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12:00 PM **OPENING REMARKS**

Tania Laden, APAICS
Madalene Mielke, APAICS
Rep. Ted Lieu (CA-36)

12:10 PM **FIRESIDE CHAT: SUPPORTING TEEN WELLBEING AND MENTAL HEALTH IN THE DIGITAL AGE**

Sponsored By: Discord

As online platforms continue to play a central role in the lives of young people, promoting teen mental health and wellbeing has become an increasingly important priority for policymakers, technology companies, families, and mental health experts. This fireside conversation will explore how Congress and the private sector can work together to foster healthy online environments that support teen mental health while empowering families with the tools and resources they need to support their teens. The fireside chat will discuss the unique opportunities and challenges presented by online communities, including video gaming platforms, and examine collaborative approaches to advancing policies that promote youth wellbeing and mental health, as well as digital innovation.

Panelists and Moderator:

- **Sen. Andy Kim (NJ)**
- **Allison Peters, Head of U.S. Policy, Discord**
- **Moderator: Peter Chandler, Executive Director, Internet Works**

12:45 PM **BUILDING THE FUTURE OF DATA CENTERS AND SUSTAINABLE AI**

Sponsored By: Amazon, Dell, & Google

The rapid growth of AI is driving unprecedented demand for data centers and computing power. This session explores how industry and policymakers can support AI innovation while addressing energy use, environmental sustainability, and community impact. Panelists will discuss responsible infrastructure development, clean energy solutions, and policies that balance economic growth with environmental stewardship.

Opening Remarks:

- **Rep. Marilyn Strickland (WA-10)**
- **Francesca Jordan, Director of Government Affairs, Dell Technologies**

Panelists and Moderator:

- **Sen. Kannan Srinivasan, Virginia State Senate, District 32**
- **Del. Irene Shin, Virginia House of Delegates, District 8**
- **Joseph Dooley, Senior Policy Manager, Google**
- **Olivia Igbokwe-Curry, Lead, U.S. Federal Political Affairs, Amazon**
- **Moderator: Koustubh "K.J." Bagchi, Vice President of U.S. Policy & Government Relations, Chamber of Progress**

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2:00 PM

THE DIGITAL FAN EXPERIENCE: TECHNOLOGY, COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, AND INCLUSIVITY IN SPORTS

Sponsored By: Comcast, MLB, & Visa

Technology is transforming how fans experience sports. This panel explores how streaming, AI, data analytics, and immersive digital platforms are creating more engaging and inclusive fan experiences. Speakers will discuss how sports organizations can leverage innovation to strengthen community engagement, expand access, and elevate AA & NH/PI representation throughout the sports ecosystem.

Opening Remarks:

- Rep. Ami Bera (CA-06)

Panelists and Moderator:

- Councilmember Kevin Park, Santa Clara City Council
- Rajat Ghai, Vice President of Product Development Engineering, Comcast
- Lila Nieves-Lee, VP & Head of U.S. Federal, North America Government Affairs, Visa
- Moderator: Cary Chow, Senior Broadcast Lead, Salesforce

3:00 PM

BUILDING FINANCIAL FREEDOM AND WEALTH EQUITY

Sponsored By: H&R Block

Financial freedom starts with making informed decisions. From tax planning to paying down debt to homeownership, families continue to face barriers to credit and financing. On this panel, speakers will discuss how technology can expand equitable access to financial health, including home ownership, while ensuring fairness and transparency in automated decision-making. This panel will also examine how AI, digital lending tools, and other emerging technologies, alongside traditional face-to-face guidance, are reshaping financial decisions, expanding access to capital, strengthening long-term savings and financial security, and supporting the building of generational wealth.

