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Dear Attendees,

As the CEO of the Asian Pacific Institute on Gender-Based Violence (API-GBV), it is my profound honor to welcome each of you to our 2024 National Summit, "Growing from Our Roots," in the vibrant city of San Francisco, California.

This year's summit theme encapsulates our journey—honoring the foundational leaders of our movement and embracing the dynamic growth of a new generation. Our gathering is a heartfelt tribute to the past and a bold stride toward future achievements in ending gender-based violence within AAPI communities and beyond.

We are particularly excited to present a program rich with the expertise of our esteemed keynote speakers, Mia Ives Rubles and Helen Zia, who will share transformative and inspiring insights. Their contributions are pivotal in guiding our conversations and actions as we forge pathways toward enhanced advocacy and support. We also express gratitude to our panel and workshop speakers, who have incredible lived and professional expertise, which they look forward to sharing with you.

Our heartfelt thanks go to our sponsors, whose generous support has been essential. Their commitment helps us sustain our mission and amplify the impact of our work. We are also immensely grateful to our advisory committee, board of directors, and dedicated staff, whose tireless efforts have been the backbone of this summit's vision and execution.

This summit is not just an event but a platform for change. It aims to uplift, build, engage, educate, and empower all of us to foster leadership, promote peer-to-peer learning, and utilize cultural expression and history as a tool for healing. Through these collaborative efforts, we will continue to strengthen the visibility and voice of AAPI-specific programs working to eradicate gender-based violence.

As we embark on these three days of learning and connection, let us carry a spirit of gratitude, collaboration, and curiosity. Let's inspire change and growth rooted deeply in the rich soil of our shared heritage and individual experiences.

Thank you for joining us at the National Summit "Growing from Our Roots." Your presence here is more than just participation. It is an active step toward creating a world free of gender-based violence for communities with equal opportunities for all to thrive.

Respectfully,

Monica Khant, CEO

Asian Pacific Institute on Gender-Based Violence



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TUESDAY, AUGUST 27, 2024

7:00 AM	11:00 AM	Registration Nikko Hallway
8:00 AM	9:00 AM	Tai Chi Monterey I <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beckie Masaki
7:00 AM	9:00 AM	Breakfast Nikko Hallway
9:30 AM	10:30 AM	Opening Session Nikko Ballroom <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sarah Hawk, Partner, Barnes & Thornburg Board Co-Chair, API-GBV May Leong, Consultant, Blue Star Quilt Consulting Board Co-Chair, API-GBV
		Land Acknowledgement Nikko Ballroom <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gregg Castro, Culture Director Association of Ramaytush Ohlone
		Welcome Remarks and Introductions Nikko Ballroom <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monica Khant, CEO API-GBV
		Opening Keynote Nikko Ballroom <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mia Ives-Rublee, Director, Disability Justice Initiative CAP
		Blue Shield of California Foundation Remarks Nikko Ballroom <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Debbie Chang, CEO Blue Shield of California Foundation
10:30 AM	11:30 AM	Fireside Chat (OFVPS/OVW) Nikko Ballroom <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monica Khant, CEO API-GBV Shawndell Dawson, Director OFVPS Linda Phan, Deputy Director OVW
11:30 AM	12:50 PM	Lunch Nikko Hallway
		12:00 PM - 12:30 PM - Diamond Legacy Luncheon Remarks Nikko Ballroom
12:50 PM	1:00 PM	Transition to Breakout Session
1:00 PM	2:30 PM	Breakout Sessions
		Co-Creating Brave Spaces: Healing in Action Storytelling Nikko I <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Ada Cheng Dominican University
		If Transformation Starts at Home, Our Orgs are Not Exempt Organizational Sustainability Nikko II <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mallika Kaur, Co-Founder & Executive Director Sikh Family Center Sanjog Kaur, Intervention Program Manager Sikh Family Center Nitasha Sawhney, LLP, Board Member Sikh Family Center
		Empowering Elders: Uprooting Elder Abuse in AAPI Communities Elder Abuse Monterey I <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jeanine Yonashiro-Cho, PhD Keck School of Medicine of USC Anthony Hou, MD Kaiser Permanente Los Angeles

