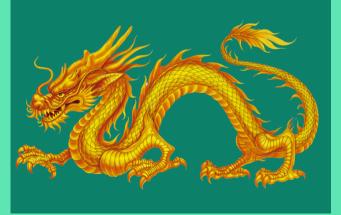
#### ALLIED ORGANIZATIONS

- Movement for Peoples Democracy (MPD)
- American Peace Information Center (APIC)
- American Student Union (ASU)
- Women for Racial and Economic Equality (WREE)
- Labor United Educational League (LUEL)
- Peoples LGBT+ United Society (PLUS)
- American Veterans Committee (AVC)
- Peoples Housing Council (PHC)





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- Loyalty
- Honor
- Community

#### **Mission Statement**

The Asian American Friendship Congress (AAFC) is dedicated to struggling against racism and <u>negative</u> <u>perceptions of Asian peoples</u>.

AAFC recognizes that prejudices experienced by Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders are magnified by corporate elites who create wedges between working Asian Americans and the rest of the population.

We aim to educate Americans on the contributions of Asian people to the American mosaic in order to <u>demystify</u> <u>prejudices</u>, <u>stereotypes</u>, <u>and negative</u> <u>perceptions</u> of our community.

AAFC also hopes to <u>foster closer bonds</u> between the American people and the nations of East Asia and Southeast Asia.

Especially, we seek to <u>normalize</u>
<u>relations</u> with emerging Asian
economies, including the People's
Republic of China and the Democratic
People's Republic of Korea.



The AAFC seeks to promote and preserve the diverse cultures which Asian immigrants have brought to our shores. These rich cultural aspects include cuisine, music, art, and languages.



## **Our History**

Asian-Americans played a crucial role in the building of America.

It is common knowledge that the continental westward growth of the USA was foraged through railroads. It is also common knowledge, that in spite of racial oppression, the growth of the railroads was directly the result of Chinese-American labor.



### **Notable Activists**

Yuri Kochiyama 1921 - 2014

Born and raised in California,
Kochiyama was a tireless political activist who opposed the US war against Vietnam and fought for civil and



human rights. After the bombing of Pearl Harbor, Executive Order 9066 allowed her imprisonment in an Arkansas concentration camp.

#### Larry Itliong 1913 - 1977

Often described as one of the fathers of the West Coast labor movement, Itliong served as a shop steward in the International Longshore and Warehouse Union



(ILWU) from the 1930s to the 1960s. Together with Cesar Chavez, Itliong built the United Farm Worker's Union. He was also President of the Filipino American Political Association and assisted retired Filipino farmworkers.