Panelists and Moderator:

- Melissa Almuttar, Director of Financial Services, H&R Block
- Hope Atuel, CEO & Executive Director, Asian Real Estate Association of America (AREAA)
- The Honorable Joe Nguyễn, President & CEO, Seattle Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce, Former Washington State Senator
- Moderator: Seema Agnani, Executive Director, National Coalition for Asian Pacific American Community Development (National CAPACD)

3:55 PM

CLOSING REMARKS

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12:00 PM **OPENING REMARKS**

Tania Laden, APAICS
Rep. Ro Khanna (CA-17)

12:10 PM **NEXT-GEN CONNECTIVITY: SPECTRUM, BROADBAND, AND THE 5G/6G FRONTIER**

Sponsored By: Charter & Comcast

Wireless connectivity powers everything from smart cities, connected stadiums, and autonomous technologies to education, healthcare, business, and civic participation. As the need for fast, reliable connectivity grows, wireless demand has surged. Speakers will discuss infrastructure investment, affordability, and strategies to ensure all communities benefit from next-generation connectivity, particularly across rural, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander communities. This panel will also explore how spectrum policy, 5G, and emerging 6G networks are enabling the next generation of Internet of Things (IoT) innovation, supporting secure, reliable, and scalable wireless infrastructure to fuel economic growth and technological advancement.

Opening Remarks:

- Rep. Ed Case (HI-01)

Panelists and Moderator:

- Parul Desai, Chief Counsel, Communications and Technology Subcommittee, U.S. House Energy and Commerce Committee
- Mansoor Khadir, Associate Vice President of External Affairs, NCTA
- Philip Kim, Senior Director of Public Affairs, Comcast
- Moderator: John C. Yang, President & Executive Director, Asian Americans Advancing Justice | AAJC

1:00 PM **THE FUTURE OF WORK**

Sponsored By: BlackRock, Salesforce & TikTok

Technology is transforming how Americans work, earn, and build careers. This session explores how AI, the creator economy, and the growth of independent app-based work are changing workforce expectations. Panelists will discuss portable benefits, workforce development, digital skills training, and public-private partnerships that prepare AA & NH/PI professionals for leadership opportunities in the evolving economy.

Opening Remarks:

- Rep. Mark Takano (CA-41)
- Rep. Suhas Subramanyam (VA-10)

Panelists and Moderator:

- Sen. Victoria Gu, Rhode Island State Senate, District 38
- Victoria Mei, Creator & Global Tech Marketer
- Neil Morelli, PhD, Senior Director, Human-AI Collaboration & Work Redesign, Salesforce
- Shreya Singh Hernández, Senior Manager, Aspen Digital, the Aspen Institute
- Moderator: Victor Yang, Director of Public Policy, National Asian Pacific Center on Aging (NAPCA)

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2:00 PM

PROTECTING INNOVATION: IP COMPLIANCE IN THE AGE OF E-COMMERCE

Sponsored By: Temu

Global e-commerce marketplaces have created unprecedented opportunities for entrepreneurs and small businesses to reach consumers around the world. As digital commerce continues to expand, protecting intellectual property is essential to maintaining consumer trust, supporting innovation, and ensuring fair competition. This panel will explore how online platforms are leveraging AI-powered brand protection tools, proactive seller verification, and rapid enforcement mechanisms to combat counterfeiting and other forms of intellectual property infringement, while also fostering an environment that enables legitimate entrepreneurs and cross-border businesses to thrive.

Opening Remarks:

- **Rep. Young Kim (CA-40)**

Panelists and Moderator:

- **Christine Casaceli, IP Compliance Lead Counsel, Temu**
- **Makalika Naholowa'a, Executive Director, Native Hawaiian Legal Corporation**
- **Rana Saoud, Vice President of Intelligence, Investigations & Enforcement, International AntiCounterfeiting Coalition (IACC)**
- **Moderator: Joyce Liu, Principal, VENG Group**

2:55 PM

CLOSING REMARKS

Tania Laden, APAICS

SUMMIT CO-CHAIRS



REPRESENTATIVE TED W. LIEU

U.S. House of Representatives, CA-36

Ted W. Lieu represents California's 36th Congressional District in the United States House of Representatives. Ted is serving in his sixth term in Congress and sits on the House Judiciary Committee and Foreign Affairs Committee. He was elected by his colleagues to serve as Vice Chair of the Democratic Caucus, making him the highest-ranking Asian American to have ever served in House Leadership. This Congress, Ted serves as Co-Chair of Leader Hakeem Jeffries' Democratic Commission on AI. As one of four Members of Congress with a computer science degree, Ted is frequently sought out for his insights on technology and innovation matters, including artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, and innovation, as well as the creative economy. He has introduced legislation to improve cybersecurity in consumer products; create a national AI Commission; prioritize consumer safety in technologically-advanced cars; and ensure law enforcement and tech companies protect consumer privacy.



