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Nancy Yap, Executive Director of CAUSE, Appointed to Serve on Los Angeles County's First Governance Reform Task Force

AAPI Equity Alliance community leader joins the new 13-member Governance Reform Task Force that will promote better transparency, accountability, and public engagement in county government.

LOS ANGELES, CA (May 29, 2025) – Nancy Yap, executive director of Center for Asian Americans United for Self Empowerment (CAUSE), was confirmed by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to serve as an at-large member for the newly formed Governance Reform Task Force (Task Force). CAUSE is a member organization of AAPI Equity Alliance and has been a formidable force creating a leadership pipeline for civic leaders in Los Angeles county.

“As our county plans for significant reforms, it is imperative that the Governance Reform Task Force reflects the diversity of our county to achieve greater equity for all,” said Manjusha Kulkarni, executive director of AAPI Equity Alliance. “The inclusion of Nancy Yap is a significant stride for the 1.6 million Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in Los Angeles County and a positive step towards more equitable representation and inclusion of historically underrepresented Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) communities at the county level.”

The Task Force will oversee the implementation of the Charter amendment outlined in Measure G, a voter-approved ballot initiative in November 2024. The Task Force members represent community leaders across labor, business, community-based nonprofit organizations and public sectors of Los Angeles County and unincorporated areas.

“Measure G and the Governance Reform Task Force has opened the door for greater AAPI representation in LA County governance and strengthens our communities’ civic power,” Kulkarni said.

The 13-member Task Force members include:

- **Board-Appointed Members**
 - First District - Brian Calderón Tabatabai
 - Second District - Derek Steele
 - Third District - Sara Sadhwani
 - Fourth District - Marcel Rodarte
 - Fifth District - John Fasana

- Labor
 - David Green
 - Derek Hsieh
 - Steve Neal
- At-Large Members
 - Gabriela Gironas
 - Julia Mockeridge
 - David Phelps
 - Rosa Soto
 - Nancy Yap

The Task Force will convene on May 30, 2025 to begin the implementation of major governance reforms including budget oversight, ethics compliance, the creation of an elected County Executive position, the expansion of the Board of Supervisors and the establishment of a Charter Review Commission.

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About the LA County Government Reform Task Force

On July 9, 2024, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors instructed County Counsel to prepare the necessary documents for a proposed Charter amendment, which was subsequently placed on the November 5, 2024, ballot and approved by voters. The amendment includes several key provisions designed to enhance governance in the County, with notable milestones set for 2026, 2028, and beyond. To learn more, visit measureg.lacounty.gov

About AAPI Equity Alliance

AAPI Equity Alliance (AAPI Equity) is a coalition of more than 50 community-based organizations serving the diverse needs of the 1.6 million Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in Los Angeles County and beyond. It is dedicated to improving the lives of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders through civic engagement, capacity building, and policy advocacy.