



## 第四届美国华人大会暨第二届全国青年大会 July 27-30, Washington DC.

中文版:

2024年6月27到6月30日,第四届美国华人大会于2024年在华盛顿特区隆重举行。本届大会以“拥抱新时代民权运动”为主题,吸引了来自全美近七百名参会者。这次大会不仅展现了华人社区的力量与声音,更凝聚了华人同胞对未来的希望与信心。

大会的第一天是由UCA 和 APAPA 联合举办的“亚太裔拜访国会山”(AANHPI Congressional Advocacy Day)活动,成为华人社区向立法机构展示其影响力的重要途径,其规模超出了以往UCA 组织到UCA Congressional Day。数百名参与者们分成50余个拜访小组,在UCA 和 APAPA 代表的带领下,成功拜访了283位国会议员办公室,超过了国会425众议员的一半。每个小组详细介绍了华人社区面临的问题,并提出个人见解,主要关注限制华人在美购置房地产,亚裔敌视,尤其是对华裔的敌意,将亚裔历史纳入中学美国历史课程等。

在随后举行的国会山招待会上,联邦众议员孟昭文(Grace Meng)感谢UCA 和 APAPA 全体人员的到来,并重点谈到了将亚裔历史纳入美国中学历史课程的重要性。德州华裔众议员吴元之(Gene Wu)强调了限制华人在美购置房产法案的负面影响,并呼吁亚裔社区团结一致,积极参与政治,予以反击。加州华裔联邦众议员赵美心(Judy Chu)表示,当前对中国学生学者的签证限制严重影响了中美之间的学术交流和科技合作。新泽西州的韩裔联邦众议员金安迪(Andy Kim)呼吁大家积极投票,参与公共事务,为亚裔社区争取更多权益。

大会的第二、三天,20多场论坛、50多位嘉宾,为观众奉献了无比精彩的讨论和分享。开幕式上,拜登总统的亚太裔事务专员Erika L. Moritsugu、联邦众议员刘云平(Ted Lieu)、德州众议员(Gene Wu)吴元之、以及马里兰州众议员齐丽丽(Lily Qi)等政要到场祝贺。薛海培会长在开幕致辞中深入阐述了大会主题的重要性,讲出了华人社区面对的三大独特的挑战(不断恶化的美中关系,不断恶化的美国国内政治,以及新移民社区对参政议政、投入社会生活的不适应甚至是冷漠),呼吁华人社区团结一致,掀起华人民权运动的新篇章,建立全美华人社区联盟,共同应对未来的巨大挑战。

五个主题分会分别围绕青少年、心理健康、亚太裔政治行动、社区建设和公民参与以及创业和职业

发展展开。全国青年大会聚焦如何在保持和更新文化、遗产和身份认同,并探讨多种族民主国家中的生活体验。与会者讨论了华裔青年在竞选公职和提出立法方面的已有的卓越表现,展示了他们通过实际行动激励他人、展现领导能力的重要性。

心理健康峰会的重点在于探讨如何改善华裔社区的心理健康服务。与会者讨论了政策对社区心理健康服务的影响,文化敏感性和语言适应性在提供有效心理健康服务中的重要性,并分享了不同社区在心理健康方面的有效实践和策略。

亚太裔政治行动峰会则讨论了管理和成功发展的政治行动委员会(PAC)和 IRS 批准的 C4 政治组织的最佳实践和经验教训,强调了跨党派沟通和团结的重要性。与会者探讨了华裔社区在政治舞台上的发声和权益争取,并分享了成功的案例和经验。

社区建设与公共参与的分会讨论了如何在当前政治分裂的环境下构建和谐社区的重要性。与会者分享了在社区赋权和公共参与方面的宝贵经验,并探讨了通过数据驱动决策提升社区福祉的方法。

创业与职业发展分会重点讨论了华人在政府部门中的职业发展和代表性问题。与会者探讨了创业初期的挑战、获得风险投资的策略,以及如何在职业发展中克服偏见和制度性障碍,促进职业晋升。

大会的重头戏当属颁奖典礼暨晚宴环节。大会为多位在社区服务和领导力方面表现卓越的个人和组织进行了表彰。Lani Wong 因其在社区服务和领导力方面四十多年的卓越贡献而荣获分量最重的终身成就奖。ACLU 等十几个组织和个人也荣获表彰。主旨演讲嘉宾是麻州经济与住房部长郝依平,分享自己移民奋斗故事,引爆全场齐喊加油。大会也为五位已逝去的UCA 的参与者和创办者举行了哀悼仪式。

晚宴上还安排了说唱华裔青年明星 Alan Z 和著名脱口秀明星黄西(Joe Wong)的精彩表演,尤其是黄西的幽默段子引发了全场笑声不断,将晚宴气氛推向高潮。当UCA 会长薛海培把UCA 会旗交给下一届2026年美国华人大会的主办地拉斯维加斯的代表手上时,全场欢呼雀跃。最后,在新石器时代乐队的演奏下,全场观众沸腾起来,纷纷翩翩起舞。

