

Finding Aid to the Asian/Pacific AIDS Coalition Records

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Abstract: This collection contains records documenting the founding and activities of the Asian/Pacific AIDS Coalition (A/PAC) from 1987-1995. The collection includes correspondence, press releases and memos; meeting agendas, minutes and reports; grant and loan documents; materials related to outreach and events; materials related to public policy; organizational documents for A/PAC and affiliated organizations; and conference materials.

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Organizational History: The Asian Pacific AIDS Coalition (A/PAC) was originally founded as the Asian AIDS Task Force in 1987. It coalesced to address the gaps in education, prevention, and direct services to Asian and Pacific Islanders affected by HIV that were not being adequately met by the larger, more general AIDS service providers. The Asian AIDS Task Force functioned as an advisory board for the Asian AIDS Project from its founding in 1987 until the two groups ended their partnership in September 1988. The task force then transitioned to become the Asian/Pacific AIDS Coalition in April of 1989.

A/PAC operated through a membership model to create a network between direct service providers in the API community. The Coalition was composed of five organization members: The Asian AIDS Project, Asian American Communities Against AIDS, Filipino Task Force on AIDS (FTFA), Gay Asian Pacific Alliance's Community HIV Project (GCHP), and Asian Health Services HIV/AIDS Project. Additionally, A/PAC included network members and individual members. Network members consisted of various LGBTQ advocacy groups, API AIDS organizations, community health services and/or civil rights groups both within and beyond the San Francisco Bay Area. Individual members consisted of healthcare and/or service providers, educators and activists.

Members played a key role in identifying areas of need, which influenced the creation of programs created by A/PAC. After their creation, these programs were transferred over to the appropriate member agency. Through a series of grant programs, A/PAC also acted as a significant funding source for its members as well as non-member groups. The AIDS Walk was a major funding source for A/PAC, which in turn dispersed funds through their Emergency Needs Grants and Grassroots Grants programs. Another major emphasis was in the realm of policy advocacy. The A/PAC Advocacy Committee was active in creating public policy plans, corresponding with elected officials on the local, state, and national levels, drafting and reviewing relevant legislation, attending meetings with governing boards, and developing educational materials in the form of press releases and reports.

In the long run, however, the constituent member groups were seldom actively supportive of the Coalition, leaving A/PAC staff feeling isolated and frustrated. During 1994-1995, this ongoing contradiction was discussed repeatedly at Board meetings and retreats. Finally, in August of 1995 a motion to dissolve the organization was passed by the A/PAC Board. The last several months of activity were spent meeting prior obligations, finishing projects, and closing down the office as well as the organization. The Board spent some of their last funds having their records processed by a professional archivist familiar with community-based AIDS organizations, and the resulting collection was placed in the GLBT Historical Society Archives.

Scope and Content: The materials in this collection outline the origins, development, problems, and decline of A/PAC as an organization. Also found in this collection are files on issues, organizations, events, and public policy specific to AIDS among Asian/Pacific Islanders. The last series contains four significant public policy papers written by Rafael Chang, who was A/PAC's Public Policy Director. The collection is comprised of ten series, based on A/PAC's organization and structure: Administration, Meetings, Documents, Communications, Development, Grants and Loans, Issues, Organizations, Events, and Public Policy.

Arrangement: The collection is organized into 10 series: Series I: Administration; Series II: Meetings; Series III: Documents; Series IV: Communications; Series V: Development; Series VI: Grants and Loans; Series VII: Issues; Series VIII: Organizations; Series IX: Events; and Series X: Public Policy.

The Public Policy series is further organized into five subseries: Subseries I: National Policy Groups and Activities; Subseries II: California Policy Groups and Activities; Subseries III: San Francisco Policy Groups and Activities; Subseries IV: A/PAC Policy Papers and Reports; and Subseries V: Other Policy Papers and Reports. The Events series is organized into two subseries: Subseries I: Outreach; and Subseries II: Conferences and Meetings.

Separated Material: One Plastic Banner and one t-shirt were removed to the GLBTHS Artifacts Collection.

Indexing Terms:

LGBTQ

Asian Americans

People of Color

AIDS (disease)

Container Listing

Series I: Administration, 1987-1995

Physical Description: 11 folders

Scope and Content: This series consists of documents outlining the structure and organization of the A/PAC. Among these items can be found the articles of incorporation, an organizational chart, and materials from various committees within the organization.

