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Announcing APALA's Next Executive Director

Washington, DC – Today, the National Executive Board of the Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance, AFL-CIO (APALA) announced that Alvina Yeh has been selected to serve as the organization's next Executive Director.

Alvina has been an APALA member with the Washington, DC chapter for eight years and has served most recently as a chapter leader. There, she has helped facilitate and organize civic engagement programming in Virginia, various education roundtables, membership engagement events, and bolstered the DC chapter's efforts with APALA priorities around supporting local Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) workers and communities. Her prior experiences at State Voices, Asian Pacific Islander American Vote (APIAVote), and political campaigns, including the 2012 Obama presidential campaign, have also uniquely positioned her as an expert in electoral strategy, program management, strategic planning, and organizational development.

"In trying times like these, we need leaders to step up and prioritize movement building and intersectional organizing," stated Johanna Puno Hester, APALA National President and Assistant Executive Director of the United Domestic Workers, AFSCME Local 3930. "Alvina brings years of coalition-building experience for amazing year round civic engagement, and knows how to organize on the ground to engage the AAPI community and broader people of color in the civic and political process. She is a fierce advocate for our community, and I am confident she will lead APALA and IAPALA to the next level."

"I've known Alvina for almost a decade, and her vision, leadership, and track record show she's not only capable but the kind of leader we need in this political moment," added outgoing Executive Director Gregory A. Cendana. "Rooted in the communities she serves, Alvina is an organizer at heart who will undoubtedly strengthen and expand APALA and our priorities. I can think of no person better to lead APALA into its next chapter."

Incoming Executive Director Alvina Yeh concluded: "I am so honored to serve APALA in this capacity. Ever since I became involved, I have always found a sense of community in APALA that you can't get anywhere else. With such a supportive National Executive Board and staff, I am excited to hit the ground running this June, especially in a progressive space that is a leader in the resistance needed in the AAPI and labor communities."

Read Alvina's biography [here](#). Alvina will officially start June 12, and outgoing Executive Director Gregory Cendana will serve as a Senior Advisor through [APALA's 25th Anniversary and Biennial Convention](#) this August.

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