

National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium (NAPALC)

- **Goals: Immigration and Civil Rights:** Maintain a fair and humane immigration policy and fight against barriers and discriminatory policies towards immigrants. The maintenance of civil rights for immigrants and the Asian Pacific American community in this time of heightened concerns about national security is a primary concern of NAPALC.
 - **Hate Crimes and Discrimination:** Address and prevent discrimination against Asian Pacific Americans including anti-Asian violence, racial profiling and other forms of discrimination. NAPALC and its Affiliates publish an annual Audit on Violence Against Asian Pacific Americans, the only one of its kind.
 - **Community and Capacity Building:** Increase the capacity of local Asian Pacific American community based organizations to participate in all aspects of public life. NAPALC remains committed to working with local organizations to improve civic engagement in the Asian Pacific American community.
- **Chapters, affiliates, members:**
 - Asian Pacific American Legal Center, Los Angeles: www.apalc.org
 - Asian Law Caucus, San Francisco: www.asianlawcaucus.org
 - NAPALC also maintains relationships with approximately 91 community-based organizations in 48 cities, 24 states and the District of Columbia, through its Community Partners Network.
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- **Organization's culture:** Founded in 1991, the National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium works to advance the human and civil rights of Asian Americans through advocacy, public policy, public education, and litigation. NAPALC focuses its work to promote civic engagement, to forge strong and safe communities, and to create an inclusive society in communities on a local, regional, and national level. NAPALC is one of the nation's leading experts on issues of importance to the Asian American community including affirmative action, anti-Asian violence prevention/race relations, census, immigrant rights, language access, and voting rights. NAPALC has also advocated for the fair representation of Asian Pacific Americans in the media. It participates in the Multi-Ethnic Media Coalition, which has worked with the major television networks to ensure diversity on screen and behind the camera. *(As part of its efforts in the Media Coalition, NAPALC has been able to raise concerns about the Fox Movie Channel's Charlie Chan Summer Festival.)* The Asian Pacific American community has a vibrant network of ethnic media, from television to newspapers.
- **Resources provided:** expertise
- **Collaboration with public broadcasting:** NAPALC has not directly participated in any major campaign with public television outlets or organizations. In 1992, NAPALC collaborated with the International Channel Networks in the award-winning public affairs campaign, *We the People. We the People* celebrated the experiences and recognizes the contributions of immigrants in America. The campaign

consisted of events held across the country, recognition of local community leaders, and online resources through International Channel's website. Local community partners have engaged in an ongoing effort to promote public television programs that focus on Asian Pacific American communities. One example is the PBS documentary on Chinese American immigrants, "Becoming American: The Chinese Experience," which local partners, such as the Houston chapter of the Organization of Chinese Americans, helped promote.

- **Engagement program areas of interest:** public affairs, diversity.