David Inoue

David Inoue has served as Executive Director for the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) since July 2017. He came to JACL with a background in health care policy and administration, previously overseeing daily operations and finances for Christ House, a medical shelter for homeless persons in the District of Columbia.

He previously focused on health care policy in roles at the National Association of Public Hospitals and Health Systems and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. In all the work David has been involved, he has sought to bring his passion for social justice to align with the organizations’ mission. He has also served the District of Columbia as an elected Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner representing 2,000 DC residents. He is a long time resident of the District of Columbia with his wife and two children.
Representative Ro Khanna

Congressman Ro Khanna represents California’s 17th Congressional District, located in the heart of Silicon Valley, and is serving in his second term. Rep. Khanna sits on the House Budget, Armed Services, and Oversight and Reform committees and is first vice chair of the Congressional Progressive Caucus. He also serves as an Assistant Whip for the Democratic Caucus.

Rep. Khanna is committed to representing the people and ideas rooted in Silicon Valley to the nation and throughout the world. For each job created in the high-tech industry, another four jobs are created. The tech multiplier is even larger than the multiplier for U.S. manufacturing. Rep. Khanna will work to ensure the technology sector is at the forefront of U.S. economic policy and strive to provide opportunities to those our changing economy and technological revolution has left behind.

A dedicated political reformer, Rep. Khanna is one of just six elected officials to refuse contributions from PACs and lobbyists. He also supports a 12-year term limit for Members of Congress and a constitutional amendment to overturn Citizens United.

Prior to serving in Congress, Rep. Khanna taught economics at Stanford University, law at Santa Clara University, and American Jurisprudence at San Francisco State University. Rep. Khanna served in President Barack Obama’s administration as Deputy Assistant Secretary at the U.S. Department of Commerce. In 2012, California Governor Jerry Brown appointed him to the California Workforce Investment Board.

Rep. Khanna graduated Phi Beta Kappa with a B.A. in Economics from the University of Chicago and received a law degree from Yale University. In his free time, Rep. Khanna enjoys cheering for the Golden State Warriors, watching movies, and traveling. He and his wife Ritu call Fremont, CA home.
Representative Ted Lieu

Ted W. Lieu represents California’s 33rd Congressional District in the United States House of Representatives. Ted is serving in his third term in Congress and currently sits on the House Judiciary Committee and the House Foreign Affairs Committee. He was also elected by his Democratic Colleagues to serve as a Co-Chair of the Democratic Policy and Communications Committee.

Ted is a former active duty officer in the U.S. Air Force and currently serves as a Colonel in the Reserves, stationed at Los Angeles Air Force Base. In Congress, Ted has established himself as a leader on the environment; cybersecurity; civil liberties; government ethics and veterans.

As one of only four computer science majors currently serving in Congress, Ted is frequently sought out for his insight on technology and innovation matters including cybersecurity, cloud computing and innovation as well as the sharing and creative economy. He has also introduced legislation to prioritize consumer safety in technologically-advanced cars as well as legislation that would ensure law enforcement and tech companies protect consumer privacy.

Ted has been a leader in Congress against ethnic and racial profiling, and discrimination against the LGBT community. He serves as Whip of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus, Vice Chair of the LGBT Equality Caucus, and Co-Chair of the Cloud Computing Caucus.

Prior to serving in Congress, Ted was elected to the California State Senate in 2011 and the State Assembly in 2005. Ted's legislative accomplishments include authoring landmark legislation regulating the subprime mortgage industry and a first-in-the-nation ban on gay conversion therapy for children. Ted fought for California state tax reform that saved small businesses from millions in retroactive taxes, and tax incentives for film and TV production.

Ted started his elected service as a Member of the Torrance City Council in 2002. Prior to serving on the Council, Ted was a Torrance Environmental Quality Commissioner.

Ted's wife, Betty, is a member of the Torrance Board of Education and a former California Deputy Attorney General. They live in Torrance with their two sons, Brennan and Austin.
John Yang

John C. Yang is the President and Executive Director of Asian Americans Advancing Justice | AAJC. He leads the organization’s efforts to fight for civil rights and empower Asian Americans to create a more just America for all through public policy advocacy, education, and litigation.

Mr. Yang served in the Obama Administration as Senior Advisor for Trade and Strategic Initiatives at the U.S. Department of Commerce, where he was the principal advisor to Secretary Penny Pritzker on issues related to Asia and worked with the White House and other U.S. agencies on strategic and economic issues concerning the region. Previously, Mr. Yang was a partner with a major Washington, D.C. law firm, and also worked in Shanghai, China as the legal director for the Asia-Pacific operations of a U.S. Fortune 200 company. Mr. Yang was the 2003–04 President of NAPABA.

Mr. Yang’s other leadership positions have included: Member, National Advisory Committee for Race, Ethnicity & Other Populations, U.S. Census Bureau (2017–2019); Co-Chair, National Council of Asian Pacific Americans (2019–present); Member, American Bar Association House of Delegates (2008–18; Minority Caucus Chair, 2014–16); General Counsel, D.C. Bar (2000–02); Advisory Committee on Pro Se Litigation for the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia (1998–2002). In 1998, Mr. Yang co-founded the Asian Pacific American Legal Resource Center, a nonprofit organization dedicated to addressing the direct service legal needs of Asian Pacific Americans in the D.C. metropolitan area.

He received his law degree from George Washington University Law School.
Maddie Schumacher

Maddie is a policy and community advocate on a mission to empower AAPI and other communities of color to fight for justice and hold representatives accountable. Having spent years working in the Minnesota state legislature and governor's race on education, juvenile justice, and health equity, they are well-versed in legislative and campaign strategy.

Before that, they worked under the HHS Office of Minority Health on healthcare access campaigns and professional development in communities of color. Now as OCA's policy head, they are leading the organization’s civil rights advocacy on education, immigration, racial profiling, and civic engagement.

Maddie graduated from Macalester College with a degree in American (Ethnic) Studies. While at Mac, they were heavily involved in student activism around curriculum change, sexual violence prevention, and land repatriation to indigenous people. They partnered with the Asian American Organizing Project, worked at the Macalester Department of Multicultural Life, and lectured at neighboring colleges on the role of AAPI activism in Black Lives Matter. As an upperclassman, they served on hiring committees and in the College's racial equity and mental health taskforces.

In their free time, find Maddie worksharing at Cultivate the City urban farm or convincing their girlfriend to get a dog. Maddie can be reached at maddie.schumacher@ocanational.org.
Joann H. Lee is a Special Counsel on Language Justice at the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles (LAFLA). Bilingual in Korean, Joann has provided direct legal services to the growing Asian American & Pacific Islander immigrant population in the Los Angeles area at LAFLA since 2000.

Joann practices family and immigration law, with a focus on representing domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking survivors before the family and immigration courts, as well as other administrative bodies. Joann also has filed administrative complaints and litigation based on state and federal civil rights language access requirements to obtain meaningful language services for clients. Joann served on the California Judicial Council Language Access Plan Implementation Task Force from 2015 - 2019. She has also served on the boards of the Korean American Bar Association, Korean Resource Center, and the Center for the Pacific Asian Family.