



**PUBLIC REQUEST TO ADDRESS
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA**

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			The following individuals submitted comments on agenda item:	
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CS-2.		Oppose	Andrea Mac	NYC's Chief Procurement Officer Left Town as Ivalua eProcurement Project Melted Down - According to a source close to the contract, Michael Owh appears to have been a central actor in steering the contract to Ivalua. Our interest is uncovering who enabled this taxpayer boondoggle. But in February 2018, the month before the eProcurement platform was scheduled to be operational, he got a job in Los Angeles as that city's chief procurement officer.
			Asian ISD-Employee	I appreciate the feedback from APCF and my fellow AAPI's. It is important that our roles in executive positions reflect and represent our workforce population. However, as an Asian American who currently works for ISD, I would urge the Board to appoint a Director based on merit, competency, and integrity. I would wholeheartedly choose to work under this type of leader than Mr. Owh who lacks all those critical traits.
			George Cooper	Headline to this article: "NYC's Chief Procurement Officer Left Town as Ivalua eProcurement Project Melted Down." This was Michael Owh. How can we trust him to lead LA County's biggest, centralized procurement department when he has a track record of back deals and fleeing the scene? Please read this article to see what went down in NYC under Owh's leadership. checksandbalancesproject.org/nyc-michael-owh-ivalua/
			ISD Employees	Dear Honorable Board of Supervisors Thank you for your time. Again, We the ISD employees, want to very strogly oppose Michael Owh's consideration or appointment to the ISD Director position. Since becoming the chief deputy, Michael has sown division among the employees, pushed out and bullied managers and staff, and made working conditions intolerable. He stifles creativity and direction, believing we should not innovate, dragging the department down in the process. He has split the department's branches intocamps and ensures they compete against each other rather than work together. He pulls money from well-funded areas to shore up the incompetence in others and blames the places he is drawing from for the problems. These are just a few examples of Michael's terrible management and lack of leadership. This is a critical position for Los Angeles County. Again we ask that you investigate with the employees and managers at ISD hear the concerns before installing someone who is unfit to serve this role.



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			Andrea Mac	As someone who identifies as AAPI and have lived in LA County all my life, I have failed to see sufficient representation from someone I believe will actively and consistently reach out and look out for our large and diverse community. Based on data from the County of Los Angeles Workforce Demographics website as of February 2023, only 8% of managers are executive managers despite AAPIs constituting 19% of the County workforce and 17% of the population. As this role oversees processes and programs that will impact the AAPI community, I ask that engagement and collaboration with AAPI communities be taken into consideration when selecting leadership for this role.
			Emma Chen	Based on data from the County of Los Angeles Workforce Demographics website as of February 2023, only 8% of managers are executive managers despite AAPIs constituting 19% of the County workforce and 17% of the population. As this role oversees processes and programs that will impact the AAPI community, I ask that engagement and collaboration with AAPI communities be taken into consideration when selecting leadership for this role.
			Erica Luo	Based on data from the County of Los Angeles Workforce Demographics website as of February 2023, only 8% of managers are executive managers despite AAPIs constituting 19% of the County workforce and 17% of the population. As this role oversees processes and programs that will impact the AAPI community, I ask that engagement and collaboration with AAPI communities be taken into consideration when selecting leadership for this role.
			Farrah Su	Based on data from the County of Los Angeles Workforce Demographics website as of February 2023, only 8% of managers are executive managers despite AAPIs constituting 19% of the County workforce and 17% of the population. As this role oversees processes and programs that will impact the AAPI community, we ask that engagement and collaboration with AAPI communities be taken into consideration when selecting leadership for this role.

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CS-2.		Other	Natalie Masuoka	I write to ask the Board of Supervisors to consider engagement and collaboration with AAPI communities be taken into consideration when selecting candidates for leadership roles in County governance. Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPIs) make up over 16% of the population in LA County, making them the third largest racial group in the County. The needs of the AAPI community deserve to be fairly represented and considered in policy decision-making. At the same time, the cultural, linguistic and socioeconomic diversity within the AAPI community means that there are often many considerations to consider for addressing the community's needs. This requires not only those with expertise and experience with AAPI communities but also those willing to consult with community leaders in the development of policy.
			Rachel Kochhar	
			William I Chao	Based on data from the County of Los Angeles Workforce Demographics website as of February 2023, only 8% of managers are executive managers despite AAPIs constituting 19% of the County workforce and 17% of the population. As this role oversees processes and programs that will impact the AAPI community, I ask that engagement and collaboration with AAPI communities be taken into consideration when selecting leadership for this role.
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Grand Total			12	



March 15, 2024

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Equity and Diversity in Staffing of Los Angeles County Employees

Dear Supervisors,

Since 1990, Asian Pacific Community Fund (APCF) has collaborated with the County of Los Angeles through our workplace giving campaign to support the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) nonprofit sector. APCF's mission is to invest in organizations that empower underserved AAPI's by building healthier communities, creating a stronger AAPI voice, and developing AAPI leaders. APCF supports the development of AAPI leaders in all sectors, and we acknowledge the necessity of diverse representation in government staff through considering, hiring, and promoting qualified staff at all levels with the cultural expertise and understanding to meaningfully engage AAPI communities.

Based on data from the County of Los Angeles Workforce Demographics website as of February 2023, only 8% of managers are executive managers despite AAPI constituting 19% of the County workforce and 17% of the population. The value of having staff from AAPI communities who understand AAPI residents cannot be understated, especially in roles that have a spot at decision-making tables since these roles directly impact the communities APCF serves.

APCF considers the equity and diversity of the County of Los Angeles' employees to be a high priority as the County of Los Angeles is home to the largest Asian American population in the United States with many community members unable to advocate for themselves. Please continue to develop and retain the talent within County staff that support the AAPI community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Chun-Yen Chen", with a stylized, flowing script.

Chun-Yen Chen
Executive Director