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# Agenda

**Wednesday, October 13th**

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11:00 AM - **Opening Remarks**

11:15 AM **Madalene Xuan-Trang Mielke**, Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies (APAICS)  
**Fred Humphries**, Microsoft

11:15 AM - **Broadband & 5G: Access for All to High-Speed Internet**

12:30 PM **Sponsored By:** AARP, AT&T, Charter, CTIA, Verizon

Advancements in technology have given people access to the fastest internet speeds we've seen in history, supporting everything from streaming movies to telemedicine to self-driving vehicles. Both broadband and the 5G network offer the promise of increased connectivity and accelerating innovation in nearly every aspect of the tech industry. Access to these networks, however, are not universal; often rural areas and underserved communities are left behind. With high-speed internet access essential in our daily lives, how can we ensure all Americans can connect to these advanced networks? How are companies in this industry addressing these problems? What can the government do to support the quick expansion of high-speed internet access across the country? What impact will the Infrastructure deal have on expansion of services to hard-to-reach communities?

**Congresswoman Doris Matsui (CA-6)**

- **Beth Fujimoto**, AT&T
- **Coralette Hanon**, AARP
- **Clint Odom**, T-Mobile (CTIA)
- **Sanjay Udani**, Verizon
- **Virginia Zigras**, Charter
- **John Nakahata**, Harris, Wiltshire & Grannis (Moderator)

12:45 PM - **The Dawning of the On-Demand Economy: The Dominance of E-Commerce**

2:00 PM **Sponsored By:** Amazon, DoorDash

Advancements in technology have opened a world at our fingertips. These days, a customer doesn't have to leave their home to gain access to almost any product thanks to the development of delivery services. The companies driving these changes saw astonishing record profits in 2020 during the pandemic. As the pandemic recedes, e-commerce continues to dominate the buying of goods across the country. It is clear now more than ever our one-click consumer economy is integral to our daily lives. What is the impact of this integrated service economy? What does this mean for small businesses? What's the impact on the job market?

- **Tom Fernandez**, The Last Mile | SASE
- **Lisa Lee**, DoorDash
- **Chris Chan**, 3C Strategies, LLC (Moderator)

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2:15 PM -  
3:30 PM

## **Women in Tech: Growing the Ranks**

**Sponsored By:** Accenture, Microsoft, Salesforce

A broad range of initiatives across the tech industry have been implemented to promote gender equity in tech, with decidedly mixed results. Some recent studies claim the gender gap in tech is widening, especially for women of color. Women make up roughly one third of the workforce at some tech firms, yet they have a smaller share of leadership and managerial positions. What are new and innovative ways tech companies are utilizing to recruit women to their workforce? How are companies diversifying their leadership ranks, both on the board level and in the c-suite? What are best practices for recruiting women to the workforce?

**Congresswoman Grace Meng (NY-6)**

- **Sara Abiusi**, Accenture
- **Linda Akutagawa**, Leadership Education for Asian Pacifics (LEAP)
- **Susan Go**, Salesforce
- **Reshma Saujani**, Girls Who Code
- **Portia Wu**, Microsoft
- **Kimmy Yam**, NBC News Asian America (Moderator)

3:45 PM -  
5:00 PM

## **Tech Democratizing the World**

**Sponsored By:** AirBnB

Over the last two decades, we have seen the tech sector democratize and decentralize a wide range of industries and institutions. From banking to home buying, information to exercising, technology continues to break down traditional barriers and provide more access and options to the general public. How are these trends reshaping our daily lives? What are both benefits and drawbacks to this democratization? What are the public policy implications to this democratization? What regulations are necessary to take advantage of these mold-breaking technologies?

**Congressman Ami Bera (CA-7)**

- **Bryan Jung**, Robinhood
- **Traci Lee**, Lyft
- **Clara Liang**, AirBnB
- **Shomik Dutta**, Higher Ground Labs (Moderator)

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11:00 AM - **Opening Remarks**

11:15 AM

**Madalene Xuan-Trang Mielke**, Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies (APAICS)

11:15 AM - **Privacy in Our Technology Driven World**

12:30 PM

**Sponsored By:** Accenture

The conversation around tech privacy has largely focused on the responsibility of the big tech companies in safeguarding customer personal data: the ability of third parties to access where we go, what we do and how we spend our money. Largely, the focus has been on how these companies use our data and who they can provide access to. The emergence of two recent trends, however, have reshaped the tech privacy conversation: ransomware attacks and NSO Group's Pegasus spyware. Personal data is more vulnerable than ever to outside actors accessing our data without our knowledge for nefarious purposes. What can tech companies do to protect the personal data of their consumers against increasingly sophisticated spyware software and ransomware attacks? How can Americans best safeguard themselves and their businesses from these vulnerabilities? What is the best approach to combating these trends?

**Congressman Mark Takano (CA-41)**

**Neha Joshi**, Accenture Security

- **Laura Moy**, Georgetown Law
- **John C. Yang**, Asian Americans Advancing Justice | AAJC
- **Butch Frey**, 3C Strategies, LLC (Moderator)

12:45 PM - **Tech Leading in the World of Content**

2:00 PM

**Sponsored By:** Amazon

The entertainment industry is quickly becoming synonymous with the tech industry. This panel will discuss the dramatic shift in how Americans view and consume entertainment on many tech platforms, as well as how content producers have increasingly turned to tech in distributing their content. How has this impacted the way studios think about content production and distribution? What are the implications of tech and entertainment companies becoming increasingly synonymous? What does this mean for AANHPI-led content? How do tech platforms empower individual creators to develop and build their own audience?