大会最后一天的活动,是在首都

的国家广场上组织了首次大型“Walk for Civil Rights, Walk for Our Rights”的民权步行活动,纪念《1964民权法》生效60周年。超过300位华人同胞从二战纪念碑步行到马丁路德金纪念碑,再步行到林肯纪念堂,高举美国国旗和UCA 的会旗,表达对民权运动先驱的敬意。UCA 会长薛海培和理事长王华,特别向马丁路德金雕像献祭了花篮,六位华二代代表并带领大家集体朗诵了马丁路德金最为著名的、影响了两代人的六句名言。来自大华府地区的著名黄河艺术团在林肯纪念堂前,带领大家一起唱了三首美国历史和民权运动的歌曲,将活动推向高潮。

这次大会通过与众多国会议员和助理的直接对话,通过与各族裔人士的坦诚讨论,通过与一百多名来自各地的关注精神健康的专家和活跃人士多层次的交流,通过与近200名青年人的积极对话,极大地提高了大家参政议政、参与社会的热情,极大地提高了大家对华人社区建设的热情。参会者们依依不舍,纷纷表示大会给他们带来了极大的精神鼓舞,他们将返回自己的城市,与UCA 一道,共建一个温馨、健康和互助的华人社区,推动华裔社区和美国社会的发展和进步。期待大家2026年相聚拉斯维加斯!

英文版:

Fourth United Chinese Americans Conference Concludes Successfully in Washington D.C.

Washington D.C., July 1, 2024 - From June 27 to June 30, 2024, the fourth United Chinese Americans (UCA) Conference was held in Washington D.C. This year's conference, themed "Embracing the New Civil Rights Movement," attracted nearly 700 participants from across the United States. The event showcased the strength and voice of the Chinese American community and united their hopes and confidence for the future.

The first day featured the "AANHPI Congressional Advocacy Day," co-hosted by UCA and APAPA, serving as a crucial platform for the Chinese American community to demonstrate its influence to legislative bodies. This year's scale surpassed previous UCA-organized Congressional Days. Hundreds of participants, divided into over 50

visiting groups, successfully visited 283 congressional offices, representing more than half of the 425 House representatives. Each group detailed the issues facing the Chinese American community, focusing on real estate purchase restrictions for Chinese nationals, anti-Asian sentiments, and the inclusion of Asian American history in U.S. high school curricula.

During the Capitol Hill reception, Congresswoman Grace Meng thanked UCA and APAPA members for their participation and highlighted the importance of incorporating Asian American history into U.S. high school curricula. Texas Congressman Gene Wu emphasized the negative impacts of real estate purchase restrictions on Chinese Americans and called for the Asian American community to unite and engage in politics actively. California Congresswoman Judy Chu noted that current visa restrictions on Chinese students and scholars severely hinder academic and technological exchanges between China and the United States. New Jersey Congressman Andy Kim urged everyone to vote and participate in public affairs to secure more rights for the Asian American community.

The second and third days of the conference featured over 20 forums and more than 50 guests, providing attendees with engaging discussions and sharing sessions. At the opening ceremony, Erika L. Moritsugu, President Biden's AAPI Affairs Commissioner, Congressmen Ted Lieu, and Gene Wu, and Maryland State Delegate Lily Qi were present to offer their congratulations. In his opening remarks, UCA President Haipei Shue addressed three unique challenges facing the Chinese American community: deteriorating US-China relations, worsening domestic political climate, and the new immigrant community's lack of engagement in political and social life. He called for the community to unite, launch a new chapter in the Chinese American civil rights movement, and establish a nationwide coalition to tackle future challenges.

The conference included five themed sub-conferences focused on youth, mental health, AAPI political action, community building and civic engagement, and entrepreneurship

and career development.

The National Youth Conference explored how to maintain and renew culture, heritage, and identity in a multiracial democratic nation.

The Mental Health Summit focused on improving mental health services for the Chinese American community.

The AAPI Political Action Summit discussed best practices in managing and developing successful Political Action Committees (PACs) and IRS-approved C4 political organizations.

The Community Building and Civic Engagement Sub-conference discussed the importance of building harmonious communities in the current politically divided environment.

The Entrepreneurship and Career Development Sub-conference focused on career development and representation of Chinese Americans in government departments.

The highlight of the conference was the Awards Ceremony and Gala. Individuals and organizations with outstanding performance in community service and leadership were honored. Lani Wong received the Lifetime Achievement Award for her over 40 years of outstanding contributions to community service and leadership. The conference also held a memorial service for five late UCA participants and founders. The gala featured captivating performances by Chinese American rapper Alan Z and renowned comedian Joe Wong.

The final day featured a large-scale "Walk for Civil Rights, Walk for Our Rights" event on the National Mall to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Over 300 Chinese Americans walked from the World War II Memorial to the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial, then to the Lincoln Memorial, holding the American flag and UCA banner, paying tribute to the pioneers of the civil rights movement.

Through direct dialogues with congressional members and assistants, honest discussions with people of all races and backgrounds, multi-level exchanges with mental health experts and activists, and enthusiastic conversations with young people, the conference significantly boosted participants' enthusiasm for political engagement and community building. Attendees expressed their deep inspiration and commitment to returning to their cities to work with UCA in building a warm, healthy, and supportive Chinese American community, advancing the development and progress of the Chinese American community and American society.

