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June 16, 2023 5 PM - 10 PM



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5:35 PM MARIACHI BAND

6:05PM DOORS OPEN

6:40PM PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & NATIONAL ANTHEM

6:45PM WELCOME

6:50PM EMERITUS DAWN LIN/KENNETH LI AWARDS CEREMONY

7:05PM 1ST RAFFLE DRAWING

7:15PM OUTGOING 2021-2022 AREAA HOUSTON PRESIDENT DAN KING

7:25PM AREAA NATIONAL PRESIDENT KURT NISHIMURA

7:30PM 2023-2024 AREAA HOUSTON BOARD INSTALLATION

7:40PM 2023 AREAA HOUSTON PRESIDENT VICTOR LEE

7:45PM PRESIDENT GIFTS QUEEN DAWN

7:47PM AREAA HOUSTON 'PASSING THE TORCH CEREMONY'

7:55PM 2ND RAFFLE PRIZE DRAWING

8:00PM AREAA NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT DONNIE PINGARO PROMOTE

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8:05PM 3RD RAFFLE PRIZE DRAWING

8:25PM CHAMPIONS SOCIAL CLUB/CASINO NIGHT

8:30PM-9:30PM CASINO/ MUSIC/ DANCE / FUN

9:45PM GRAND RAFFLE PRIZE DRAWING



Mistress of Ceremonies



Miya Shay is an Emmy Award winning reporter at ABC-13, where she has spent the past 20 years bringing the latest news to Houston area viewers. Over her career, she has covered every story imaginable, including following the Houston Rockets to China, Presidential inaugurations, way too many hurricanes, and stories from every neighborhood in Houston. When she is not at work or helping out in the community, Miya enjoys traveling, food, and scuba diving. Miya is married to State Rep. Gene Wu, and are raising two boys, Winston 9 & Lyndon 6, in Southwest Houston.



TO: AREAA Houston Chapter

On behalf of the Asian Real Estate Association of America (AREAA) and as its National President, I would like to extend my warmest congratulations to Victor Lee on his installation as the President of the AREAA Houston Chapter. Victor, this appointment is a testament to your exceptional leadership qualities, dedication, and passion for promoting homeownership among the AAPI. Your commitment to advancing the mission of AREAA, which aims to empower AAPIs and promote equal access to housing opportunities, is truly commendable. As President of the Houston Chapter, you and your chapter board will play a pivotal role in driving positive change and making a lasting impact in the lives of countless individuals and families.

I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate the entire AREAA Houston Chapter on this significant occasion. Your collective efforts and unwavering support have made this chapter a force to be reckoned with. I have no doubt that the Houston Chapter will continue to flourish and make substantial strides in fulfilling AREAA's vision.

Furthermore, I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation to the immediate past chapter president, Dan King. Your exemplary leadership and tireless dedication to the Houston Chapter have been instrumental in its success. Your valuable contributions have laid a solid foundation to build upon, and I am confident that you will continue to be an invaluable asset to the AREAA community.

I look forward to witnessing the remarkable accomplishments that the AREAA Houston Chapter, will undoubtedly achieve in the upcoming year.

Wishing you all the best.

Warm regards,



Kurt Nishimura 2023 AREAA National President

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Dear AREAA Family and Guests:

It is beyond honored and humbled for me to have serve our AAPI community as the 2021-2022 President of AREAA Houston Chapter.

I would like to thank all the our 2021-2022 board of directors and committee members for all their support.

I also want to thank all of our AREAA members and our community for allowing me to serve you. Together we are stronger.

With Gratitude,

Desn King



Dear members of the AAPI community,

It is with great honor and humility that I address you as the President of the AREAA Houston Chapter for the 2023-2024 term. I am incredibly grateful for this opportunity to serve our community and contribute to its growth and development.

I would like to take a moment to express my deep appreciation for all the past chapter Presidents who have come before me. Your hard work, dedication, and accomplishments have laid a solid foundation for our organization, and I am inspired by your leadership.

I want to extend a special thank you to Dan King, our 2021-2022 President, and his board of directors. Your efforts have helped shape the path we are on today, and I am grateful for the progress made under your guidance.