**Congressman Ted Lieu (CA-33)**

- **Albert Cheng**, Amazon Studios
- **Jay Trinidad**, Disney
- **Edmund Lee**, The New York Times (Moderator)

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2:15 PM - **Silicon Valley's Bamboo Ceiling**  
3:30 PM **Sponsored By: AT&T**

The belief in the model minority is prevalent throughout tech industry with Asian Americans comprising nearly a quarter of the workforce in many tech companies. Therefore, Asian Americans are often left out of the diversity and inclusion conversations. Yet, according to a 2017 Ascend study, AAPIs face a variety of the same roadblocks as other minorities in tech, particularly in regard to leadership positions. How are tech companies working to address the issues of pay gaps and cultivation of AAPI leaders? What role does diversity play in developing inclusive and accessible products for the entire marketplace?

**Congresswoman Judy Chu (CA-27)**

- **Jason Chan**, AT&T
- **Emily Chi**, Asian Americans Advancing Justice | AAJC
- **Buck Gee**, Ascend Leadership
- **Priya Anand**, Bloomberg Technology (Moderator)

3:45 PM - **The Future of Manufacturing Technology**  
5:00 PM **Sponsored By: Dell, Hewlett Packard, Samsung**

With the dawn of 5G and exponential increase in demand for semiconductors, there has been an increased need for investment in advanced manufacturing. The infrastructure bill represents an opportunity to expand American technological and manufacturing capabilities. What impact will onshoring efforts have on the manufacturing capabilities in the US? How do companies plan to address the need for increased components in the expansion of the 5G network? What other industries are impacted by the slowdown in the global supply chain? What role will the infrastructure play in addressing these issues?

- **Erin Ennis**, Dell
- **Gene Irisari**, Samsung
- **Lihua Zhao**, Hewlett Packard
- **Khánh Vu**, Society of Asian Scientists and Engineers (Moderator)

5:00 PM - **Closing Remarks**  
5:15 PM **Madalene Xuan-Trang Mielke**, Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies (APAICS)

# Speakers

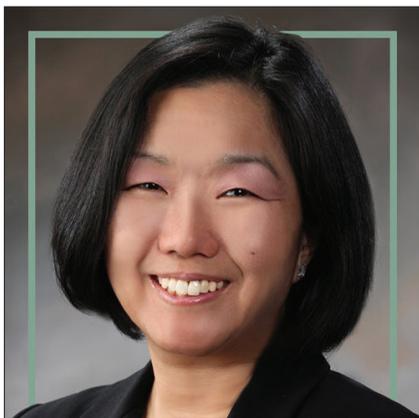


**Sara Abiusi**  
*Managing Director, Federal Services, Quality & Risk Lead*  
Accenture

Sara Abiusi is the Civilian Technology Lead for with Accenture Federal Services. As the Civilian Technology lead, she drives the technology sales and delivery for her clients. Abiusi is responsible for quality assurance, solutioning, client data protection, as well as skills and capability development for the 2000 employees in Civilian. She serves as US Executive Sponsor of the Asian Pacific American Employee Resource Group, Inclusion and Diversity lead for the US Postal Service account, and the founder and lead of the DC Women in Technology forum.

Before her most current roles, Abiusi served as the USPS delivery lead, program manager, technical architect for various complex technology solutions. Abiusi's Parcel Tracking Program won the 2013 Postal Technology Innovation award for Parcel Technology Innovation. Before joining the US Postal Service account in 2001, Abiusi worked across Federal and State and Local clients as a technical architect skilled in data architecture and Microsoft and open technologies.

She graduated in 1996 from The Johns Hopkins University with a bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering and is active with the JHU Engineering Alumni society and the Women in Business Affinity group. Abiusi was recently nominated to serve on the University's elite Alumni Council. In her personal life, Abiusi is married with two children: a nine year old daughter and a five year old son. She is a National Park lover and is a self-professed Jane Austenite.



**Linda Akutagawa**  
*President & CEO*  
Leadership Education for Asian Pacifics (LEAP)

Linda Akutagawa is President and CEO of LEAP (Leadership Education for Asian Pacifics), where she is responsible for LEAP's strategic direction, sustainability, relationships and collaborations. A passionate social entrepreneur for over 25 years and beneficiary of LEAP's leadership programming, Ms. Akutagawa is an advocate for diversity and believer in the value and urgent need for diverse, equitable, and inclusive leadership. She has dedicated herself to continuing the cycle of leadership development and inspiring Asian and Pacific Islanders to step up to leadership roles across sectors, industries, and communities. She is a nationally recognized speaker and facilitator on leadership, diversity, equity, and inclusion, nonprofits, and board governance. In her role as an advocate for diverse corporate boards, Ms. Akutagawa is the Chair of the Alliance for Board Diversity of which LEAP is a partner organization. She is an appointed member of the California Department of Insurance (CDI) Diversity Task Force and a member of the Asian/Asian American Institute Advisory Board at California State University at Los Angeles. Linda is also active in the community as a Board member of Japanese American Community Services (JACS), a community grantmaking organization and a Board member of the Asian Pacific Planning and Policy Council (A3PCON). Linda received her B.S. in International Business with a minor in Economics from California State University at Los Angeles.



**Priya Anand**  
*Reporter*  
Bloomberg Technology

Priya Anand is a reporter for Bloomberg, where she covers start-ups and venture capital. She previously covered Amazon and e-commerce for The Information as well as tech and transportation at BuzzFeed News, delving into Uber’s finances, self-driving car program and cultural crisis. Before that, she covered cybersecurity in the finance industry for MarketWatch. Priya’s work has appeared in The Wall Street Journal, Politico and the Houston Chronicle.



**Congressman Ami Bera**  
(CA-7)

Representative Bera is currently a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, where he serves as Chairman of the Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific, Central Asia, and Nonproliferation. He is also a senior member on the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology. Congressman Bera is also Vice Chair for Outreach for the New Democrat Coalition, a group of over 100 forward-thinking Democrats who are committed to pro-economic growth, pro-innovation, and fiscally responsible policies.

