

Spotlight



May Chen organized one of the greatest Asian American strikes in Chinatown, New York in 1982 with more than 20,000 workers. She also participated in the founding of the AFL-CIO's Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance (APALA). The Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance was a non-profit founded in 1990, the first and only national organization devoted towards Asian Pacific American union members. The organization works to educate workers about the Asian American labor history as well as the exploitation of workers in industries with elevated numbers of Asian Americans. Lately, May Chen has also participated in immigration reform and voter registration.

According to May Chen, *"Immigrant workers come to this country to work like everyone else, and they work very hard. It shouldn't matter if they are documented or undocumented. They are working. They should have the right to the Union."*



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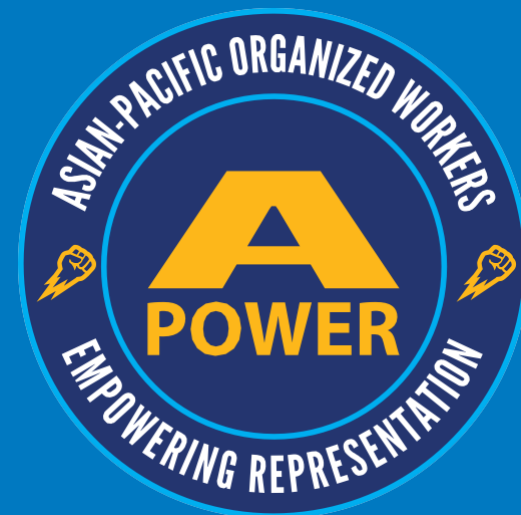
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**ASIAN PACIFIC
ORGANIZED WORKERS
EMPOWERING REPRESENTATION**

What is APOWER?



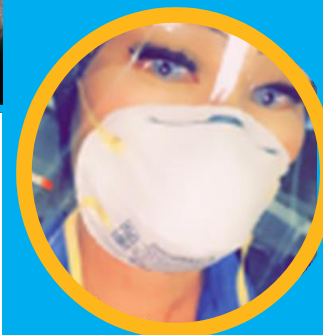
Did You Know?

Asian American Pacific Islander and Native Hawaiian (AAPINH) encompass an inclusive coalition of Asian Americans, Pacific Islanders, Native Hawaiian and other individuals of Asian heritage in the United States. The AAPINH community consists of more than 50 ethnic groups, speaking over 100 languages, with diverse histories, cultures, identities, and modern-day experiences.

AAPINH individuals have been leaders in the labor movement in various industries, including agriculture, fisheries, hospitality, and manufacturing. As the fastest growing racial group in the United States, the AAPINH community is expected to quadruple in size by 2060, with a population that will exceed 46 million people.



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Interested in joining A.P.O.W.E.R.?

So, what are you waiting for? If you would like to join A.P.O.W.E.R.

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Join A.P.O.W.E.R. and become apart of the AAPINH labor movement! As an A.P.O.W.E.R. member, you will connect with AAPINH colleagues from Hawaii to New York, Texas to Alaska and Guam.



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A.P.O.W.E.R. meets every third Thursday of the month to share individual experiences, develop programming, and grow AAPINH representation in AFGE.



What is the meaning of A.P.O.W.E.R.?

It means, Asian Pacific Organized Workers Empowering Representation.

What is the purpose of the AFGE

A.P.O.W.E.R. Constituency Group: Our purpose is to assist the Women and Fair Practices Department (WFP) in the Diversity, Equity, and inclusion of all members in providing assistance and direct service to all Federal and D.C. Government members within AFGE by providing unity of action in all matters affecting the mutual interest of members who identify as Asian American Pacific Islander and Native Hawaiian (AAPINH) and allies, nationally.

A.P.O.W.E.R. Constituency Group members will have the opportunity to share, hear, and feel personal experiences, which enable us to better understand and serve the AAPINH community in AFGE and among our labor allies. Together, we have the ability to grow our voices and leadership while ensuring intentional inclusion occurs within our Union.