Furthermore, I want to express my gratitude to all our AREAA members and our broader community. It is your support and trust that allows me to serve you in this role. Together, we can achieve great things and strengthen our community.

As we move forward, I am committed to building upon the work of my predecessors and continuing to advocate for the needs and aspirations of the AAPI community. I believe that by working together, we can create positive change, promote diversity and inclusion, and empower individuals and families in our community.

Once again, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude for this incredible opportunity to serve as the President of the AREAA Houston Chapter. Let us unite, support one another, and strive for a stronger, more prosperous future for all.

With sincere appreciation,

Victor Lee

President, AREAA Houston Chapter 2023-2024

AREAA HOUSTON GREETINGS FROM THE QUEEN



Welcome to AREAA Houston's Bi- Annual Gala, celebrating the installation of President, Victor Lee, and our outstanding Board of Directors as they assume leadership of the Chapter for the next 2 years. We are delighted to see so many serve together with our distinguished Board of Directors as we carry forward our mission to promote AAPI home ownership through education, networking, and policy initiatives, and to improve lives through the acquisition of real estate. Together, we celebrate our accomplishments, past and future.

We are honored by the presence of our brothers and sisters who have traveled great distances from Florida, Arizona, and California, as well as our sister chapters in Austin. San Antonio, Dallas; leaders and elected officials, whose contributions have enabled rapid growth and progress.

As the torch is passed to a new generation of leadership, I wish to thank and congratulate our past and current leadership – Kenneth Li, Eugene Wang, Casey Kang, Dan King, and Victor Lee. We also appreciate our community partners and media professionals who continue to support our mission, and whose dedication and hard work have inspired us to do great things in the service to our growing community. AREAA Houston has grown, as well, into a strong and caring trade organization. I thank all of you for the generous gifts of your talent, time, knowledge and expertise. I pledge my continued love and support for the future growth of AREAA Houston under our new leadership – Victor Lee.

With profound pride and appreciation,

Dawn Lin
Founding President 2015-2017/Chairwoman Emeritus
AREAA Houston



I sincerely congratulate and thank Dan King, 2021-2022 president and his board to make Houston Chapter the number one chapter among AREAA family. AREAA Houston chapter continues to grow and work with all other chapters to serve America. Being a founding member of AREAA national and AREAA Houston, I was honored to serve the AREAA national chairman in 2021. I would like to thank Dawn Lin, Eugene Wang, Cassey Kang and other prominent AAPI real estate leaders to start AREAA Houston 8 years ago.

I would like to pay special thanks to Dawn Lin, the founding president and chairwoman emeritus, to take the lead to organize a successful AAPI policy day in this May at Austin to visit our state legislatures to speak out any anti-Asian bills like SB147 which forbid some foreigner, especially Asians to buy real estate in Texas. There were over 500 AAPI leaders organized by AREAA Houston, AREAA Austin, AREAA San Antonio and AREAA DFW. This was a historical record for AAPI community to meet at Texas state capital and earned respect from the state government. "United is power."

We also like to recognize and thank Congressman Al Green, State Senator John Whitmire and State representative Gene Wu to fight for anti-Asian bills in state and federal levels. I was so proud of AREAA Houston and National leaders to speak out and lead the fight for AAPI civil rights. AREAA is not only a successful trade organization but also becomes a voice for AAPI community.

Best wishes to President Victor Lee and his new board of AREAA Houston. We shall continue to support and make Houston proud.

Regards,

Kenneth Li
Chairman Emeritus
2011 AREAA National Chairman



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9TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
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June 16, 2023



Dear Friends:

I would like to extend greetings to the Asian Real Estate Association of America Houston Chapter as you celebrate your Bi-Annual Gala. On behalf of the constituents of the Ninth Congressional District of Texas, I salute all organizers and participants on their commitment to making this a memorable event.

With great enthusiasm, I salute the Asian Real Estate Association of America Houston Chapter for promoting sustainable homeownership opportunities within the Asian American and Pacific Islander community across the Nation through mentorship and training of future community leaders. I congratulate you on this great occasion as you celebrate your Bi-Annual Gala.

