

OCA & FCC PRESENT:

# *Asian American in 2018*

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## *(Census) 2020 Vision for the Future*

Be counted in 2020! Learn why it matters and why it's important. This is a discussion on the importance of voting, and on completing the census in 2020 so that the Asian American community is accurately represented and heard, and on the controversial citizenship question. Discussion will focus on the controversial citizenship question on the census, APA voter engagement, systemic barriers, and more!



### **Quinn Haemin Rhi**

Quinn is the Civic Participation Senior Associate at the MinKwon Center for Community Action. She coordinates many activities for APA VOICE (Asian Pacific Americans Voting and Organizing to Increase Civic Engagement), a

coalition of 19 APA serving organizations committed to civic empowerment. Through voter registration efforts, canvassing activities, candidate forums, mailers, poll monitoring, workshops, and organizing, the MinKwon Center's civic program engages with community members to support their rights and enhance civic participation and political empowerment of Korean and Asian American communities. Quinn is a 1.5-generation immigrant from South Korea who moved to NYC with her family at age three. Quinn received her B.A. in Government and Legal Studies from Bowdoin College.



### **Regina Lee**

Regina is a lifelong advocate on behalf of refugees, immigrants, and other marginalized communities. She co-founded the Charles B. Wang Community Health Center in 1971, and is currently the Executive Vice President, Public Affairs. She directs

the Health Center's fundraising, communications, outreach, and health education programs, and works closely with the clinical leadership to carry out population health interventions aimed at reducing health disparities for Asian Americans. She was formerly director of the Massachusetts Office for Refugees and Immigrants, and deputy director of the U.S. Office of Refugee Resettlement. Regina received her law degree from New York University Law School and was the asylum attorney at Greater Boston Legal Services for over 10 years.



### **Elizabeth OuYang**

Liz is the census consultant to NY Immigration Coalition and the Coordinator of NYCCounts 2020, a growing coalition of 80 diverse groups statewide seeking an accurate and fair

census in 2020. Liz has been a civil rights attorney and advocate for over

30 years. Her areas of expertise include voting, immigration, media accountability, combating hate crimes and police brutality, and race, sex, and disability discrimination. She was appointed by President Bill Clinton to serve as a special assistant to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights. Liz teaches a pre-law course, "Comparative Constitutional Challenges Impacting African, Latino, and Asian American Communities" and "Post 9/11 Immigration Policies" at Columbia University. At NYU, she teaches the comparative constitutional course as well as "Managing Diversity in the Global Workforce" and "Gender Issues in the Workplace".



### **Amy Torres**

Amy is the Director of Policy and Advocacy at the Chinese-American Planning Council, Inc. (CPC). Founded in 1965, CPC's mission is to promote social and economic empowerment of Chinese American, immigrant and low-income communities. Amy

creates and implements CPC's policy agenda and works with staff and community members to build skills, engagement, and coalitions that empower CPC communities. Whether in our classrooms, community centers, at City Hall, or in Albany, Amy has guided her work by making spaces for others to speak, listen, and learn. She is actively involved in CPC's civic engagement efforts and co-chairs a Census 2020 Training Committee with NYCCounts 2020. Amy joined CPC in 2013. Prior to that, she lived in Beijing, China developing curriculum and classroom branding materials for an early education company. She is a graduate of Rutgers University.