REPRESENTATIVE RO KHANNA

U.S. House of Representatives, CA-17

Congressman Khanna proudly represents California's 17th Congressional District, located in the heart of Silicon Valley, and is serving his fifth term. He serves as vice chair of the Congressional Progressive Caucus, on the House Armed Services Committee as ranking member of the Subcommittee on Cyber, Innovative Technologies and Information Systems (CITI), a member of the Select Committee on the Strategic Competition between the United States and the Chinese Communist Party, and on the Oversight and Accountability committee, where he previously chaired the Environmental Subcommittee. Khanna graduated Phi Beta Kappa with a B.A. in Economics from the University of Chicago and received a law degree from Yale University. As a student at the University of Chicago, he walked precincts during Barack Obama's first campaign for the Illinois Senate in 1996.

FEATURED SPEAKERS



REPRESENTATIVE AMI BERA

U.S. House of Representatives, CA-06

Congressman Ami Bera, M.D. has represented Sacramento County in the U.S. House of Representatives since 2013. The 6th Congressional District is located just east and north of California's capitol city, Sacramento, and lies entirely within Sacramento County. Congressman Bera currently serves on the House Foreign Affairs Committee as the Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on East Asia and the Pacific, and on the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. He is also a member of New Democrat Coalition, a group of over 110 forward-thinking Democrats who are committed to pro-economic growth, pro-innovation, and fiscally responsible policies. Congressman Bera is the longest-serving Indian American serving in Congress. He has lived in Sacramento County for over 30 years with his wife Janine, who is also a medical doctor. They are proud parents to their daughter, Sydra.



REPRESENTATIVE MARK TAKANO

U.S. House of Representatives, CA-39

Mark Takano represents the people of Riverside, Moreno Valley, Jurupa Valley and Perris in the United States House of Representatives. He serves as Ranking Member of the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and as a member of the Education and the Workforce Committee. As former Chairman of the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Mark authored the Sergeant First Class Heath Robinson Honoring our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics Act, or the Honoring our PACT Act, comprehensive toxic exposure legislation that addresses the full scope of issues affecting toxic-exposed veterans' access to VA care and benefits. The Honoring our PACT Act expanded VA healthcare eligibility for over 3.5 million veterans exposed to burn pits, established a presumption of service connection for over 23 respiratory illnesses and cancers, and also eliminated the requirement that veterans prove exposure to toxic substances.



REPRESENTATIVE ED CASE

U.S. House of Representatives, HI-01

United States Representative Ed Case has proudly represented Hawaii's First Congressional District (Honolulu from Makapu'u to Mililani and Kapolei) since 2019. He previously represented Hawaii's Second Congressional District (remainder of O'ahu and all other islands) from 2002 to 2007. Congressman Case was born and raised in Hilo and graduated from Hawai'i Preparatory Academy in Kamuela, Williams College in Massachusetts and the University of California College of the Law, San Francisco. He practiced law in Honolulu for over two decades, served as Hawai'i State Representative from Manoa from 1994 to 2002 in various positions including Majority Leader, and worked for five years as Senior Vice President and Chief Legal Officer of Outrigger, one of Hawaii's oldest and largest hotel and resort companies.

