

# 2009 APA Heritage Month 🌀 : Uniting Our Voices

The SPU Affinity group, in joint collaboration with other City of Seattle APA groups, invites you to our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Asian Pacific American Heritage Month celebration event:

*“Exploring the diverse and unique voices of our APA Communities”*

Join us for a discussion on Asian Pacific American personal stories and experiences. Also featuring cultural displays, community resource tables, the Mayor’s proclamation presentation, and light refreshments.

Panel Moderator: Eric Liu, host of *Seattle Voices* and author of *Guiding Lights*

Panelists: Ken Nakatsu, *Mayors Office*; John Okamoto, *WA Education Association*; Sili Savusa, *SW Family Center*; Tanya Kim, *Powerful Voices*

**Wednesday, May 27, 2009**  
**11:30 AM – 1:30 PM**  
**Bertha Knight Landes**

Special thanks to SPU, DoIT, HSD, FACES, SCL, SOCR, and the Office of Arts & Cultural Affairs

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# APA Event Program

## Agenda

- 11:30 Networking
- 12:00 Welcome/Introduction
- 12:15 Mayoral Proclamation
- 12:30 Panel/Introduction
- 1:00 Q & A
- 1:20 Closing

Photo by Barbara Kinney



**Eric Liu** is an author and civic entrepreneur based in Seattle. He served as a White House speechwriter in President Bill Clinton's first term and as the President's domestic policy adviser in the second. After the White House, he was an executive at the digital media company RealNetworks. He's also been a frequent commentator on CNN, MSNBC and CNBC. In 2002, Eric was named by the World Economic Forum one of the 100 "Global Leaders of Department of Tomorrow." He teaches at the University of

Washington's Evans School of Public Affairs and leads the mentorship organization Guiding Lights Network. Eric also serves on the boards of numerous civic organizations, including the Washington State Board of Education, the Seattle Public Library, Demos and the League of Education Voters. In 2007, he published *The True Patriot* with co-author Nick Hanauer. The two subsequently founded The True Patriot Network to share and bring to public life the ideas presented in their book. Eric's previous books include *Guiding Lights: How to Mentor and Find Life's Purpose*, named the official book of National Mentoring Month, and *The Accidental Asian: Notes of a Native Speaker*, named a New York Times Notable Book.



**John Okamoto** is the Executive Director of the Washington Education Association, which represents K-12 teachers, education-support professionals and higher-education faculty members. Prior to joining the WEA in 2008, John was the chief administrative officer for the Port of Seattle, where he oversaw public affairs, government relations, human resources, labor and other key departments. Previously, John served as an assistant secretary for the state

Department of Transportation, and held leadership positions in the City of Seattle as director of the Engineering Department, and as Human Resources director. He is a Seattle native, a graduate of the University of Washington, has taught business courses in China, and has a lengthy community service record including board positions with the Trade Development Alliance, the Seattle Aquarium Society, the Japan-America Society, the Mountains to Sound Greenway, and Leadership Tomorrow.



**Tanya Kim** integrates her passion for the arts, youth and leadership development as the Executive Director of Powerful Voices. Tanya worked significantly with the Asian Pacific American communities while at the Korean Youth Community Center (Los Angeles, Coordinator); Wing Luke Asian Museum (Seattle, Public Programs Coordinator) and International District Housing Alliance (Seattle, Youth Program Manager). More recently, Tanya joined Powerful

Voices in 2003 as the Program Manager and was later hired as Executive Director in 2006. She leads Powerful Voices, a local community based organization working with diverse adolescent girls throughout Seattle and Renton public schools and in King County Juvenile Detention. She is a member of the Minority Executive Directors' Coalition, Asian Pacific Directors' Coalition, Seattle/King County Gang Prevention Taskforce, Juvenile Detention Oversight Committee, Washington Women's Foundation Impact Assessment Committee and Women Business Owners. Outside of Powerful Voices, Tanya served on the Minority Advisory Board to the President of Western Washington University (WWU) and Korean Community Counseling Center Board of Directors. Tanya is a graduate of WWU (1997) and completed Stanford University's Graduate School of Business Executive Program for Nonprofit Leaders (2008).

**Ken Nakatsu** (*photo unavailable*), Chief of Departmental Operations, oversees all city department operations for the mayor. He has spent most of his career with the City of Seattle in senior management positions associated with budget, finance, technology and several operational areas including those in support of public safety, emergency management, utilities, and transportation. He has also guided the city's efforts to address social issues through its contracting practices, including the development of strategies to enable small, disadvantaged businesses to compete successfully for city contracts. Ken holds a bachelor's degree in accounting from the University of Washington.

**Sili Savusa**, Southwest Youth and Family Services  
(*Bio and photo unavailable*)