I look forward to working with the Asian Real Estate Association of America Houston Chapter on future endeavors and to continue to serve you well as a Member of Congress. Best wishes to all for an exciting and enjoyable evening.

Sincerely,

Al Green

Member of Congress



Senator John Whitmire

Dean of the Texas Senate
Senate District 15

June 16, 2023

Ms. Dawn Lin
Founding President/Chairwoman Emeritus
Asian American Real Estate Association of America, Houston Chapter

Dear Ms. Lin:

As Dean of the Texas Senate, I extend my warmest greetings to the attendees at the Asian Real Estate Association of America Houston Chapter's annual gala.

Over the years, the Asian Real Estate Association of America, Houston Chapter has been instrumental in facilitating economic growth and empowerment for Houston. By providing a platform for networking, education, and professional development, you have enabled countless individuals to thrive in the real estate industry.

Houston is fortunate to have a large and vibrant Asian community whose members contribute significantly to the civic, cultural, economic, and spiritual life of our city. The Asian Real Estate Association of America Houston plays a crucial role in our ongoing endeavor to establish Houston as the premier destination for living, working, and raising a family.

Please accept my best wishes for a successful event.

Sincerely,

John Whitmire



The State of Texas



RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Members of the Houston Chapter of the Asian Real Estate Association of America are gathering on June 16, 2023 at the Westin Galleria in Houston, for their Changing Lives Through Real Estate AAREA Houston Bi-Annual Gala; and

WHEREAS, A nonprofit professional trade organization, AREAA works to promote sustainable homeownership and property investment for members of the Asian American and Pacific Islander community; the group seeks to champion and empower a strong network of real estate professionals and companies involved in the industry; today, it has over 44 chapters across the United States and Canada with more than 18,000 members; and

WHEREAS, The Houston chapter grew out of the Greater Houston Chinese Real Estate Association; in 2003, the chapter was formally established under the leadership of founding president Dawn Lin, who now serves as chair emeritus; it advances the goals of the national organization by educating the public about real estate transactions, fostering collaboration among AAPI-owned businesses, and offering training and networking for AAPI real estate agents; and

WHEREAS, While welcoming incoming president Victor Lee and other members of the board, the gala provides an opportunity for the chapter to recognize the contributions of real estate professionals, businesses, and individuals who have made a positive difference in the community; the event also reflects the civic engagement of members by benefiting people in need; and

WHEREAS, The Houston Chapter of AREAA enhances the careers of its members while contributing to the community that they serve, and it is a pleasure to join in celebrating the important role played by this noteworthy organization; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Houston Chapter of the Asian Real Estate Association of America be honored on the occasion of its 2023 Changing Lives Through Real Estate AAREA Houston Bi-Annual Gala and that all those in attendance be extended sincere best wishes for a memorable and enjoyable event.



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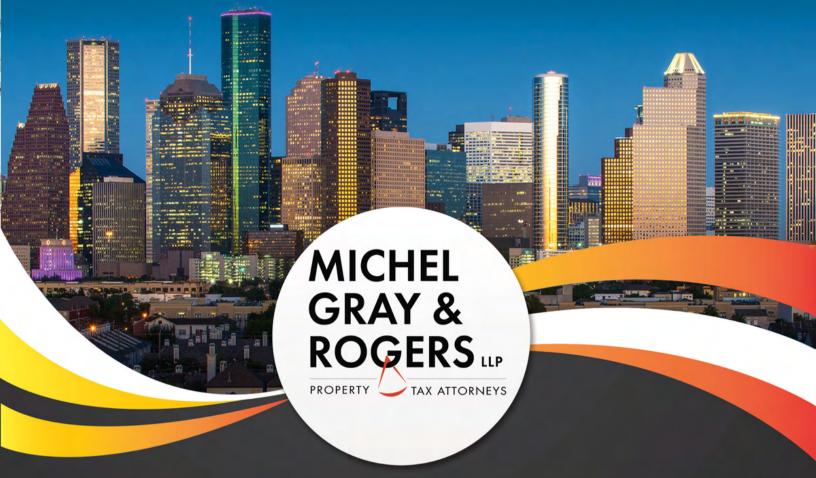
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