Tuesday, August 27, 2024

		Reproductive Autonomy is Critical to Survivor Safety – Navigating Fears of Criminalization and Understanding Legal Risks Reproductive Autonomy Monterey II <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marium Durrani, Vice President of Policy The National Domestic Violence Hotline • Sara Ainsworth, Senior Legal & Policy Director If/When/How
1:00 PM	2:30 PM	Assessing the Needs of d/Deaf and Disabled AAPI Community Disability Carmel II <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jessie Zhang, Disability Justice Community Organizer and Program Coordinator API-Chaya • Elizabeth “Lizzy” Anne Mailo Paulson, MPH, CPH, Disability Justice Program Volunteer API-Chaya
		Break + Afternoon Snack Nikko Hallway
2:30 PM	2:45 PM	Book Signing Nikko Hallway <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mallika Kaur, Co-Founder & Executive Director Sikh Family Center
		Breakout Sessions <p>Lessons Learned from Atlanta Spa Shootings and Other Community Crises Anti-Asian Hate Nikko I</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aparna Bhattacharyya, Executive Director Raksha, Inc. <p>Recent Federal Policy Updates Impacting Immigrant Survivors Immigrant Survivors Nikko II</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grace Huang, Director of Policy API-GBV <p>Resilience Through Faith: Equipping Organizations to Aid South Asian Survivors' Mental Well-being Mental Health Monterey I</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sheikh Rubana Hossain, Advocacy Committee Co-Chair South Asian Public Health • Anmol Sharma, Advocacy Committee Co-Chair South Asian Public Health <p>Healing & Community-Centered Approaches to Supporting API LGBTQ+ Survivors of Intimate Partner Violence LGBTQ++ Carmel II</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yojo Kim, QAWTS Program Coordinator and K-PEACE Advocate Asian Women's Shelter <p>What Does DEIB Look Like in AAPI GBV Nonprofits? DEIB Monterey II</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jess Ayden Li, Co-Founder & Principal Consultant Healing Equity United • Cassie Whitebread, Senior Consultant Healing Equity United
4:15 PM	4:30 PM	Break

