

# Building for Our Future

THE API LEGAL OUTREACH CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

## Join the Campaign

### Securing a permanent home

The newly renovated building will be the first permanent home and headquarters for API Legal Outreach, now in its thirty-first year of service to the Greater Bay Area community.

### Strengthening services

The 1119 Mission building will enable API Legal Outreach to

- Expand access for all communities
- Increase critical, multi-lingual and culturally competent services
- Enhance community partnerships through an API community resource center

The new building's 6000 square feet of space more than doubles the present leased space. Situated in the heart of San Francisco's government and social services hub and along the Bay Area's main public transportation systems, 1119 Mission will be a new resource for community-based service organizations, including women's shelters, youth advocacy coalitions, immigrant rights groups and arts organizations in need of space for meetings, interviews or satellite offices.

### Ensuring financial security

Owning the 1119 Mission is a strategic step toward stabilizing the organization's fiscal foundation. Rising occupancy costs will be under control, allowing future fundraising efforts to focus on meeting increasingly complex human services needs.

### The Campaign Goal: \$1 million

For the acquisition and renovation costs of a 3-level building located at 1119-1121 Mission Street, between 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Streets in San Francisco.

### Support received to date:

Non-Profit Space Capital Fund, San Francisco Mayor's Office for Community Development, the Low-Income Investment Fund and generous individual gifts.

## We need your support!

API Legal Outreach invites individual donors, foundations and corporations to participate in this historic opportunity to make our programs more accessible and effective than ever, for current and future generations.

*"Thank you for bringing my life back!"*

– Korean domestic violence survivor



THE ASIAN PACIFIC ISLANDER LEGAL OUTREACH CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

# Strengthening Lives, Building for Our Future



## Legal Outreach

Working for Equal Justice in the API Community

*Small acts can change lives. Whether it was helping with a person's immigration status, restraining order, or divorce, everything that the staff at API Legal Outreach does changes the world in a better way.*

– Robert Uy, Law Clerk



# 1119 mission st.



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# Strengthening Lives

## History:

In 1975, Nihonmachi Legal Outreach (NLO) was born in the heart of San Francisco's Japantown during the height of Affirmative Action in professional schools, Ethnic Studies and the burgeoning Japanese American Redress Movement. NLO began through the efforts of volunteer law students who shared a passionate commitment to work for a more just and equitable society. They did this by making legal services accessible to those who had been historically overlooked and underserved: low-income, non-English speaking seniors, women, youth, recent immigrants, and families.

Thirty-one years later, NLO has evolved into Asian Pacific Islander Legal Outreach, a major non-profit provider of front-line legal and social services, public education, technical assistance to other agencies, and social justice advocacy. With a staff of over 20, including 10 attorneys, and a volunteer network of nearly 200, the organization continues a legacy of service to those with extraordinary needs.

*I will be eternally grateful to your agency.  
Thank you so much for being there at a difficult time in my life.*

– Filipino senior



# Asian Pacific Islander Legal Outreach-Programs

A commitment to culturally competent, holistic services from a community-based, social justice perspective. Free & low cost multilingual services serving those in greatest need.

### Ending Domestic Violence

Provides critical services to women and their children seeking to escape violence and abuse so that they can establish safe and stable lives for themselves and their children.

### Youth Advisory Council (YAC)

A youth development project, YAC consists of Bay Area high school youth committed to change the attitudes, beliefs and behavior which contribute to violence against women. Workshop, media projects and Internet activities developed by and for youth promote a culture of respect and non-violence.

### Senior Law

Supports the independence, dignity and security of seniors by providing a full range of services including areas such as planning for long-term care, consumer fraud, conservatorship, tax, public benefits, and naturalization.

### Elder Abuse Prevention

Works to prevent the growing problem of elder abuse by educating the community, as well as first responders, about the culturally taboo subject of elder abuse – financial, emotional, and physical. Provides critical services to seniors in gaining legal protections against abuse.

### Immigration & Naturalization

Provides a full range of immigration services including applications for citizenship, VAWA protections, and employment and permanent residence; as well as combating an increasing number of unwarranted deportations that separate families and destabilize communities.

### Anti-Trafficking

Provides comprehensive support and services to survivors of international human trafficking, along with sister agencies Asian Women's Shelter, Donaldina Cameron House, and Narika. The Project is a national resource for training and technical assistance to governmental and community agencies.

### Social Justice Advocacy

Informed by its day-to day work, API Legal Outreach addresses a range of issues affecting the well-being of the API community. In the post-9/11 era, and in the context of heated national debates on immigration policy reform and government policies that have contributed to a climate of racial and ethnic harassment, scape-goating of immigrants, and unjust government practices – API Legal Outreach continues to advocate for the civil and human rights of immigrant communities.

*I urge you to make sure that people like me will always have community havens to turn to for help and for hope.*

– Pakistani immigrant mother, victim of domestic violence



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## About 1119 Mission Street

Improved workspace for API Legal Outreach services and a new level of community-building

### EXPANDED ACCESS – LINKING COMMUNITIES & SERVICES

#### A prime venue

- Directly across from the new Federal Building
- Close to major municipal, state and court facilities
- Near a hub of social service agencies

#### Proximity to historic API communities

- Accessible to historic Chinatown, Manilatown, and Japantown
- Closer to the underserved South of Market Filipino and Little Saigon communities
- Near a concentration of single-room occupancy hotels and senior housing
- A few blocks from new neighborhoods of Southeast Asian, South Asian and other API families in the Tenderloin and the Mission

#### Accessibility to the Greater Bay Area

- Along major public transportation routes (Muni, Muni Metro, BART, AC Transit)
- Greater accessibility to legal clinic sites in Alameda, San Mateo and Contra Costa counties

#### Participation in community development

- Located in a San Francisco enterprise zone and mid-Market redevelopment area

#### INCREASED SERVICES FOR MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES

- More adequate workspace for staff and volunteers, who now encounter daily shortages of private interview rooms, meeting space, and even basic desk space
- A centrally located resource for social service networks serving API families, women, seniors and youth



### ENHANCED COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS: AN API COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER

API Legal Outreach's multidisciplinary model involves a constellation of organizations serving women, seniors, youth and families in crisis. 1119 Mission will function as an API resource center where partner agencies can arrange satellite meeting and service sites.

*"Thank you and others at API for all the help and support throughout these times. May you and others continue to help families like us."*

– Chinese American son, on behalf of his elderly mother who was naturalized