Box 1: Folder 1	Articles of Incorporation, 1990-1996
1:2	Descriptions of A/PAC, 1989-1994
1:3	Asian AIDS Task Force, 1988

1:4	Direct Services Committee, 1987-1988
1:5	Structure Development Committee, 1989-1990
1:6	Advocacy Committee, 1990-1995
1:7	Grassroots Committee, 1992-1993
1:8	Strategic Planning Committee, 1994
1:9	Service Development Committee, 1994
1:10	Fundraising Committee, 1992
1:11	Other Committees, 1990-1994

Series II: Meetings 1987-1996

Physical Description: 17 folders

Scope and Content: This series consists of meeting minutes, agendas and other materials produced during various regularly scheduled meetings. Included here are materials from Board of Directors, General organizational, and Steering Committee meetings.

Box 1: Folder 12	Ad Hoc Group, 1987
1:1	Steering Committee, 1987
1:14	Steering Committee, 1988-1989
1:15	General, 1987
1:16	General, 1988
1:17	General, 1989
1:18	General, 1990
1:19	General, 1991
1:20	General, 1992
1:21	General, 1993
1:22	General, 1994-1996
1:23	Community Issues Forums, 1994
1:24	Board of Directors, 1993

1:25	Board of Directors, 1994
1:26	Board of Directors, 1995
1:27	Board of Directors, 1996
1:28	Retreats, 1989-1995

Series III: Documents 1991-1995

Physical Description: 7 folders

Scope and Content: This series consists of miscellaneous documents produced by the organization. Included here are materials from audits, ephemera, awards, photographs, membership lists, various Memoranda of Understanding, and a restricted file containing personnel documents. Also of note are materials relating to the dissolution of the organization.

Box 1: Folder 29	Annual Financial Reports/Audits, 1990-1995
1:30	Personnel Policies, 1991-1994
1:31	Job Announcements, 1990-1995
1:32	Membership and Contact Lists, 1988-1996
1:33	Memoranda of Understanding, 1993-1996
1:34	Personnel Issues (restricted), 1994-1995
1:35	Dissolution of A/PAC, 1996

Series IV: Communications 1993-1995

Physical Description: 10 folders

Scope and Content: This series consists of reports, memos, correspondence, and press releases produced by the A/PAC. The Correspondence is arranged topically and then chronologically within each folder. Among the notable correspondents found in this series are President Bill Clinton, Nancy Pelosi, Willie Brown, Diane Feinstein, and Barbara Boxer.

Box 1: Folder 36	Reports From Staff, 1991-1995
1:37	Memos, 1989-1995
1:38	Correspondence Out, 1990-1995
1:39	Correspondence In, 1989-1995
1:40	Correspondence With Politicians, 1992-1994

1:41	Correspondence With AIDS Action Council, 1992-1994
1:42	Correspondence With LIFE AIDS Lobby, 1992-1994
1:43	Letters of Support, 1990-1994
1:44	Advocacy News, 1993-1995
1:45	Press Releases, 1991-1993

Series V: Development 1992-1995

Physical Description: 16 folders

Scope and Content: This series contains materials documenting A/PAC's efforts at fundraising and development. Most of these materials are grant applications reflecting the continuing attempts to raise money.

Box 1: Folder 46	Prevention Consolidation Contracts, 1993-1994
1:47	Funding History, 1992
1:48	Grant Application to AMFAR, 1992
1:49	A/PAC Contract with Northern California Grantmakers AIDS Task Force, 1992-1995
1:50	An Event in Three Acts (Names Project), 1992
1:51	A/PAC Grant Application To NMAC's Apple Macintosh Computer Partnership, 1993
1:52	A/PAC Grant Application to AMFAR, 1994
1:53	A/PAC Grant Application to Vanguard Foundation, 1994
1:54	GCHP/AAP and A/PAC Grant Application to DIFFA, 1994
2:1-5	AIDS Walk San Francisco, 1991-1995
2:6	In the Zone, 1996
2:7	Avant Garde: To the Xtreme Sigma Omicron Pi, 1994-1995

Series VI: Grants and Loans 1990-1992

Physical Description: 21 folders

Scope and Content: This series consists of materials documenting loans and grants made by the A/PAC to other organizations, most of them providing services to the Asian and Pacific Islander population of the Bay Area.