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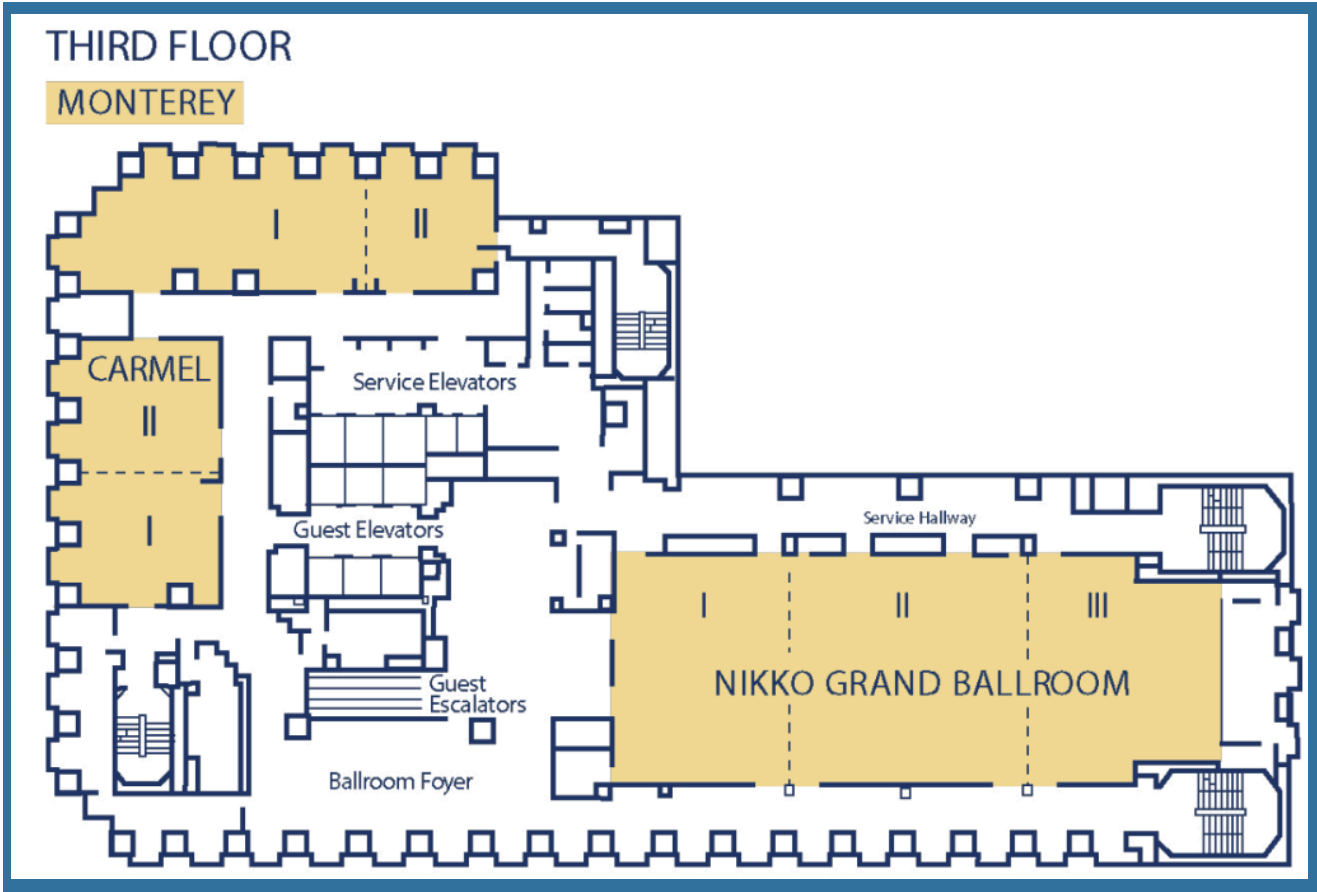
Bayview Room on the 25th floor



Tuesday, August 27, 2024 | Continued

4:30 PM	5:30 PM	Honoring our Roots Celebration Plenary Session Nikko Ballroom <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Monica Khant, CEO API-GBV• Aparna Bhattacharyya, Executive Director Raksha, Inc and API-GBV
		Honoring our Roots Welcome
		Dance Performance <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Haopinaka
		Celebration

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7:00 AM	9:00 AM	Breakfast Nikko Hallway
9:00 AM	9:10 AM	Welcome + Recap + Housekeeping Nikko Ballroom <ul style="list-style-type: none"> K. Sujata, Principal, Kittleman Board Member, API-GBV (Emcee)
9:10 AM	9:25 AM	Japanese Taiko Drumming Nikko Ballroom <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kristy Aki Oshiro
9:25 AM	10:20 AM	Fireside Chat powered by Blue Shield of California Foundation Nikko Ballroom <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Helen Zia, Author, Journalist, and Activist Monica Khant, CEO API-GBV
10:20 AM	11:20 AM	National and Local Leaders Panel Nikko Ballroom <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grace Huang, Director of Policy API-GBV (Moderator) Erika Moritsugu, Deputy Assistant to the President and Asian American and Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Senior Liaison Helen Beaudreau, Senior Advisor at the White House Initiative on Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders Khydeeja Alam, Executive Director, California Commission on Asian Pacific Islander American Affairs
11:20 AM	11:30 AM	The Learning Community Lightning Update Nikko Ballroom <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shirley Luo, Program Manager Resource Center API-GBV
		Attendee Activities Nikko Ballroom
11:30 AM	11:45 AM	Book Signing Nikko Hallway <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Helen Zia, Author, Journalist & Activist
11:45 AM	1:00 PM	Lunch Nikko Hallway
1:00 PM	2:00 PM	From Advocacy to Philanthropy Funder Panel Nikko Ballroom <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sarah Khan, Director of Programs, API-GBV (Moderator) Carolyn Wang Kong, President & Executive Director Asian Pacific Fund Tavae Samuelu, Director of Community Initiatives & Grantmaking Asian Pacific Fund Nilda Valmores, Senior Program Officer Sierra Health Foundation
2:00 PM	2:15 PM	Break