As a first-generation American born and raised in California, Congressman Bera grew up believing America was a land of opportunity, where if you worked hard and played by the rules, you could reach your full potential. He attended California’s public schools from grammar school through medical school, earning both his B.S. and M.D. from the University of California, Irvine. With help from his family, scholarships, and working part-time, he put himself through medical school while taking advantage of federally-funded student loans, and graduating with less than \$10,000 in debt. He credits much of his success to his country’s investment in him, and he’s working to ensure that we continue to invest in hard working Americans to keep the American Dream alive for the next generation.



**Jason Chan**  
*Director of Strategic Alliances*  
AT&T

Jason Chan is Director of External Affairs for AT&T, where he leads AT&T's national Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) engagement. Jason works to launch grassroots, high-impact campaigns that promote AT&T's priorities in regard to federal and state legislation and regulation. He partners with the California and Federal External Affairs and Policy teams to develop strategies for third party campaigns and ensure strong cohesive messaging to communicate policy initiatives.

Jason also works to ensure AT&T is leading in social responsibility including strengthening the relationship with the AAPI community and other underserved and diverse communities. With over a decade of experience in AAPI advocacy, Jason has been instrumental in developing the company's investment in the community, which has included workforce development, career readiness programs, digital media and entertainment employment opportunities.

Due to the coronavirus pandemic and pivoting of priorities for AT&T, Jason has been focused on combatting anti-AAPI hate in the community, championing racial equality across the country, and bridging the digital divide to increase virtual learning opportunities.



**Chris Chan**  
*Founder & CEO*  
3C Strategies, LLC

Chris has over 13 years of experience at the intersection of public policy, politics, and business with a specialization in strategic planning, fundraising, communications, and event management. Chris founded 3C Strategies, LLC in the fall of 2016.

His prior experience includes supporting the execution of three Democratic National Conventions, a 60,000-person gathering of political and governmental VIPs, political activists, and representatives of the country's—and the world's—biggest corporations & NGOs. Chris also spent three years as President of the Association of Asian American Investment Managers, leading a non-profit organization at the intersection of diversity and finance with a heavy focus on strategic planning, project management and developing engagement opportunities. Chris' prior experience also includes three years at the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) during President Obama's administration, planning and executing SBA's outreach and engagement strategy as well as managing the public speaking schedule of most of the agency's top leadership.

Chris is a graduate of American University in Washington, D.C. and grew up in Massachusetts.



**Congresswoman Judy Chu**  
(CA-27)

Judy Chu was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in July 2009. She represents the 27th Congressional District, which includes Pasadena and the west San Gabriel Valley of southern California.

Rep. Chu currently serves on the powerful House Ways and Means Committee, which has jurisdiction over legislation pertaining to taxes, revenues, Social Security, and Medicare. In that Committee, Rep. Chu is a member of the Subcommittees on Health, giving her oversight over healthcare reform and crucial safety net programs, Worker and Family Support, and Oversight. She also serves on the House Small Business Committee, which has oversight of the Small Business Administration, and is the Chair of the Small Business Oversight Subcommittee.

Chu was first elected to the Board of Education for Garvey School District in 1985. From there, she was elected to the Monterey Park City Council, where she served as Mayor three times. She then was elected to the State Assembly and then California's elected tax board, known as the State Board of Equalization. In 2009, she became the first Chinese American woman elected to Congress in history.

In 2011, Chu was elected Chair of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus, which advocates for the needs and concerns of the Asian American and Pacific Islander community across the nation.



**Albert Cheng**  
*Chief Operating Officer |*  
*Co-Head of Television*  
Amazon Studios

Albert Cheng is Chief Operating Officer and Co-Head of Television at Amazon Studios. As COO of the Studio, he leads studio teams responsible for programming and release schedules, TV and feature film music, consumer insights research, technology and applications. As Co-Head of Television, both he and Vernon Sanders lead a team responsible for television creative development, business affairs, casting and production / post-production. Since its inception in 2010, Amazon Studios produces Emmy-winning and nominated shows like Tumble Leaf, Transparent, Bosch, Mozart in the Jungle, The Man in the High Castle, Catastrophe; Golden Globe winners The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel, Transparent and Mozart in the Jungle and Oscar winning film Manchester by the Sea.

Prior to Amazon Studios, he was an executive at The Walt Disney Company for fifteen years in a number of roles. His latest position was as Executive Vice President, Digital Media and Chief Product Officer for Disney/ABC Television Group, where he was charged with general management and strategic oversight of digital media for ABC Entertainment, Oscars Digital, ABC News, ABC Daytime, ABC Family, Disney Channel, Disney XD, Disney Jr and SOAPnet. He led a team that oversaw product development, marketing and operations for the Group's digital media content platforms, including video-on-demand, broadband, web-based and mobile platforms, as well as interactive television technologies.



**Emily Chi**  
*Assistant Director of  
Telecommunications, Technology  
and Media*  
Asian Americans Advancing  
Justice | AAJC

Emily Chi is the Assistant Director of Telecommunications, Technology, and Media at Asian Americans Advancing Justice-AAJC, where she is responsible for developing and providing public policy research, strategies, analysis, and education on telecommunications, technology, and media diversity. Prior to joining Advancing Justice-AAJC, Emily worked as a researcher on various projects at the Harvard Kennedy School, including Product & Society at the Shorenstein Center on Media, Politics and Public Policy and the Technology and Public Purpose (TAPP) Project at the Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs.

Emily started her career as a paralegal at the U.S. Department of Justice in the Antitrust Division. She went on to work with various Bay Area tech companies to build ethical and consumer privacy-centered products. She has also worked with local government agencies in Toulouse, France and Boston, MA to conduct user research and launch accessible and safe online tools for the community.