Box 2: Folder 8	A/PAC Grant Survey Results, 1992
2:9	Short Term Loans From A/PAC To AIDS Agencies, 1992-1993
2:10	Emergency Needs Grants to People, 1990-1993
2:11	A/PAC Requests For Proposals, 1992
2:12	A/PAC Grant Logs (fragmentary), 1993
2:13	A/PAC Grants to GAPA Community HIV Project (GCHP) Referral Intake System/Database, 1991
2:14	A/PAC Grants to GAPA Community HIV Project (GCHP) Direct Services Volunteer Program, 1990-1992
2:15	A/PAC Grants to GAPA Community HIV Project (GCHP) Case Management Translation Program, 1992
2:16	A/PAC Grants to GAPA Community HIV Project (GCHP) Early Intervention Treatment Grants to Individuals, 1992
2:17	A/PAC Grants to GAPA Community HIV Project (GCHP) Other APAC Grants to GCHP, 1993
2:18	A/PAC Grant to City Clinic for API Study, 1992
2:19	A/PAC Grant to Asian AIDS Project, 1992
2:20	A/PAC Grant to San Francisco General Hospital Emergency Fund, 1991
2:21	A/PAC Grant to Filipino Task Force on AIDS for Psycho/Social Support, 1990-1992
2:22	A/PAC Grant to Japanese Community Youth Council, 1992

2:23	A/PAC Grant to Refugee Women's Program Seed Grant, 1990-1991
2:24	A/PAC Grant to Noelani L. Jai, 1990
2:25	A/PAC Grant to Lake Park United Methodist Church AIDS Team, 1990-1992
2:26	A/PAC Grant to Prevention Point, 1992
2:27	A/PAC Grant to Catholic Charities, 1992
2:28	A/PAC Grant to Project AIDS Uplift (Dr Karoline Naufahu), 1992

Series VII: Issues 1988-1995

Physical Description: 12 folders

Scope and Content: This series consists of materials from various issues in which the A/PAC was involved, either directly or peripherally.

Box 2: Folder 29	Immigration Exclusion of HIV+ People, 1991-1994
2:30	Transgender and HIV, 1995
2:31	HIV in Thailand, 1989
2:32	Consortium and Partnership Models: NAN Skills Building Conference, 1988
2:33	Gay Asian Pacific Support Network/Boy Toy Controversy, 1993
2:34	Visitation Valley -Leland Avenue Residence Dispute, 1991-1992
2:35	San Francisco Budget Proposal, 1993
2:36	A/PAC's Response to San Francisco HIV Prevention Plan, 1994
2:37	A/PAC Compilation of A/PI HIV/AIDS Statistics from the Ten U.S. Cities with the Largest A/PI Populations, 1992
2:38	Statistics on HIV Among American A/PIs, 1991-1993

2:39 Catholic Charities/GCHP/APAC Contract Dispute, 1992

2:40 Hale Laulima House, 1995

Series VIII: Organization 1988-1995

Physical Description: 14 folders

Scope and Content: This series contains materials from other organizations also serving the Asian/ Pacific Islander population in the Bay Area. These materials document A/PAC's cooperative involvement with various community-based health, AIDS-related, GLBT, and Asian/Pacific Islander organizations.

Box 2: Folder 41 Asian AIDS Project, 1987-1990

2:42 Asian Americans for Community Involvement, 1992-1994

2:43 Asian and Pacific Islander American Health Forum, 1993-1994

2:44 Asian Law Caucus, 1992

2:45 Asian Pacific Planning Council, 1994

2:46 Center for Southeast Asian Refugee Resettlement (CSEARR), 1992

2:47 December First Coalition, 1988

2:48 Filipino Task Force on AIDS, 1994-1995

2:49 GAPA Community HIV Project (GCHP), 1995

2:50 Korean Coalition on AIDS/HIV in Korean Communities, 1993-1994

2:51 Marin Asian Advocacy Project, 1993

2:52 OCCUR (Japanese Gay Rights Organization), 1993-1994

2:53 Organization of Lesbian and Gay Asians (OLGA), 1992

2:54 Vietnamese Lesbian Gays and Bisexuals, 1992

Series IX: Events 1987-1995

Physical Description: 37 folders

Scope and Content: This series documents some of the many events in which the A/PAC participated. The series is divided into two sub-series: Outreach and Conferences and Meetings.

Subseries I: Outreach

Physical Description: 11 folders

Scope and Content: The Outreach subseries contains materials documenting the organization's efforts at visibility raising and community involvement. Among the materials found in this sub-series are documents from the Tet and Cherry Blossom Festivals, Folsom Street Fair, the Asian American Journalist Association Conference, and several other outreach events.

