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.

**Get Your Multilingual Voter Guide**

**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)
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!
**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!

**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-provoking 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 you for 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.

**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!

**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
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.