Emily received her B.A. in Legal Studies and Political Economy from the University of California, Berkeley. She received her MPP at the Harvard Kennedy School, where she served as Co-Chair of the Asian American Pacific Islander Caucus and contributed to the Asian American Policy Review. Her studies and research in graduate school centered around the social impact of developing technologies, especially in the context of racial equity and workers' rights.



**Shomik Dutta**  
*Co-Founder & General Partner*  
Higher Ground Labs

Shomik is a veteran of both Obama Presidential campaigns and served as Special Assistant to the White House Counsel and as an Advisor to Federal Communications Chairman. BA from Williams College; MBA from Wharton Business School.



**Erin Ennis**  
*Senior Director of Global Public Policy*  
Dell

Erin Ennis is Senior Director for Global Public Policy at Dell. In that position, she leads the company's international and global public policy work, including on international trade.

Prior to joining Dell, Ms. Ennis served as Senior Vice President of the US-China Business Council (USCBC) from 2005 to 2019, she directed USCBC's government affairs and advocacy work for US companies and oversaw the organization's business advisory services. Ms. Ennis previously worked at Kissinger McLarty Associates, an international consulting firm, working with international business clients on trade matters, primarily in Vietnam and Japan.

From 1992 to 1996, Ms. Ennis was a legislative aide to former US Senator John Breaux, working on international trade and commerce. At the Office of the US Trade Representative from 1996 to 2000, Ms. Ennis worked in Congressional Affairs on Asia issues, and as assistant to Deputy US Trade Representative Richard Fisher, who led US trade negotiations and enforcement with Asia, the Americas, and on intellectual property rights.

A native of Louisiana, Ms. Ennis has a BA from Mount Holyoke College, where she currently serves as a trustee, and a Masters in International Affairs from The Catholic University of America.



**Tom Fernandez**  
*Co-Founder, Board Director*  
*| Secretary of the Board of Directors*  
The Last Mile | SASE

Tom is CEO and Co-Founder of Last Mile Food Rescue. This non-profit provides self-funded, data-driven food donation programs. He is also Senior Business Advisor in the Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber of Commerce's Minority Business Accelerator. He coaches minority businesses in order to add \$1 Billion in sales and 3500 jobs in the next 5 years. Tom served a 23-year career at P&G, including as Associate Director, Purchases for Acquisitions & Divestitures as well as roles in External Manufacturing, Chemicals and New Business Development in the United Kingdom. Tom has been active in Organizational Development since 1989 including as Recruiting Manager, P&G Product Supply. In 2007, Tom co-founded SASE and has served as Secretary of the Board since its founding.



**Beth Fujimoto**  
*Assistant Vice President, Public Policy*  
AT&T, Inc.

Beth Fujimoto, AVP – Public Policy for AT&T is responsible for state and federal policy development on 21st Century broadband universal service issues including broadband funding mechanisms, Lifeline support for people who have low incomes, and how these programs are funded.

Before joining AT&T, Ms. Fujimoto was a Director of External Affairs for Cingular Wireless; State Regulatory Counsel for AT&T Wireless; a partner in the Honolulu law firm of Watanabe Ing & Kawashima; and Head Researcher and Budget Analyst for the Ways & Means Committee of the Hawai'i State Senate.

Ms. Fujimoto was born and raised in Hilo, Hawaii. She is a graduate of the Seattle University School of Law and the University of Hawai'i, Mānoa, and lives in Redmond, Washington.



**Buck Gee**  
*Executive Advisor*  
Ascend Leadership

Buck Gee retired in 2008 from Cisco Systems, where he was Vice President and General Manager of the Data Center Business Unit. He joined Cisco with its 2004 acquisition of Andiamo Systems where Mr. Gee was President and CEO.

In 2010, he co-founded the Advanced Leadership Program for Asian American Executives, an executive education program at the Stanford Graduate School of Business. He has published several Ascend Foundation research papers on the Asian glass ceiling and has written opinion pieces on that issue for the Harvard Business Review, New York Times, San Jose Mercury, and KQED public television.

He is an Executive Advisor to Ascend, the largest national network of Asian American professionals. He is board president of the Angel Island Immigration Station Foundation and serves on the advisory board of the Asia Society/Northern California and the advisory board of the Asian Pacific American Leadership Institute.

Previously, he held management positions in engineering, marketing, and business development at Hewlett Packard, National Semiconductor, 3Com, Crescendo Communications, Com21, and Iospan Wireless. He has also taught computer and electrical engineering courses at Stanford University and Howard University. He holds BS and MS degrees in electrical engineering from Stanford University and an MBA from the Harvard Business School.



**Susan Go**  
*Director, Solutions Engineering*  
Salesforce

Susan Go is Director of Solution Engineering at Salesforce, the #1 customer relationship management (CRM) platform and a proponent of stakeholder capitalism, committed to doing well by all stakeholders including our customers, employees, communities and the planet. With over 20 years of experience in enterprise software sales she helps government agencies innovate faster and transform mission delivery to better meet the demands of constituents with user-centered technology.

Susan is the Founder and President of Salesforce's Asian American employee resource group hub for the DC Metro area. As President she drives initiatives on cultural awareness, philanthropy, professional development and allyship. Susan is a Board Member of Touching Heart, a non-profit committed to empowering the next generation of compassionate leaders and sits on the Leadership Council for Upwardly Global whose mission is to eliminate employment barriers for immigrant and refugee professionals, and advance the inclusion of their skills into the U.S. economy.



**Coralette Hannon**  
*Senior Legislative Representative*  
AARP Government Affairs

Coralette Hannon is a Senior Legislative Representative with AARP's Department of Government Affairs. Ms. Hannon serves as a subject matter expert in the areas of telecommunications, broadband, transportation, and other livable communities issues. In her position, she partners with AARP's state offices to advance AARP's nationwide public policy agenda by developing, coordinating, and implementing successful advocacy strategies.

Ms. Hannon is a graduate of the University of Maryland, College Park, with a B.A. in Economics. She also earned a J.D. from Howard University School of Law and is a member of the Virginia State Bar.