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		Breakout Sessions
		<p>Culturally Responsive Research & Evaluation Research Nikko I</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Swathi Reddy, PhD, Research and Evaluation Manager API-GBV • Krista Grajo, MA, Research Coordinator API-GBV • Ruvani Fonseka, PhD, Assistant Professor San Francisco State University • Paige Logan, MPH, PhD Student University of California, San Francisco • Maya Ragavan, MD, Assistant Professor University of Pittsburgh
		<p>Illuminating Needs and Advancing Capacity of Community Health Centers to Address Gender-Based Violence in AAPI and MENA Comms Health and GBV Nikko II</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sarah Khan, Director of Programs API-GBV • Rhodora Ursua, MPH, Principal Consultant Community Health Synergy, LLC • Joe Lee, MSHA, Founder and Principal Consultant Community Health Synergy, LLC • John Nguyen-Yap, MSW, Director of Programs The Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations • Mukta Deia, Program Manager The Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations
2:15 PM	3:45 PM	<p>Effective Strategies for Co-Advocacy Between Mainstream and Culturally Specific Victim Service Providers Co-Advocacy Monterey I</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ka Vue, Sexual Assault Program Director Black & Brown Womyn Power Coalition, Inc. • Pa Thao, Executive Director Black & Brown Womyn Power Coalition, Inc. • Cia Siab Vang, Advocacy Program Director Black & Brown Womyn Power Coalition, Inc.
		<p>From Isolation to Community: Reclaiming the Village of API Maternal Health Maternal Health/Pregnancy Monterey II</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Audri Lu-Uhlken, Community Health and Outreach Coordinator Monsoon Asians and Pacific Islanders in Solidarity • Violet Baccam, MPH, Community Health Outreach Advocate Monsoon Asians and Pacific Islanders in Solidarity
		<p>Barriers to Healing and Justice and Moving toward Abolitionist Solutions Healing and Justice Sexual Violence Carmel II</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nadiah Mohajir, MPH, Co-Founder & Executive Director HEART • Aisha Rahman, JD, Consultant HEART
3:45 PM	4:00 PM	Break
		Breakout Sessions
4:00 PM	5:30 PM	<p>Advocacy in the Middle Eastern and North African (MENA) Community: Lessons from a Listening Session Advocacy Nikko I</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sarah Khan, Director of Programs API-GBV • Dr. Denise Berte, Executive Director Peaceful Families Project • Zeinab Eyega, Executive Director Sauti Yetu Center for African Women, Inc.

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4:00 PM	5:30 PM	Decolonial Healing by and for AAPI Women: Re/embodiment Our Ways of Being Secondary Trauma/Burnout/Sustainability Nikko II
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Grace Poon Ghaffari, Assistant Professor San Jose State University • Dr. Nadeeka Karunaratne, Postdoctoral Researcher University of Utah
		Nurturing Relational Space to End Violence Through Pasifika Arts, Language & Culture NHPI Artwork Monterey I
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matapuna Levenson, Project Manager API-GBV • Reggie Meredith Fitiao, Executive Director Folauga o le Tatau Malaga Aganu'u Fa'asamoa
		Deep Dive: Paradoxes of Engaging Men and Masculine Folks Engaging Men Monterey II
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pheng Thao, Founder & Executive Director ManForward
		Empowering Change: The DVRP Approach to Economic Liberation Economic Empowerment Carmel II
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kaylie Nguyen, Survivor Services Program Director Asian Pacific Islander Domestic Violence Resource Project • Yumi Gungordu, Economic Empowerment Case Manager Asian Pacific Islander Domestic Violence Resource Project

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We are excited to welcome three fantastic exhibitors to the 2024 API-GBV National Summit: Growing From Our Roots. Be sure to visit their tables, explore unique products, and support AAPI-owned businesses that stand with our mission.