FEATURED SPEAKERS



REPRESENTATIVE YOUNG KIM

U.S. House of Representatives, CA-40

Congresswoman Young Kim is proud to represent California's 40th District, which includes parts of Orange, San Bernardino and Riverside counties, in the U.S. House of Representatives. An immigrant, small business owner, community leader, mother, grandmother, and one of the first Korean American women ever to serve in Congress, Young is proud to represent California's 40th District and work to help all Americans have the chance to achieve their dream just like she did. In the 119th Congress, Young continues to serve on the House Financial Services Committee and House Foreign Affairs Committee, where she is Chairwoman of the Subcommittee on East Asia and the Pacific. She also serves on the Select Committee on the Strategic Competition between the United States and the Chinese Communist Party. Young is consistently ranked among the most bipartisan and effective members of Congress, with nearly 40 bills through the House and over a dozen signed into law.



REPRESENTATIVE MARILYN STRICKLAND

U.S. House of Representatives, WA-10

Congresswoman Strickland is the first African American to represent Washington state and the Pacific Northwest on the federal level and is one of the first Korean American women elected to Congress. Serving on the House Armed Services Committee, Strickland secured a 14.5% pay increase for junior enlisted service members, and fights against rising costs of living. She has increased the housing supply on and surrounding Joint Base Lewis-McChord, and restored the Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) back to 100%, strengthening our nation's military readiness, and supporting service member families.



REPRESENTATIVE SUHAS SUBRAMANYAM

U.S. House of Representatives, VA-10

A lawyer who has worked in the private sector with several tech startups and started his own business, he previously served as a White House technology policy advisor to President Obama. In the Virginia House of Delegates (2019-2023) and the Virginia State Senate (2023-2024), Suhas passed landmark legislation to lower the costs of tolls, utility bills, and prescription drugs. He also co-founded a caucus dedicated to bipartisanship and passed bipartisan bills to improve K-12 education, lower taxes, and address gun safety. Suhas earned his B.A. from Tulane University and his J.D. from Northwestern University's Pritzker School of Law. He and his wife, Miranda Peña Subramanyam, live with their two daughters in Loudoun County, Virginia where he has served in the community as a volunteer firefighter and EMT with the Loudoun Medical Reserve Corp.

PANELISTS AND MODERATORS

Panel 1 | FIRESIDE CHAT: Supporting Teen Wellbeing and Mental Health in the Digital Age



SENATOR ANDY KIM

U.S. Senate, NJ

Andy Kim is a life-long public servant who is proud to fight for the needs of New Jersey, the state that gave his family a chance at the American Dream just over 50 years ago. After years of service at the Pentagon, State Department, and White House, Senator Kim went on to represent his home community in the House of Representatives for three terms before being sworn into the U.S. Senate in December 2024. Senator Kim is focused on building a better future for his two little boys and generations to come by lowering everyday costs like healthcare and housing, taking on corruption in all forms, building an economy that uplifts all Americans, and creating a democracy that's reflective of all voices.



ALLISON PETERS

Head of U.S. Policy, Discord

Allison Peters is the Head of U.S. Public Policy for the communications platform Discord. She previously served as the Deputy Assistant Secretary of State in the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor, the Senior Technology Advisor to the Under Secretary for Civilian Security, Democracy, and Human Rights, and the Senior Technology Advisor to the Assistant Secretary for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs. Allison graduated with a master's degree in international security studies from Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service and a bachelor's degree in political science and psychology from Rutgers University. She is a member of the Leadership Council for Women in National Security and the recipient of a number of State Department performance awards.



(MOD.) PETER CHANDLER

Executive Director, Internet Works

Peter Chandler is the first-ever Executive Director of Internet Works, a trade association of small and medium-sized technology companies working to preserve the internet as a place of limitless possibility. A native of Biddeford, Maine, and now based in Washington, D.C., Peter has 30 years of campaign, political, legislative, and advocacy experience at the state and federal levels.

PANELISTS AND MODERATORS

Panel 2 | Building the Future of Data Centers and Sustainable AI



SENATOR KANNAN SRINIVASAN

State Senator (District 32), Virginia State Senate

A dedicated public servant, Senator Srinivasan champions innovative solutions to advance excellence in education, government transparency, and comprehensive healthcare reform while advocating for policies that uplift all Virginia families. As Senator, he serves on the Transportation, Courts of Justice, Local Government, & Agriculture, Conservation, and Natural Resources committees and is appointed to the National Conference of State Legislatures' Health & Transportation committees.