AARP is the nation's largest nonprofit, nonpartisan organization dedicated to empowering people 50 and older to choose how they live as they age. With a nationwide presence and nearly 38 million members, AARP strengthens communities and advocates for what matters most to families: health security, financial stability and personal fulfillment. AARP also produces the nation's largest circulation publications: AARP The Magazine and AARP Bulletin.



**Gene Irisari**  
*Head of Semiconductor Policy*  
Samsung Electronics America

Gene Irisari is Head of Semiconductor Policy for Samsung Electronics America, a U.S. subsidiary of Samsung Electronics Co. headquartered in South Korea. Based in Washington, D.C., Gene is responsible for all policy work affecting Samsung’s computer chip business, one of the largest companies in the world leading this industry. Gene is also active in the Texas State Society, including serving as its President.

Most recently, Gene served as Director of Government Relations for Texas Instruments where he led the company’s advocacy efforts for their innovation policy portfolio for 9 years. Basic research, education, high skilled immigration, intellectual property protection, patent law and energy technology were amongst his core portfolio of issue areas.

Gene served as the Corporate Chair for the Task Force on American Innovation. The Task Force is a coalition of industry, trade associations, university groups and professional science societies all advocating for stable and robust funding for key research agencies such as the National Science Foundation (NSF), the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), the Department of Energy Office of Science and the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA). Mr. Irisari has more than a decade of experience on Capitol Hill. Gene served as Deputy Chief of Staff and Legislative Director for House Homeland Security Committee Chairman Michael McCaul (R-TX) for more than five years.



**Neha Joshi**  
*Managing Director*  
Accenture Security

Neha is Accenture Security’s Growth and Strategy lead, with responsibility for driving growth of the global cybersecurity business through strategic investments, acquisitions and innovation programs. Neha also oversees the Security Innovation Organization, which harvests new technology ideas from across the practice and invests in partnerships with clients to build them out at scale.

In her previous role, Neha established and led the Innovation Organization at Accenture Security. She led professionals around the globe who built innovative cybersecurity solutions and ways of working. Her team produced solutions, many of which were patented, that leverage robotics, artificial intelligence, DevOps, data analytics and machine-learning technologies to help make Accenture’s clients more secure. Previously, Neha served as Managing Director of Accenture’s global Digital Identity business and delivered complex technology projects for large clients across industries in the United States and Europe.

Neha has a proven track record of almost 2 decades of experience in the security industry. She has authored numerous industry articles, co-authored a book on innovation in identity and access management and is a frequent speaker on topics including cybersecurity, innovation, and leadership. Neha is a Fortune Connect Fellow and serves on the Board of New York Institute of Technology’s Women’s Technology Council.



Bryan is the Head of Product Marketing at Robinhood and responsible for go-to-market strategies and a connected product narrative. Prior to Robinhood, he was at Lyft working on a portfolio of products including the driver experience, incentives, pay products, and regulatory compliance. At Airbnb, he led a global product operations team focused on host success through onboarding, community engagement, and loyalty. Previously he served in the Obama Administration in both the Office of the Senior Advisor and the National Economic Council. He holds an MBA from Harvard Business School and a MPP from the Harvard Kennedy School of Government.

**Bryan Jung**  
*Head of Product Marketing*  
Robinhood



Edmund Lee covers the media industry for The New York Times. He has reported on major changes at news and entertainment companies, including 21st Century Fox, Comcast and The Walt Disney Company, as the industry grapples with challenges from Silicon Valley.

Prior to that, he was the managing editor at Vox Media's Recode, where he oversaw a group of editors and reporters since 2014. He was part of a team that won a SABEW award for Recode's coverage of Twitter. He has also written for Bloomberg Businessweek, Advertising Age, Portfolio magazine and Women's Wear Daily. He started his career at The Village Voice.

**Edmund Lee**  
*Media Reporter*  
The New York Times

Mr. Lee lives in Brooklyn with his family.



**Lisa Lee**  
*Vice President of Global  
Culture & Belonging*  
DoorDash

Lisa Lee is the Vice President of Global Culture and Belonging at DoorDash, the nation's largest and fastest-growing on-demand logistics platform. Lisa oversees Employee Engagement, Employer Brand and Recruitment Marketing, and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, weaving together these critical foundations to create an interconnected strategy so DoorDash's employees can do the best work of their careers.

Formerly, Lisa served as the Head of Diversity, Inclusion and Community at Squarespace, creating its first diversity and inclusion strategy, and was previously the first Director of Diversity and Inclusion Strategies at Pandora Media, where she she led Diversity and Inclusion, Employee Experience and Marketing, Giving, and University/EDU programs. She spent seven years at Facebook, leading initiatives in User Operations, Product Operations, and Diversity Programs.

Lisa was the publisher of Hyphen magazine, an award-winning print and digital publication about Asian American arts, culture, and politics and co-founded Thick Dumpling Skin, a positive body image community for the Asian American community. Lisa sits on the board of Asian Americans for Civil Rights and Equality and volunteers with Year Up. She holds a B.A. from the University of California, Berkeley.



**Traci Lee**  
*Director of Public Policy (West)*  
Lyft

Traci Lee is currently Director of Public Policy at Lyft, where she manages and develops Lyft's legislative, regulatory, and political strategy at the state, provincial, and local levels in California, Hawai'i, Nevada, Arizona and British Columbia. Traci represents Lyft in all interactions with elected officials, agency heads, and policymakers, including advocating for policies that support the growth of ridesharing, including new mobility options (autonomous vehicles, wheelchair accessible vehicles, bikes, and scooters). She also leads direct lobbying and strategic advocacy efforts on complex issues facing the company including transportation, privacy, safety, taxes, future of work, and COVID-19.