Box 2: Folder 55	A/PAC Community Organizing Project, 1991
2:56	Nihomachi Street Fair, 1992
2:57	Tenderloin Tet Festival, 1991
2:58	Tenderloin Tet Festival, 1993
2:59	Folsom Street Fair, 1992
2:60	Castro Street Fair, 1992
2:61	Cherry Blossom Festival, 1991
2:62	Cherry Blossom Festival, 1992
2:63	Asian American Journalists Association, 1992
2:64	UCSF Student AIDS Forum, 1993
2:65	A/PAC Inservice on AIDS Surveillance, 1993

Subseries II: Conferences and Meetings

Physical Description: 26 folders

Scope and Content: The Conferences and Meetings sub-series consist of materials from various conferences in which the A/PAC participated. These materials demonstrate the organization's high level of involvement on issues relating to HIV and Asians/Pacific Islanders.

Box 2: Folder 66	Community Meeting on AIDS for Limited English-Speaking Populations, 1987
2:67	National Minority AIDS Conference, 1990

2:68	National Commission on AIDS Hearing, 1991
2:69	Multi-Cultural/People of Color Meeting, 1992
2:70	Challenging Borders: A Conference on HIV and Immigration Issues, 1992
2:71	Asians and Pacific Islanders Community Forum on AIDS (San Jose), 1992
2:72	National Minority AIDS Council Regional Training, 1992
2:73	Taking the Lead: A Conference for People of Color in Non-Profits (Oakland), 1992
2:74	Partners in Human Service: Shaping Health Care and Civil Rights Policy, 1992
2:75	Asian Lesbian and Gay Regional Conference (Manila), 1992
3:1	AIDS Action Council's Public Policy Institute, 1992
3:2	National Minority AIDS Council Skills Building Conference, 1992
3:3	Gay Men of Color AIDS Institute, 1993
3:4	National Minority AIDS Council Public Policy Conference, 1993
3:5	A Question of Parity: National Asian/Pacific Islander HIV/AIDS Leadership Forum, 1993
3:6	National Minority AIDS Council Skills Building Conference, 1993
3:7	Filipino HIV/AIDS Strategy Forum, 1993
3:8	6th Joint Scientific Meeting of AIDS Panels, 1994
3:9	10th International Conference on AIDS (Yokohama) General Information and Funding, 1994
3:10	10th International Conference on AIDS (Yokohama) Funding Requests, 1994

3:11	10th International Conference on AIDS (Yokohama) Action Alerts, 1994
3:12	National Minority AIDS Council; Women of Color Meeting, 1995
3:13	Silent Crisis: Ongoing HIV Infections Among Gay Men, 1994
3:14	A/PI Service Providers Meet with Dr James Curry, 1994
3:15	With/Out Consent: A Conference on HIV Activism, 1992
3:16	Bay Area Summit of A/PI Service Providers), 1994

Series X: Public Policy 1987-1995

Physical Description: 43 folders

Scope and Content: This series documents A/PAC's extensive involvement in policy issues relating to AIDS and Asian/Pacific Islanders on both the national and local level. The materials in this series are organized into five sub-series: National Policy Groups and Activities, California Policy Groups and Activities, San Francisco Policy Groups and Activities, A/PAC Policy Papers and Reports, and Other Policy Papers and Reports.

Subseries I: National Policy Groups and Activities

Physical Description: 9 folders

Scope and Content: The National Policy Groups and Activities sub-series documents A/PAC's involvement in national HIV policy discussions. Included in this sub-series are materials from the A/PAC's involvement on the National Minority AIDS Council and the National HIV Prevention Reform Working Group.

Box 3: Folder 17	Prevention Action Group, 1994-1995
3:18	National Minority AIDS Council General Activities, 1994-1995
3:19	National Minority AIDS Council National Advisory Board, 1992-1994
3:20	National Minority AIDS Council Public Policy Conference Calls, 1994-1995
3:21	National Minority AIDS Council National Minority AIDS Conference, 1989

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| 3:22 | National Minority AIDS Council NMAC
Newsletters, 1992-1994 |
| 3:23 | Campaign for Fairness, 1991-1993 |
| 3:24 | Release of National Commission on AIDS Report
on HIV/AIDS in Communities of Color, 1993 |
| 3:25 | National HIV Prevention Reform Working Group,
1993-94 |

Subseries II: California Policy Groups and Activities

Physical Description: 16 folders

Scope and Content: The California Policy Groups and Activities sub-series contains materials illustrating the organization's involvement in statewide policy issues relating to HIV and Asians/Pacific Islanders. Included in this sub-series are materials documenting the A/PAC involvement with the California Department of Health Service and the LIFE AIDS Lobby, a California group that lobbies on GLBT and HIV/AIDS related issues.