DELEGATE IRENE SHIN

State Delegate (District 8), Virginia House of Delegates

Delegate Irene Shin represents Virginia's 8th District in the House of Delegates. She has been involved in public service since 2014 and currently serves as the Chief Program Officer of a nonprofit focused on empowering elected women at every stage of their journey, co-creating solutions to transform institutions. A daughter of Korean immigrants, Irene has a personal understanding of the challenges families face, especially in navigating healthcare. This is at the core of what motivates her to advocate for affordable healthcare, paid family leave, and education. Before her legislative career, she worked with Supervisor John Foust, Vice President Kamala Harris, and various nonprofits supporting underrepresented groups running for office.



JOSEPH DOOLEY

Senior Policy Manager, Google

Joseph Dooley is a Senior Policy Manager at Google. Prior to joining Google, Dooley was an Officer with The Pew Charitable Trusts' Clean Energy Program, advocating for national clean energy policies with economic, national security, and environmental benefits. Earlier in his career, he held several roles in the Washington, D.C. office of Michigan Governor Jennifer M. Granholm, ultimately serving as Director, and previously worked as a Project Assistant at Anderson Kill & Olick, P.C. and as a Clinical Associate at Anchorage Community Mental Health Services. Dooley holds a Master of Public Administration in State and Local Government Management from American University and a Bachelor of Arts in History from the University of San Diego.



OLIVIA IGBOKWE-CURRY

Lead, U.S. Federal Political Affairs, Amazon

Olivia Igbokwe-Curry leads Congressional and political affairs for Amazon Web Services, where she brings over 15 years of experience working in global government affairs. Olivia specializes in federal public policy, concentrating on Artificial Intelligence. In her role, Olivia leads a team that serves as the primary liaisons between the AWS business and Capitol Hill. She is an alumnus of Howard University School of Law and has her Bachelor of Science from The University of Texas at Austin. Prior to AWS, Olivia led Federal Affairs at Conduent, formerly Xerox Services.

PANELISTS AND MODERATORS

Panel 1 | Building the Future of Data Centers and Sustainable AI



(MOD.) KOUSTUBH "K.J." BAGCHI

**Vice President of U.S. Policy & Government Relations,
Chamber of Progress**

Koustubh "K.J." Bagchi serves as Vice President, U.S. Policy and Government Relations at Chamber of Progress, where he leads the organization's U.S.-based advocacy in policy areas that include AI, privacy, fintech, online marketplaces, and autonomous vehicles. He returned to the Chamber of Progress after launching The Leadership Conference's Center for Civil Rights and Technology, a first of its kind education, advocacy, and research hub dedicated to the intersection of civil rights and technology policy. He is a veteran of Capitol Hill and public interest organizations such as New America's Open Technology Institute, The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights, and Asian Americans Advancing Justice | AAJC.

PANELISTS AND MODERATORS

Panel 3 | The Digital Fan Experience: Technology, Community Engagement, and Inclusivity in Sports



COUNCILMEMBER KEVIN PARK

Santa Clara City Council

Kevin Park serves as Santa Clara City Council Member for District 4 in his second term, running from December 2024 to December 2028. His issues are those of growth and democracy, stressing the need for planning over simple development, promoting residential voice above aristocratic rule, and demanding integrity in addition to mere intelligence. While acknowledging the need for more housing, his belief that communities are more than just housing units fuels his desire for better-integrated projects that provide benefits to the city as a whole, not just the neighborhoods in which they are built. He is an independent thinker looking for consensus, and hopes to contribute to a team effort that produces results better than any one person could imagine.



RAJAT GHAI

Vice President of Product Development Engineering, Comcast

As Vice President at Comcast, Rajat is responsible for network engineering and the operations of Xfinity Wi-Fi. With over 30 years of Service Provider IP Mobility and telecommunications technology experience, he brings a unique vision for evolving service provider networks and services. Most recently, Rajat served as Chief Technology Officer at Benu Networks, where he led the company's technology vision and direction. Prior to that, he was Senior Technical Director at Movik Networks, driving technical direction and key standards development. This role resulted from Movik's acquisition of Fringe Corp., which Rajat founded in 2010 to develop the industry's first Open Programmable Mobile Internet™ platform.