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On waverly is a shoppe and community space in San Francisco's Chinatown that celebrates AAPI voices, stories, and creativity. At their table, you'll find a curated selection of books primarily by AAPI authors including works by our guest speakers [Helen Zia and Mallika Kaur](#), who will be signing books in the Nikko Ballroom hallway. Stop by to discover your next great read and support a local AAPI bookstore!



Island Treasures offers a stunning array of Island-inspired jewelry and fashion. Their collection includes Gold-filled and Hamilton Gold Beautiful Island Jewelry and a Variety of Island Wear: Ponchos, Dresses, Pants, Rompers, Island Pareos in assorted colors, and much more!

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7:00 AM	8:00 AM	Sunrise Yoga Monterey I <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monica Desai-Henderson
7:00 AM	9:00 AM	Breakfast Nikko Hallway
8:00 AM	10:00 AM	Registration Nikko Hallway
9:00 AM	10:20 AM	Welcome + Recap + Housekeeping Nikko Ballroom <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jennifer Rose, JD, Executive Director, Office of Equity Assurance University of Hawai'i Board Member, API-GBV
		Plenary Session: Restorative Justice powered by Allstate Foundation Nikko Ballroom <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deeana Jang, (Facilitator) Purvi Shah, Consultant Lisalyn Jacobs, CEO Just Solutions
		Remarks Nikko Ballroom <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sharisse Kimbro, Program Officer, Relationship Abuse Allstate Foundation
		Plenary Closing Performance Nikko Ballroom <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Johnny Huy Nguyen Tim Kim
10:20 AM	11:00 AM	Break + Checkout
11:00 AM	12:30 PM	Breakout Sessions
		Trauma-Informed Interpretation Language Access Monterey II <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tomiko Tamashiro Pardo, Healing Across Languages Senior Project Coordinator API-GBV
		From Trauma and Violence to Healing and Justice: Community-based Responses To Ending Gender-based Violence Gender Equity Nikko I <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emma Catague, Consultant JAL Sarya Sos, Community Organizer Cham Refuge Community Jenny Ap, Community Organizer & Advocate CAAP
		Ending Violence in API Cultural Contexts-Restorative Justice, Transformative Justice, and other Community-Based Mechanisms Restorative Justice Monterey I <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aparna Polavarapu, Professor & Executive Director & Founder USC School of Law and SCRJI

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		Breakout Sessions
11:00 AM	12:30 PM	Empowering Survivors: Anti-Trafficking Strategies and Trauma-Informed Burnout Prevention Trafficking Carmel II <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Payal Sinha, Managing Attorney Tahirih Justice Center Morgan Weibel, Director of Client Advocacy, Legal Services Tahirih Justice Center
		The Perfect Story, Unbroken Thread Storytelling Nikko II <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Samira Ghosh, Director of Advocacy and Client Services AFSSA Hyeyoon Faith Chung, Multilingual Advocacy Program Manager KAN-WIN Chengyi "Coral" Wu, PhD, Multilingual Community Advocate, KAN-WIN
12:30 PM	1:00 PM	Boxed Lunch Nikko Hallway
1:00 PM	2:30 PM	Network Advocacy Sessions
		South Asian Nikko I
		LGBTQ++ Nikko II
		Community Allies and Partners Nikko III
		Pacific Islander Monterey I
		Muslim Monterey II
		Korean Carmel I
2:30 PM	2:45 PM	Hmong Carmel II
		Break
2:45 PM	4:15 PM	Network Advocacy Sessions
		South Asian Nikko I
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www.hotpeachpages.net

Global Modern Slavery Directory: Anti-trafficking organizations in over 145 countries
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