

**ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH**  
***BRIDGING HISTORIES, SHAPING OUR FUTURE***  
**MAY 2024**  
**RECOGNIZING**  
**JUNG-HO PAK**

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**FURTHERMORE**, this Board of Supervisors commends **Jung-Ho Pak**, known for his unique approach and vision for symphonic music, and a frequent speaker on television and radio, including TED Talks and National Public Radio, and appears as a clinician and conductor at major musical festival nationwide. His leadership is inclusive of all ages, genres, and cultures. His motto “We have to give music back to the people”.

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**FURTHERMORE**, this Board of Supervisors commends **Herbert Chiu**, co-founder of Citizens for Better Community, who sponsor and promote community events which will affect the well-being of Chinese Americans with an emphasis on education, health, business, and community involvement. His leadership roles with the Asian American Donor Program, American Cancer Society-Northern CA Chinese Unit, and the Ohlone College Foundation further display his dedication as an inclusive, dedicated, and compassionate community leader.

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# ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

## *Advancing Leaders Through Opportunity*

May 2024

### Union City Councilmember Scott Sakakihara

**WHEREAS**, the Alameda County Board of Supervisors declares **May 2024** as **Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month** in the County; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the Federal Asian Pacific American Council (FAPAC) this year's theme is "*Advancing Leaders Through Opportunity*;" and on leadership and engagement to advance the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community; and

**WHEREAS**, the contributions of Asian and Pacific Americans to the United States have been recognized nationally since 1978 when then President Jimmy Carter signed a bill passed by Congress into law; and

**WHEREAS** on October 23, 1993, community leaders from around the country witnessed a new chapter in the Asian Pacific American history as President George H. W. Bush signed legislation proclaiming the month of **May** every year as **National Asian Pacific American Heritage Month**; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bay Area is now home to over 2 million AAPI residents and comprise the largest racial group in Alameda and Santa Clara counties; and

**WHEREAS**, Asian and Pacific Islander ethnic groups include Afghan, Bangladeshi, Bhutanese, Burmese, Cambodian, Chinese, Filipino, Guamanian, Hawaiian, Hmong, Indian, Indonesian, Japanese, Korean, Laotian, Malaysian, Mien, Mongolian, Nepalese, Pakistani, Samoan, Sri Lankan, Taiwanese, Thai, Tongan, Vietnamese, and those of mixed Asian descent; and

**WHEREAS**, despite ongoing discrimination and barriers, AAPI community members have made valuable cultural, economic, and civic contributions to the history of the United States and the State of California; retaining cultural pride, fostering mutual respect, and understanding that all are critically important for our diverse Bay Area communities; and

**WHEREAS**, AAPI community has increasing representation within the region that now includes the mayors of Oakland and Fremont, the Alameda County Assessor, a member of the Alameda County Board of Supervisors, city council members across eight cities, one State Senator, one Assemblymember, a member of Congress, and the Alameda County Administrator; and

**WHEREAS**, **Scott Sakakihara** is a local AAPI leader, representing District 4 on the Union City Council, who effectively advocates for local constituents, serves on various local and county governing bodies, and has previously served on the Union City Planning Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, **Councilmember Sakakihara** is a leader who demonstrates commitment and expertise as an Intelligence Officer in the United States Navy Reserves, having completed an eight-month deployment to the Middle East in 2022, contributing to national security and defense efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, **Councilmember Sakakihara** is a fourth-generation Japanese American, with grandparents who were held in internment camps at Manzanar and Poston during World War II, informs his perspective on issues of social justice and civil rights, contributing to what AAPI Heritage Month stands for; and

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**FURTHERMORE**, this Board of Supervisors supports and commends the diverse Asian American and Pacific Islander community in our county and recognizes **Union City Councilmember Scott Sakakihara** for his unwavering dedication to Alameda County as we celebrate AAPI Heritage Month, acknowledging the sacrifices and contributions Councilmember Sakakihara and his family have made.

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May 2024

### Recognizing Gilbert Gong

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**WHEREAS**, this year’s joint theme, “Bridging Histories, Shaping Our Future,” mirrors Gilbert Gong’s 40+ years of dedicated service to Oakland Chinatown’s Lincoln Square Park and Recreation Center which, in the 1860’s was designated as one of Oakland’s original public squares; and

**WHEREAS**, Gilbert Gong has continuously sought to build bridges between the generations, by implementing programs that bring residents of all ages, from preschoolers, youth, parents, and the elders together in an environment of mutual respect, learning, and appreciation; and

**WHEREAS**, Gilbert Gong’s work exemplifies the phrase, “It takes a Village,” in organizing community-based non-profits, service clubs, and civic organizations, the City and the County, as well as sports organizations to create the inclusive environment that has made Lincoln Square the heart of the Chinatown community; and

**WHEREAS**, Gilbert Gong has led community efforts to update the center and has helped secure a \$9.5M grant for the CA Department of Food and Agriculture which will expand the center’s services and will be equipped with advanced emergency preparedness; and

**WHEREAS**, multiple generations of children have benefited from Gilbert Gong’s stewardship of Lincoln Square programs and vision towards building and strengthening community ties; and

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*Julie Sumiki*

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**WHEREAS**, Julie’s dedication to excellence and community is showcased through her selfless service to the community through her company since 2014 and her 8-year tenure on the Castro Valley Chamber of Commerce Board; and

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**FURTHERMORE**, this Board of Supervisors commends **AAPI Youth Rising, Albany High School Chapter**, founded by a sophomore, Charlee Trenkle, who have already done tremendous work to create positive change for those of Asian heritage in the U.S. The Albany High School Chapter students provide educational presentations at other Albany Unified schools.

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