Redress Fully Funded; Immigration, Vietnamese Fishing Bills Are Passed

From the Washington JACL Office Washington, D.C. - On November 5th, representatives of the Vietnamese community were present to support the approval of the Vietnamese Fishing Bills during a special hearing of the House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries. The committee approved the bills after a lengthy discussion and debate.

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HOUSTON — In response to the growing incidence of hostility and violence between minority groups, Asian Pacific American, African American and Hispanic leaders, including Roy Innes of CORE, Rep. Craig Washington (D-Tex.) of Houston, and San Francisco civil rights attorney Dale Minami, have agreed to participate on a panel to examine both roots of the violence and efforts to resolve these conflicts.

The panel is scheduled Nov. 10, at the South Texas School of Law, during the 19th annual convention of the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association at Four Seasons Hotel Nov. 9-11. Info: Harry Gyu (713) 781-0671, or Ted Wu (713) 675-6350.

San Jose Elections

SAN JOSE, Calif.—San Jose JACL election night potluck dinner will be held Nov. 9-10 p.m., at the Isee Memorial Hall, 1557 San Fernando Rd., San Jose. Everything from A to K are expected to bring a main dish for six persons while from L-Z can bring a side dish or a dessert. Chair is in providing the deserts, beverages, plates and picnic areas. And call the JACL Office (408) 295-1250 of the number who will be in your party.

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After-Hour Reception

The hour program will be followed by a casual and charming reception. Proceeds will be used to match challenge grants from the California Community Foundation and from government agencies.

Tickets are $250 for corporate individuals; $100 for community and non-profit individuals; $50 per couple.

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Asian-Majority Assembly District in Los Angeles Seen as Possibility

LOS ANGELES — Asian Pacific Americans stand a good chance to gain an Asian-majority State Assembly district if they are prepared to fight for one in the reapportionment process during 1991-92, a specialist in population prediction told Asian World.

Paul Ong, professor of architecture and urban planning at UCLA, identified three potential areas for such a district in Los Angeles county.

The first pocket, the West San Gabriel Valley major city-plexes; Monterey Park, Alhambra, San Marino, Arcadia, Monrovia, San Gabriel, Rosemead. It’s a new one-third Asian Pacific, but that community is projected to reach one-half of the population by the end of the decade. There are hundreds of Latino political, business community leaders also in the same area who are studying reapportionment for electoral seats next year.

Other pockets include the mid-city area linking Koreatown and Chinatown, currently one-quarter to one-third Asian Pacifics, but expected to reach over 40% of the population in 19 years, and the south end of the county through Gardena, Torrance, Hawthorne, Carson, Long Beach and San Pedro.

The source of these estimates include the current demographic data calculated by the county from birth statistics and school enrollment and immigration data from 1983 to 1987, said Ong. But he will also recognize his estimates with census figures when they become available early next year.

Ong is a member of the Coalition of Asian Pacific Americans for Fair Reapportionment, whose two dozen members have been meeting monthly in the city for about a year. Although statistically possible, whether an Asian-majority Assembly district becomes a reality depends on a number of factors, pointed out Don Nakasone, director of the UCLA Asian American Studies Center, a member of the coalition.

"We need to know who the Asian-Americans want...." Ong had people pretend to be put into one district, do they want to be divided into three or four districts, making it harder to get an Asian-American elected? questioned Nakasone.

The projected addition of eight congressional seats for California also raises the possibility of gaining an Asian-majority congressional district.

As an aside, questions on reapportionment went to about 200 individuals.

last July. The early two dozen responses indicated that although most prefer an Asian-majority district, "many also said they are not sure," said Ong.

Even if most Asian-Pacifics are interested in being re-apportioned into an Asian-majority district, a great deal of work remains to be done that is crucial, said Stewart Kwoh, executive director of the Asian Pacific American Legal Center. "Nobody is going to just hand us in an Asian American district."

Somehow will have to go with specific plans on how the lines will be drawn, and what compromises to make in terms of impact to other ethnic community or electoral interests.

Ong’s findings on the feasibility of an Asian-majority Assembly district will be presented at a mid-November hearing sponsored by Sen. Art Torres, who is a member of the state Senate Elections and Reapportionment Committee. Interested parties may call Tania Azores, (213) 206-8689, about the Coalition of Asian Pacific Americans for Fair Reapportionment or the survey.

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