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API LEGAL OUTREACH NEWSLETTER



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REBUILDING THE DREAM

Thank you all for supporting the *Rebuilding the Dream Campaign!*

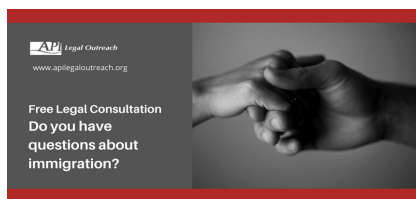
API Legal Outreach exceeded our fundraising goal of \$50,000 - Thank you, all! Your generosity helps us provide legal and social services to those most marginalized in underserved communities, including women, seniors, immigrants, and youth. Thanks to supporters like you, we provide holistic, culturally competent, and linguistically appropriate services to thousands of people each year in areas including gender-based violence, youth violence prevention, immigration, human trafficking, senior and disability rights, housing and public benefits. Many thanks to all of you for supporting us through your donations, social media interactions, and a shared commitment to social justice. Here are some of our recent highlights:

OVERVIEW:

- *Rebuilding the Dream Campaign Success*
- Ongoing Clinics with AABA and API Council
- Fighting for the Survival of API Districts and our Small Businesses
- Advancing Community Impact
- Advocating Against Anti-Asian Hate Violence

Ongoing Clinics with AABA & API Council

- In partnership with Asian American Bar Association of the Greater Bay Area and API Council, API Legal Outreach sponsors multiple legal clinics offering free legal consultations in Cantonese, Japanese, Korean, Mandarin, Spanish, Tagalog, and Vietnamese via Zoom or phone.
- Small Business Clinics include information on PPP applications, EDD issues, and other relief measures.
- Immigration Clinics include information on most aspects of immigration law. These clinic slots are by appointment only; call (415) 567-6255



If you need help with:

- Citizenship Applications
- Employment Authorization Renewal
- Family-Based Petitions
- Or other Immigration Questions

Call: (415) 567-6255

By Appointment Only

Slots Are Limited

Clinic Information

When: 3/17/2021, 3/31/2021, and every other Wednesday of the month following; 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Where: Via Zoom online/phone

Intakes may be done in Cantonese, Japanese, Korean, Mandarin, Spanish, Tagalog, and Vietnamese

Sponsored by: Asian Pacific Islander Legal Outreach, Asian American Bar Association of the Greater Bay Area, and API Council



Fighting for Survival of API Districts and Small Businesses

- With the restrictions on businesses, districts like Chinatown, Japantown, Little Saigon, and SoMa are collapsing ecumenically. Longtime family-run small businesses are being forced to close or are near closure.
- API Legal Outreach is representing many small businesses trying to negotiate reductions and deferrals of lease payments due to their loss of income, sometimes as much as -80% or more.
- The Eviction Moratorium for small businesses is vital to any chance of survival. On both a statewide and local level, API Legal Outreach has continuously advocated for extensions of the local and statewide eviction moratoriums, both for small businesses and residential tenants.
- Good news! The statewide residential Eviction Moratorium in California has been extended through June 30, 2021.
- [Link to State Rental Assistance Program](#) which has been created to assist struggling tenants and small property owners.

Advancing Community Impact

- Solidarity with Filipino and Haitian Communities
- Submitted public comment to DHS opposing the end of the Filipino War Veterans' Parole and Haitian Family Reunification Parole programs.
 - [USCIS link to the Filipino War Veteran Parole program](#)
 - [USCIS link to Haitian Family Reunification Parole program](#)
- Co-sponsoring legislation CA Senate Bill 357 to decriminalize loitering laws.
- Criminalization of people selling sexual services or even purported to be selling sexual services leads to increased vulnerability to actual human trafficking, creates barriers to accessing safe housing and legal employment, and further puts communities at risk of violence.



Advocating Against Anti-Asian Hate Violence

- API continues its work in coalition with Bay Area API groups to address and prevent anti-Asian hate violence.
- API Legal Outreach advocates to public officials and law enforcement agencies to take Asian hate violence seriously. More steps must be taken to protect vulnerable communities, advance policies to turn back racial hatred, and showing API communities that they support racial violence prevention and safety for APIs. Press conferences are not enough.
- API Legal Outreach has joined with diverse communities to advocate for unity amongst Black, Indigenous, Latinx, and other people of color to speak directly against blaming other communities. [See press release](#) for more information.
- API Legal Outreach presents multi-lingual workshops focusing on community advocacy and violence prevention strategies. Call 415.567.6255 for more information.
- API Legal Outreach is finalizing plans to open an anti-Asian hate crimes legal clinic in April in partnership with the California Asian Pacific American Bar Association to assist those who have been subjected to violence or hate crimes. Details to follow on our [website](#) soon..



If you would like to support APILO and Stop AAPI Hate, please [see this link](#) for more.