



# Legal Outreach

Working for Equal Justice in the API Community

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Supporting Immigrant Communities Amid COVID-19 Crisis

## NEWS

API Legal Outreach welcomes new board members Jerett Yan, Jessica Huang, Jinnhua Su, Lauren Tom, Neil Chan, Raymond Pascual, and Stephanie Choy.



**FREE LEGAL CONSULTATION**

**DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT IMMIGRATION?**

**Call us for appointment:**  
**(415) 567-6255**  
Slots are limited

**Clinic information**  
**When:** every other Wednesday of the month; 4pm to 6pm  
**Where:** Via Zoom online/phone  
**Intakes may be done in:** Cantonese, Japanese, Korean, Mandarin, Tagalog, Spanish, and Vietnamese

**DO YOU NEED HELP WITH:**

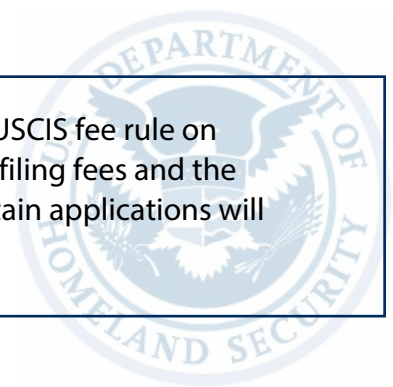
- Naturalization/Citizenship application
- Family Based Petitions
- Employment Authorization Renewal
- Or other Immigration questions.

Immigration clinics are being held every other Wednesday of the month. The next one is 10/14. Call us for an appointment.

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### United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) filing fees

A federal court blocked the new USCIS fee rule on 9/29/2020. This means increased filing fees and the elimination of fee waivers for certain applications will NOT take effect on 10/2/2020.



## Program Updates



### APILO's Legal Advocacy during the Covid-19 Pandemic

As California enters six months of complying with Governor Newsom's Executive Order to stay home, APILO staff continue to provide remote direct legal advocacy to ensure legal rights of our vulnerable low-income communities in all of our core and special project areas.

## APILO Community Outreach and Educational Workshops

APILO continues to engage in community outreach and provide educational workshops to local community organizations and partners regarding important legal information and updates. Here are some recent highlights:

### Recent Topics Covered

- Domestic Violence Prevention & Legal Remedies
- Bay Area Eviction Moratoriums
- Federal and California Indian Child Welfare Act
- Tenants' Rights
- Immigrant Rights
- Elder Abuse Prevention
- Consulate Questions
- Social Services for Victims of Human Trafficking
- Youth Activism
  - Native Hawaiian Spirituality & Healing
  - Preventing Burn-out
  - How to fight against criminalization by the criminal legal and incarceration systems

### Partner/Host Agencies

- SF Domestic Violence Consortium
- Washoe Native TANF Program
- Bayanihan Community Center
- Asian Women's Shelter
- Indonesian Consulate in SF
- Filipino Advocates for Justice
- TAYO and Queer Collective
- Riley Center
- Cameron House



### APILO Provides Advice and Information regarding California Unemployment Insurance (UI) and Covid-19 Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA)

In the past three months, over 6 million people have filed for UI. Thousands of applicants are still not receiving their benefits due to system glitches, complex and nuanced eligibility criteria and convoluted benefit calculating methods that are difficult to understand. APILO staff are currently assisting our community members with navigating the UI and PUA application processes and resolving any mistakes that have delayed receiving benefits. In the last three months, we've spoken with and assisted more than 30 clients.

### Tips on Navigating California Unemployment Benefits and Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Benefits

1. Tips to follow:
  - a. Enter your details correctly, especially social security number and date of birth.
  - b. Use the name as it appears on your social security card or driver's license.
  - c. Answer calls from EDD. They may appear as restricted or blocked.
2. Follow instructions exactly as given by EDD at: <https://www.edd.ca.gov/>
3. Call us with questions. It is better to call us with questions than to submit incorrect information.



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