Traci is a licensed attorney in California, and prior to joining Lyft, she worked in public service for seven years as an Assistant District Attorney, prosecuting serious and violent crime at the San Francisco District Attorney's Office.

A San Francisco native, Traci earned her J.D. from Santa Clara University and also spent time studying at the National University of Singapore Faculty of Law. She is a graduate of UC Berkeley (B.A in English and a minor in Public Policy) and a proud alum of Lowell High School.



**Clara Liang**  
*VP and General Manager,*  
*International and Commercial*  
*Operations*  
AirBnB

Clara is a seasoned Product Leader with years of experience in senior leadership roles. She is currently working with the international teams at Airbnb as the VP and General Manager. Her team supports both guests and hosts in almost 200 countries while also working on Airbnb for work, luxe, monthly stays, their homes partnerships, and Olympics products. Prior to this, she led the luxury business also as VP & General Manager. While she was GM of professional hosting and long-term stays, she piloted the acquisitions of HotelTonight, Urbandoor, and Luckey. She also was Director of Product for platforms and hosts.

Before becoming a key member of the Airbnb team, she was Chief Product Officer for Jive Software where she led her team to increase product engagement, grow the SaaS product lines, simplify the product experiences, all to drive the user and market focus of products used by thousands of companies. Clara also has experience working at IBM in a range of senior development and design roles. Not only is her experience extremely impressive, she also studied at top-notch Stanford University for her Bachelor's before going for her Master's in Technology Commercialization at the University of Texas, Austin.



**Congressman Ted Lieu**  
(CA-33)

Ted W. Lieu represents California's 33rd Congressional District in the United States House of Representatives. Ted is serving in his fourth term in Congress and currently sits on the House Judiciary Committee and the House Foreign Affairs Committee. He was also elected by his Democratic Colleagues to serve as a Co-Chair of the Democratic Policy and Communications Committee.

Ted is a former active duty officer in the U.S. Air Force and currently serves as a Colonel in the Reserves, stationed at Los Angeles Air Force Base. In Congress, Ted has established himself as a leader on the environment; cybersecurity; civil liberties; government ethics and veterans.

Ted was first elected in 2014, having taken over the seat of Henry Waxman, who retired after serving in Congress for 40 years. In 2015, Ted was elected president of the Democratic Freshman class by his colleagues. In his first term in Congress, seven pieces of legislation sponsored by Ted were signed into law. This includes bills to provide housing for homeless Veterans and retrofit vacant buildings at the West LA VA campus; combat foreign propaganda and misinformation; and require more stringent cleaning instructions for medical devices. Prior to serving in Congress, Ted was elected to the California State Senate in 2011 and the State Assembly in 2005.



**Congresswoman Doris Matsui**  
(CA-6)

Congresswoman Doris Matsui has represented the city of Sacramento and its surrounding areas since 2005. As a senior member of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, she serves on the Health, Environment and Climate Change, and Consumer Protection and Commerce subcommittees and is the Vice Chair on the Communications and Technology subcommittee. She is committed to strengthening Sacramento’s flood protection, ensuring quality, affordable health care for all, promoting a clean energy economy, and creating a vibrant region where families can live, work, and play.

Before coming to Congress, Doris Matsui served as Chairwoman on the Board for the KVIE public television station in Sacramento, and in leadership capacities for the Crocker Art Museum, Sacramento Children’s Home, and the Sacramento Symphony Orchestra.

After growing up on a farm in California’s Central Valley, Congresswoman Matsui graduated from the University of California at Berkeley. She served as one of eight members of President Clinton’s transition board and later served as Deputy Assistant to the President in the White House Office of Public Liaison. Congresswoman Matsui succeeded her late husband Robert Matsui (who served in Congress from 1979-2005) in a special election in March 2005.



**Madalene Xuan-Trang Mielke**  
*President & CEO*  
Asian Pacific American Institute  
for Congressional Studies  
(APAICS)

Madalene Xuan-Trang Mielke is a nationally recognized civil rights leader and a member of USA Today’s Inaugural Leaders of Change. As President & CEO of the Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies (APAICS) and Founder and Principal of Arum Group, LLC, she brings nearly 25 years of experience working in political campaigns and specializes in political/non-profit fundraising and political training.

After returning from the ’96 campaign, Ms. Mielke worked for the Co-Executive Director at the Presidential Inaugural Committee and later to Vice President Gore’s team. Ms. Mielke started fundraising while working at the New Democrat Network PAC and she returned to her roots as the Training Director for the Ron Brown-Paul Tully Institute (BTI), the training arm of the DNC. In 2002 Ms. Mielke started her political consulting firm, specializing in fundraising and political training. Madalene has collaborated with the NAACP National Voter Fund, John Kerry for President, Democratic National Committee Asian American Leadership Council, Mike Honda for Congress, Friends of Hillary, CHC BOLD PAC, Akaka for US Senate, Xavier Becerra for Congress, Mazie Hirono for Congress, Honda for Congress, America’s Opportunity Fund, Asian American Action (AAA) Fund and Young Democrats of America to raise millions of dollars to empower communities of color.

She has spent her entire professional political career working to bring diversity to the political process and nurturing candidates and staff as they move forward in bringing political change.



**Laura Moy**  
*Associate Professor of Law;*  
*Director, Communications &*  
*Technology Law Clinic*  
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Professor Laura Moy is the Director of Georgetown Law’s Communications & Technology Law Clinic, where she and a team of staff attorneys and law students represent nonprofit organizations in a range of technology policy matters before federal agencies. She is also Associate Director of the Center on Privacy & Technology, a small think tank at the law school that conducts research and advocacy on issues at the intersection of technology and civil rights.

As a policy expert, Professor Moy has written, spoken, and advocated before agencies and Congress on consumer privacy, law enforcement surveillance, data security, device portability, copyright, and net neutrality. Her current research interests include how technology tools are used in the criminal legal system, and how consumer privacy protections may be leveraged to ensure private information is not used in ways that perpetuate and exacerbate discrimination and other societal ills.

