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FBI Field Offices Hold Town Hall Meetings



**Presentation to
FBI San Francisco Field Office Town Hall Meeting**
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May 31, 2022

Thank you, Mr. Fields and the FBI San Francisco Field Office, for your outreach to our community and convening today's town hall to discuss one of the most serious issues impacting the Asian American community today. I regret that I cannot attend today's meeting because I was recently impacted by Covid.

The APA Justice Task Force submitted a 10-page statement to you last week. I thank our friend Joel Wong for bringing hard copies to share with you in the meeting. I will read a short summary of the key points here and urge you to read the statement in its entirety.

Racial profiling, both conscious and unconscious, is an invidious form of anti-Asian hate that has a long history and devastating consequences. And it keeps repeating.

Wen Ho Lee, Sherry Chen, Xiaoxing Xi, Anming Hu, and Gang Chen are some of the innocent Chinese American scientists who were wrongfully prosecuted and suffered devastating consequences. Most of them are U.S. citizens. Although they have been exonerated, their career, reputation, finance, and families were severely damaged.

Except for Native Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders, the United States is a nation of immigrants. Some came earlier than others; some came more willingly than others.

Asians came to the U.S. more than 170 years ago. They have made contributions to every segment of the American society. However, they are repeatedly stereotyped and subject to bias as "Perpetual Foreigners" who are outsiders, pose threats, to be feared, and suspect of their loyalty to the U.S., frequently by the government itself.

Not too long ago, we were portrayed as "thousand grains of sand" working for the People's Republic of China. Today, we are alleged to be "non-traditional collectors" and require a "whole-of-society approach" to address the threat we pose to the United States. It is wrong, and it must change.

The Department of Justice launched the ill-conceived "China Initiative" in November 2018. It wasted valuable taxpayers' dollars and failed in four major areas:

Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month Community Webinar
United Chinese Americans Illinois Chapter and FBI Chicago presents:

Combating Asian-American Hate Crimes




**Friday, May 27th
7:00-8:30pm CST**

What should we do?
How do we respond?

Since the pandemic started, there have been more than 10,000 incidents of hate reported by Stop AAPI Hate. There is both fear and concern among the Asian American community about how best to address these unprovoked attacks. In this webinar, Special Agents from the FBI Chicago Field Office will address how to respond to hate crimes, common misconceptions regarding law enforcement, what the FBI is doing to protect our communities, and how you can get involved.

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Host



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Marybeth King
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Register Here!

Please scan the QR code to register for this webinar.

Or head to:
tinyurl.com/UCA-IL-AAPI



On May 31, 2022, the FBI San Francisco Field Office held a Town Hall meeting "to engage in an open and honest discussion about our program, better understand the AANHPI community's concerns [surrounding FBI national security investigations related to the People's Republic of China], and exchange ideas on ways we can collectively work to address those concerns." APA Justice submitted a 10-page statement and gave a verbal presentation at the start of the meeting. It states in part,

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- The Department of Justice launched the ill-conceived “China Initiative” in November 2018. It wasted valuable taxpayers’ dollars and failed in four major areas
- The tragic outcomes of the “China Initiative” were preventable
- Evidence-based policymaking is the process of using high-quality information to inform decisions that are made about government policies. It also means that the government has the responsibility not to spread unsupported, misleading, or false information that fuel xenophobia and fear within agencies and the public. The FBI is not exempt
- We respect law enforcement agents, including those of Asian origin and people of color, who put themselves in harm’s way to protect our nation day in and day out. However, in carrying out their duties, law enforcement is obligated to take protecting civil liberties and rights as seriously as protecting against threats to national security
- With these honest comments, we share interest on a continuing dialogue and seek resolutions that would ensure the respect for and the protection of our communities under the Constitution and their civil rights
- We believe the [White House Office of Science and Technology Policy] has set a positive example for the FBI and other federal departments and agencies
- We conclude by making seven suggestions
- We are not a perfect nation. The greatness of our nation comes from its capacity to correct mistakes and face up to the truth.

Read the summary statement: <https://bit.ly/3N6zaTp>. Read the full statement: <https://bit.ly/3GD6fDL>

On May 27, 2022, the United Chinese Americans and the FBI Chicago Field Office co-hosted a webinar titled "Combating Asian-American Hate Crimes." According to the program description, "[s]ince the pandemic started, there have been more than 10,000 incidents of hate reported by Stop AAP Hate. There is both fear and concern among the Asian American community about how best to address these unprovoked attacks. In this webinar, Special Agents from the FBI Chicago Field Office will address how to respond to hate crimes, common misconceptions regarding law enforcement, what the FBI is doing to protect our communities, and how you can get involved."

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Within a week of a [letter of inquiry](#) sent by Reps. Ted Lieu, Ed Case, Judy Chu, and Adam Schiff on May 24, 2022, the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI) released a report on May 31, 2022 titled "Best Practices to Protect Privacy, Civil Liberties, and Civil Rights of Americans of Chinese Descent in the Conduct of U.S. Intelligence Activities."

