly Member Rob Bonta and Deepa Iyer.

As November 4th is quickly approaching, we were reminded of the power that can generate from a united community. Thank for you being a part of APANO's growth, we can not wait for the Convention in 2016.

A special appreciation to Soojin Hwang. Soojin was the Major Events Intern with APANO and managed all volunteers for the convention. We wish you well Soojin and we thank you for sharing your energy, talents and humor with us.



CALL TO ACTION!

We are coordinating a multi-lingual phone bank, and looking for volunteers to speak with voters before election day. We'll provide training, support and dinner. Phone-banking shifts are in the evenings from **October 27th-November 2nd**. Get involved by contacting Kathy@apano.org or Paolo@apano.org. Join us!



YOUTH ORGANIZING WITH KARN

APANO is kick-starting a new youth leadership council this year. The youth-led council will focus on developing the leadership skills and political education of high school age API students. Students will identify issues that are important to their communities and organize around those issues. Our first meeting was on September 17th at the Jade District Office. One of our first projects is creating a mural in the Jade District, a project that will be led and completed by APANO high school leaders. The Youth Leadership Council meets weekly on Wednesdays, for details and joining contact Organizer **Karn Saetang** at Karn@apano.org

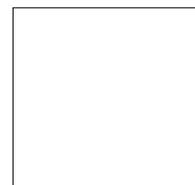
Karn building power with youth with the "Selfie Challenge" at Franklin High School on Sept. 8th #KarnandYouth

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DISORIENTED COMEDY+ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN NETWORK OF OREGON PRESENT

KEEP PORTLAND DIS/ORIENT/ED

SATURDAY OCTOBER 18TH 2014-8PM STANDUP COMEDY

MEXONG BISTRO
7:30PM COCKTAIL HOUR
TICKETS \$25 ONLINE AT
DISORIENTEDCOMEDY.COM
BENEFITS APANO
STRONG FAMILIES PROGRAM

Dis/Orient/ed Comedy

Date: Saturday, October 18th

Location: Mekong Bistro
8200 NE Siskiyou St.
Portland, OR 97220

Time: 7:30 pm - Cocktail Hour
8:00 pm - Show

Tickets are \$25.00. To purchase please go to the Events page at www.apano.org

Back by popular demand! Dis/Orient/ ed Comedy will be a gathering of over 200 community members of an evening of standup comedy from both up and coming talents and notable Asian Pacific American female comedians. API women face many challenges in the mainstream media, for API comics, the challenge to be recognized is even greater. Dis/Orient/ed Standup Tour will promote the work of Asian Pacific American females and provide a space for them to share their comedy with the Portland community.

We hope you to see you there! Funds raised will support APANO's Strong Families working group.