Prior to coming to Georgetown, Professor Moy worked on technology policy issues at New America and Public Knowledge. She completed her B.A. at the University of Maryland, her J.D. at New York University School of Law, and her LL.M. at Georgetown.



**John Nakahata**  
*Chair of the Firm*  
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John Nakahata, Chair of HWG, is widely regarded as one of the leading telecom lawyers in the United States. Ranked by Chambers USA in its top “tier one: band for telecommunication, John provides strategic regulatory advice to large and small telecommunications, Internet, hardware, software, terrestrial wireless companies and cable companies. For over two decades, John has advised clients with respect to communications rulemakings, enforcement actions, regulatory compliance and transactional diligence and regulatory approvals. He served as Chief of Staff of the Federal Communications Commission under Chairman William Kennard, and was Senior Legal Adviser to Chairman Reed Hundt.

John has had substantial involvement with major FCC competition, intercarrier compensation, and universal service proceedings since 1996. During his FCC tenure, John was one of the principal staff involved in the FCC’s implementation of the landmark Telecommunications Act of 1996, including the FCC’s “competition trilogy” of interconnection, universal service and interstate access charge orders.

After leaving the FCC, John spearheaded the Coalition for Affordable Local and Long Distance Services (CALLS), which developed a comprehensive plan—adopted by the FCC—to reform telecommunications subsidy mechanisms and intercarrier pricing. He later helped a client end a rival’s long grip on a telecommunications numbering contract, positioning the client successfully to bid for the contract.



**Clint Odom**

*Vice President, Strategic Alliances  
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Clint Odom currently serves as the Vice President for Policy & Advocacy at T-Mobile. Previously, Odom led policy and advocacy for the National Urban League while simultaneously serving as Executive Director of their Washington Bureau. Odom served for a decade in the United States Senate as legislative director for Senator Kamala D. Harris of California, Democratic General Counsel of the Committee on Commerce, Science & Transportation, and General Counsel to Senator Bill Nelson of Florida.

Odom also served as a senior advisor at the Federal Communications Commission and practiced law at the firm Dow, Lohnes & Albertson (now Cooley LLP). Odom served as law clerk to the Honorable Henry T. Wingate of the U.S. District Court of the Southern District of Mississippi and is a graduate of Louisiana State University and the University of Pennsylvania Law School.



**Reshma Saujani**

*Founder and CEO*  
Girls Who Code

Reshma Saujani is the Founder and CEO of Girls Who Code, the international nonprofit organization working to close the gender gap in technology and change the image of what a computer programmer looks like and does. She is the author of the international bestseller *Brave, Not Perfect* and the New York Times bestseller *Girls Who Code: Learn to Code and Change the World*. Reshma’s TED talk, “Teach girls, bravery not perfection,” has more than four million views and has sparked a worldwide conversation about how we’re raising our girls. She is the host of the award-winning podcast “Brave, Not Perfect.”

Reshma began her career as an attorney and activist. In 2010, she surged onto the political scene as the first Indian American woman to run for U.S. Congress. During the race, Reshma visited local schools and saw the gender gap in computing classes firsthand, which led her to start Girls Who Code. Girls Who Code is leading the movement to inspire, educate, and equip young women with the computing skills to pursue 21st century opportunities. By the end of the 2019 academic year, Girls Who Code will have reached over 185,000 girls across all 50 states, Canada, and the United Kingdom. In 2019, Girls Who Code was awarded Most Innovative Non-Profit by Fast Company.

Reshma is a graduate of the University of Illinois, Harvard’s Kennedy School of Government, and Yale Law School.



**Jay Trinidad**

*General Manager, Direct to Consumer*  
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Jay was President and General Manager, Discovery Kids for Discovery. Jay Trinidad joined The Walt Disney Company in 2020. Jay served as General Manager, Direct-to-Consumer, Korea at The Walt Disney Company.

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**Sanjay Udani**

*Vice President, Technology Policy*  
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Sanjay Udani is a technologist who serves as Vice President for Policy at Verizon, where he develops and coordinates Verizon’s policy positions on emerging services and technologies including 5G, cybersecurity, privacy, spectrum, and supply chain security. He also provides technical expertise to help internal and external stakeholders—including Members of Congress, various government agencies, senior leaders at Verizon, and Verizon’s Board of Directors—better understand the technology that underlies ongoing policy debates and discussions. Sanjay frequently represents Verizon in meetings with U.S. and foreign government officials, and frequently speaks at major industry events.

Prior to joining Verizon’s public policy team, Sanjay was a lead network architect for Verizon’s Fios consumer broadband service. He has been awarded 12 U.S. patents for his work in network resource management, advertising, and privacy, and is a Senior Member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE). Sanjay earned his Ph.D. in Computer Information Science at the University of Pennsylvania, where he later served as an Adjunct Associate Professor, teaching graduate courses at the Engineering school for 13 years. He has been a guest lecturer for courses at Georgetown and George Mason universities, as well as the National Defense University. His prior experience includes designing video processors for Intel and Sanjay also holds a management degree from the Wharton School of Business.



**Khánh Vũ**

*CEO & Executive Director*  
Society of Asian Scientists and  
Engineers (SASE)

Khánh and his family immigrated to the USA from Vietnam at the end of the Vietnam conflict. Khánh graduated from the Colorado School of Mines with a degree in chemical engineering and 3 minors. He worked for Amoco after graduation as a production engineer. He subsequently went to work for the family businesses: Asian grocery and real estate. He helped grow the family business to become the largest Asian grocer in the region. After selling the retail business, Khánh continued to work in real estate.