The ODNI report is mandated by Section 5712 of the FY20 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) (pages 989-990 <https://bit.ly/3eVEHgY>). The report requires

1. A review of how the policies, procedures, and practices of the intelligence community that govern the intelligence activities and operations targeting the People's Republic of China affect policies, procedures, and practices relating to the privacy and civil liberties of Americans of Chinese descent who may be targets of espionage and influence operations by China; and
2. Recommendations to ensure that the privacy and civil liberties of Americans of Chinese descent are sufficiently protected.

The report has been overdue for two years.

We invite you to read the ODNI report and share your thoughts on how well it meets the requirements stated above by contacting one of the APA Justice co-organizers or send an email to contact@apajustice.org.

Read the ODNI report: <https://bit.ly/3taKd5O>

2022/06/06 APA Justice Monthly Meeting

The next APA Justice monthly meeting will be held on Monday, June 6, 2022. Confirmed speakers are:

- **Tobin Smith**, Vice President for Science Policy & Global Affairs, Association of American Universities (AAU). Founded in 1900, AAUthe Association of American Universities is composed of America's leading research universities. Federal agencies rely on universities to perform critical research in the national interest, and AAU universities perform over 60% of that research. Toby oversees matters related to science and innovation policy, broader impacts of science, and AAU's international activities.
- **Patrick Linehan** and **Michelle Nasser**, Defense Attorneys for Southern Illinois University Professor Mingqing Xiao. Professor Xiao is the last academic to be indicted under the now-defunct "China Initiative." His jury trial started in Benton, Illinois, on April 25, 2022. His legal defense team will provide an update on the situation.
- **Hanming Fang**, Joseph M. Cohen Term Professor of Economics, University of Pennsylvania. Professor Fang is an economist who has done extensive work on discrimination and affirmative action. His study on the Department of Justice's prosecutorial decisions in the application of the Economic Espionage Act is now posted as a Working Paper under the National Bureau of Economic Research with the title "Red Scare? A Study of Ethnic Prejudice in the Prosecutions under the Economic Espionage Act." Professor Fang will talk about his paper and findings.

Nisha Ramachandran, Executive Director, will provide updates on the activities of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus. Gisela Kusakawa, Assistant Director of Advancing Justice | AAJC will provide updates on the Anti-Racial Profiling Project and related activities, including the introduction of a new Coordinator for the Project.

The virtual monthly meeting is by invitation only. If you wish to join, either one time or for future meetings, please contact one of the co-organizers of APA Justice - Steven Pei, Vincent Wang, and Jeremy Wu - or send a message to contact@apajustice.org. Read past monthly meeting summaries here: <https://bit.ly/3kxkqxP>.

Webinar Today and TeenVogue Article

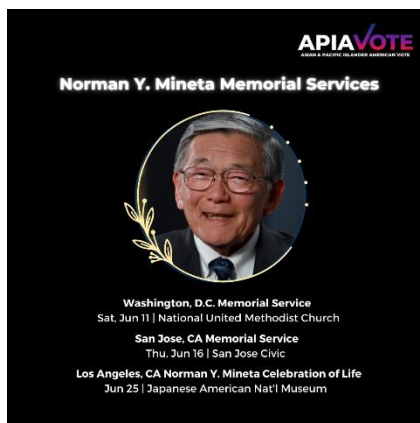
National Committee on US-China Relations (NCUSCR). On June 2, 2022, NCUSCR will host a webinar on The Future of U.S.-China Scientific Research Collaboration, featuring Yangyang Cheng, Research Scholar in Law and Fellow at Yale Law School's Paul Tsai China Center; Steven Chu, William R. Kenan, Jr., Professor of Physics and Professor of Molecular & Cellular Physiology, Stanford University Medical School and former U.S. Secretary of Energy; and Eileen Guo, Senior Reporter for Features and Investigations, MIT Technology Review. Margaret K. Lewis, professor of law at Seton Hall University, will serve as moderator

Register for the event here: <https://bit.ly/3wSrTPU>

TeenVogue. On May 27, 2022, *TeenVogue* published an op-ed titled "The China Initiative: What Is It and How Did It Affect Chinese Academics?" The article explains how a national security program ended up targeting Chinese professors. "The U.S. government targeted Asian academics, often indiscriminately. We can't fully comprehend the damage that caused," it said.

Read more: <https://bit.ly/3GFPlig>

Memorial Services for Secretary Norman Y. Mineta



APIAVote announced that the Mineta family would like to invite you to a “Celebration of a Life Well Lived”, an in-person memorial service to honor the legacy of Norman Y. Mineta. There are several dates and locations:

- [Washington, D.C. Memorial Service for Norman Y. Mineta](#): A Memorial Service will be held at the National United Methodist Church on Saturday, June 11, 2022 at 10:30 AM.
- [San Jose, CA Memorial Service for Norman Y. Mineta](#): A public ceremony honoring the life, career, and legacy of Norman Y. Mineta will be held in San Jose on Thursday, June 16, 2022 at the San Jose Civic auditorium at 10:30 a.m.
- [Los Angeles, CA Norman Y. Mineta Celebration of Life](#): The Japanese American National Museum invites you to join in celebrating the life of Board of Trustees Chair Norman Y. Mineta on June 25, 2022 at 10:30am. The public are welcome to join in person or via livestream.

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