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| Box 3: Folder 26 | Asian and Pacific Islander California Action
Network (APIsCAN), 1993-1995 |
| 3:27-28 | Greater Bay Area HIV Prevention Working Group,
1993-1995 |
| 3:29 | HIV Prevention Community Planning Group,
1993-1995 |
| 3:30 | Re-Establishing the California AIDS Advisory
Committee, 1992 |
| 3:31 | California Department of Health Services Office of
AIDS, 1993-1995 |
| 3:32 | California Department of Health Services
Multicultural Liaison Board to Office of AIDS,
1992-1993 |
| 3:33 | LIFE AIDS Lobby General Activities, 1995 |
| 3:34 | LIFE AIDS Lobby Board of Directors, 1994-1995 |
| 3:35 | LIFE AIDS Lobby HIV/Healthcare Executive
Committee, 1994-1996 |

3:36	LIFE AIDS Lobby Diversity Committee, 1994-1996
4:1	LIFE AIDS Lobby Regional Meetings, 1993-1995
4:2	LIFE AIDS Lobby AIDS Budget Lobby Day, 1992
4:3	LIFE AIDS Lobby AIDS Budget Lobby Day, 1995
4:4	Calif. Asian Pacific Islander Health and Human Services Network: Legislative Lobby Day '93, 1993
4:5	Senator Milton Mark's Task Force on State Managed AIDS/HIV Programs, 1993-1994

Subseries III: San Francisco Policy Groups and Activities

Physical Description: 8 folders

Scope and Content: The San Francisco Policy Groups and Activities sub-series contains materials illustrating A/PAC's involvement in city politics and policy debates revolving around AIDS/HIV issues and the Asian/Pacific Islander population of San Francisco. Prominent in this sub-series are materials relating A/PAC's interaction with San Francisco's Department of Public Health

Box 4: Folder 6	Asian AIDS Task Force Input for San Francisco's Five Year Plan, 1987
4:7	San Francisco Department of Public Health, AIDS Office, 1993-1994
4:8	San Francisco Department of Public Health, HIV Health Services Planning Council, 1994-1995
4:9	San Francisco Department of Public Health, People of Color AIDS Advisory Committee, 1991-1995
4:10	San Francisco Public Policy Working Group, 1994-1995
4:11	Needle Exchange Working Group, 1993-1995
4:12	Asian Pacific Advocacy and Resource Council, 1993-1995

Subseries IV: APAC Policy Papers and Reports

Physical Description: 3 folders

Scope and Content: The A/PAC Policy Papers and Reports sub-series contains policy papers and reports produced by Rafael Chang, A/PAC's Public Policy Coordinator.

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| Box 5: Folder 1 | A/PAC Public Policy Papers, 1992 |
| 5:2 | In Many Tongues: Advocacy Training 101 Rafael Chang, 1993 |
| 5:3 | US National Asian and Pacific Islander HIV/AIDS Agenda Rafael Chang, 1993 |

Subseries V: Other Policy Papers and Reports

Physical Description: 8 folders

Scope and Content: The Other Policy Papers and Reports sub-series consists of publications produced by other organizations on the topic of HIV/AIDS and people of color, particularly Asian/Pacific Islanders.

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| Box 5: Folder 4 | AIDS in the Asian Community: A Review and Analysis Asian AIDS Project for the Bay View Hunters Point Foundation, 1987 |
| 5:5 | Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual People of Color HIV Task Force Report to the AIDS Office, 1990 |
| 5:6 | People of Color and HIV/AIDS: Planning for Treatment and Services in San Francisco Debra Chasnoff and Helen Cohen for Asian/Pacific AIDS Coalition, 1992 |
| 5:7 | Public Policy Manual for Community Based AIDS Service Providers Karen B. Ringen, 1992 |
| 5:8 | Impact of HIV on Communities of Color: A Blueprint For the '90s National Minority AIDS Council, 1992 |
| 5:9 | Assessing the HIV Prevention Needs of Gay and Bisexual Men of Color Tagle, 1993 |
| 5:10 | Resource Directory of API H/A Groups in the United States, 1993 |
| 5:11 | Articles and Other Papers Related to A/PI Health and AIDS Among A/PIs |