His passion for helping young adults and fondness for Mines led him back to accepting the position as the fourth Director of the Multi-cultural Engineering Program (MEP), which Khánh was part of MEP's inception in 1989 as a student and was instrumental in the founding of the Asian Student Association in the early 90's, which later became PASES (Professional Asian Society of Engineers and Scientists), eventually merged with SASE. As a Society of Asian Scientists & Engineers (SASE) volunteer, Khánh helped plan the 2011 National Conference. Khánh joined SASE full time as the Executive Director in late 2011. Khánh oversaw the doubling of the collegiate chapters and tripling its membership during his 1st year tenure with SASE. SASE has become the largest professional Asian American Organization in the US by numbers of chapters, conference size and organizational support. He looks forward to growing SASE to its full potential.



**Portia Wu**

*Managing Director, U.S. Public  
Policy*  
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Portia Wu is Managing Director of U.S. Public Policy for Microsoft, where she oversees a team tackling federal policy issues critical to the technology industry. She first joined Microsoft as Director of Workforce Policy and continues to focus on federal policy regarding workforce, skills, and immigration.

Portia has extensive experience developing and implementing policy solutions at the federal level. She previously served as Assistant Secretary of the Employment and Training Administration at the U.S. Department of Labor, where she oversaw billions of dollars in federal workforce and training investments. Prior to that she served as Special Assistant to the President for Labor and Workforce Policy in the Obama Administration. She also worked for the late Senator Edward M. Kennedy, holding several positions at the Senate Health, Education, Labor & Pensions Committee, including Labor Policy Director and General Counsel. Portia also worked at the National Partnership of Women and Families as Vice President of Work and Family issues, and as an attorney at Bredhoff & Kaiser, representing workers, unions, and pension fund trustees.



**Kimmy Yam**

*Reporter*

NBC News Asian America

Kimmy Yam is an award-winning Asian American journalist. She's best known for her work, covering policy and legislation, as well as her deeply reported features on complex issues impacting the Asian American community. In 2016, she helped launch HuffPost's Asian Voices section, one of two mainstream media verticals dedicated to the Asian American and Pacific Islander community. Today she is a reporter for NBC's Asian America section, where she aims to uplift communities that have largely been forgotten by the media ecosystem.



**John C. Yang**

*President and Executive*

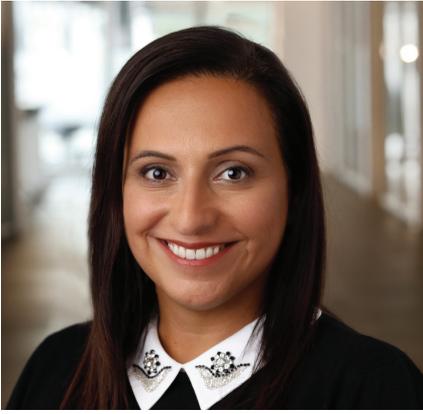
*Director*

Asian Americans Advancing  
Justice | AAJC

At Advancing Justice | AAJC, John leads the organization's efforts to fight for civil rights and empower Asian Americans to create a more just America for all through public policy advocacy, education, and litigation. His extensive legal background enables Advancing Justice | AAJC to address systemic policies, programs, and legislative attempts to discriminate against and marginalize Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPI) and other minority communities.

John has been a leader in the Asian American and Pacific Islander and broader civic community. In 1997, John co-founded the Asian Pacific American Legal Resource Center, a nonprofit organization dedicated to addressing the direct service legal needs of Asian Pacific Americans in the D.C. metropolitan area. He served as chair of the Asian American Justice Center (former name of Advancing Justice | AAJC) after serving as treasurer of the organization and as a member of its National Advisory Council. John was president of the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA) from 2003 to 2004, and since 1998, he has served as Co-Chair of NAPABA's Judiciary and Executive Nominations & Appointments Committee. In that capacity, he has worked extensively with the White House and the U.S. Senate in securing the nomination and confirmation of over 20 Asian American and Pacific Islander federal judges and numerous other Senate-confirmed Presidential appointments.

John is an experienced attorney with over two decades of policy, litigation, and corporate expertise. He served in the Obama Administration as Senior Advisor for Trade and Strategic Initiatives at the U.S. Department of Commerce, where he was the principal advisor to Secretary Penny Pritzker on issues related to Asia and worked with the White House and other U.S. agencies on strategic and economics issues concerning the region.



**Virginia Zigras**  
*Vice President, Legislative Affairs*  
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Virginia Zigras is the Vice President of Legislative Affairs at Charter Communications having recently joined their team after serving as Vice President of Government Relations for NCTA – the Internet & Television Association. Prior to entering the private sector, she spent nearly a decade in government, including serving for 3 CHC Members: Rep. Tony Cardenas’ personal office, Rep. Luis Gutierrez’s personal office, and Rep. Jose Serrano’s Appropriations Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government. Most recently, she served as Chief of Staff to Rep. Tony Cardenas during which time he became Chairman of CHC BOLD PAC, the political arm of the Hispanic Caucus. Virginia was instrumental in helping Chairman Cardenas grow the PAC to one of the largest and most influential member-led political organizations in the country. She received her LL.M. from American University, Washington College of Law, her J.D. from Western Michigan University Law School, and her B.A. from York University.



**Lihua Zhao**  
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Lihua Zhao, HP Distinguished Technologist, is Head of the 3D lab at HP Labs. In this role, she leads an elite research team to advance HP’s 3D printing technology for future industry revolution.

Zhao joined HP in January 2009 and spent 4 years leading research efforts on materials design and development for flexible electronics, as well as device fabrication for OLED flexible displays using roll-to-roll processed TFT backplane.

She received her PhD in Organic Chemistry and Materials Science from University of California, Irvine in 2006 and her BS and MS degrees in Chemistry in China. She was honored as an inductee to the UC Irvin School of Physical Science Hall of Fame, named one of the Women Worth Watching in STEM in 2017, and won HP’s 2017 Best Disruption Award with her team.

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