

Donor Corner: Meet Eddie Yen



Eddie Yen is a regular donor and supporter of APCF through the [County of Los Angeles' Charitable Giving Campaign](#), an annual workplace giving program for County employees of which APCF is a participating charity. As an LA County employee, he currently serves as the general counsel for the Office of the Assessor Jeffrey Prang to help property owners learn about their property tax rights. Eddie has also worked as an attorney in the County Counsel's office for over 13 years, representing County departments like Health Services, Mental Health, Public Health,

Housing Authority, and Internal Services by providing legal advice, negotiating contracts, and analyzing legislation.

Eddie was first introduced to APCF at its gala several years ago, where he learned about its fundraising efforts to support Asian & Pacific Islander (API) communities in need. Recognizing the importance of APCF's role in the API community, he soon began donating from his payroll to APCF through the County of Los Angeles' Charitable Giving Campaign.

Eddie credits his own philanthropy and community involvement due to his father's experience as an immigrant from Taiwan. After graduating from the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta with a graduate degree in architecture, his father experienced what many immigrants encounter – discrimination and the feeling that Asian immigrants did not belong in the U.S. In response, Eddie's father instilled in him the value of hard work along with the importance of patriotism and community.

Thanks to his father's example, Eddie has volunteered with various nonprofits such as Habitat for Humanity and taken on leadership positions at organizations like the [Los Angeles County Asian American Employees Association](#) (LACAAEA), of which he is currently president. As a 501(c)(4) nonprofit organization, LACAAEA is comprised of LA County employees who volunteer their time to enhance members' career skills to prepare them for promotional opportunities, encourage community service, and network with professional and other employee organizations to expand members' connections.

Through his community activism with LACAAEA, Eddie hopes to instill the value of community service and mentorship in his fellow County employees. "As members of this community, we must be grateful for what we have and to give back when you can," he shares. For him, that includes volunteering for a good cause as well as mentoring younger Asian American County employees, and supporting APCF to raise awareness on the needs of the API community along with sharing opportunities to contribute.

APCF is thankful to have steadfast partners like Eddie and other LACAAEA members who support our work in strengthening API communities. To learn more about how you can join fellow LA County employees like Eddie through the County's Charitable Giving Campaign, please [click here](#) or contact Debbie Chun at dchun@apcf.org.

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