LILA NIEVES-LEE

VP & Head of U.S. Federal, North America Government Affairs, Visa

Lila Nieves-Lee is a government affairs and public policy professional who currently serves as Vice President and Head of U.S. Federal-North America Government Affairs at Visa, where she leads the company's federal government affairs strategy. Previously, she served as Staff Director of the U.S. Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs under Chairman Tim Scott, following an earlier tenure at Visa as Senior Director of U.S. Government. Her prior experience includes serving as Vice President of Government Affairs at Autos Drive America, Director of Congressional Affairs at the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, and legislative roles with the U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives. A California native, Nieves-Lee earned a B.A. in History and East Asian Studies from Harvard University in 2013 and studied abroad in Seoul, South Korea.

PANELISTS AND MODERATORS

Panel 3 | The Digital Fan Experience: Technology, Community Engagement, and Inclusivity in Sports



(MOD.) CARY CHOW

Senior Broadcast Lead, Salesforce

Cary Chow is an award-winning multiplatform storyteller and content strategist. A trailblazing Asian American journalist, Cary spent more than two decades in broadcast, print and digital media, including becoming one of the first Chinese Americans to anchor at ESPN, where he hosted SportsCenter and First Take. His work has also appeared on MSNBC, The Washington Post and Disney's Andscape, where he wrote commentaries exploring race and culture.

PANELISTS AND MODERATORS

Panel 4 | Building Financial Freedom and Wealth Equity



MELISSA ALMUTTAR

Director of Financial Services, H&R Block

Melissa Almuttar is Director of Financial Services at H&R Block, where she leads teams responsible for customer engagement, tax-integrated financial product experiences, go-to-market strategy, long-term savings innovation, and the platforms and systems that enable those experiences across MyBlock, Spruce, and H&R Block's tax ecosystem. She also leads the Financial Services Engagement Center of Excellence (COE), advancing personalization, experimentation, and customer engagement capabilities across digital products.



HOPE ATUEL

CEO & Executive Director, Asian Real Estate Association of America (AREAA)

Hope Atuel has served as Executive Director of the Asian Real Estate Association of America (AREAA) since January 2012. Prior to assuming the role of Executive Director at AREAA, she served in different capacities from membership, marketing, and communications, in other trade organizations and corporations for the last 30 years. In her spare time, you will find Hope taking care of her 88-year-old father and her rescue pug Yuki.



JOE NGUYỄN

President & CEO, Seattle Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce

Joe Nguyễn joins the Chamber after serving as Director of the Washington State Department of Commerce, where he oversaw statewide efforts to support employers, strengthen key industries, expand workforce capacity, and improve Washington's competitiveness. He previously served in the Washington State Senate, representing Seattle's 34th Legislative District, and has held private-sector leadership roles at Microsoft and Expedia.



(MOD.) SEEMA AGNANI

CEO, National Coalition for Asian Pacific American Community Development (National CAPACD)

Seema Agnani (she/hers) serves as CEO of National CAPACD, a network of more than 160 community-based organizations that advances equity and creates vibrant, healthy neighborhoods by mobilizing and strengthening a coalition of organizations working in low-income Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander communities. Seema has more than 25 years of experience in community development, capacity building, and immigrant rights. Seema is originally from the Chicago metro area, where she developed her love of beautiful lakes, and where her parents emigrated to from India.

PANELISTS AND MODERATORS

Panel 5 | Next-Gen Connectivity: Spectrum, Broadband, and 5G/6G Frontier



PARUL DESAI

Chief Counsel, Communications and Technology

Subcommittee, U.S. House Energy and Commerce Committee

Prior to joining House E and C, Parul served as the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's Director for Congressional Affairs and then as Chief of Staff. Parul has also worked at the Federal Communications Commission, in the Media, Enforcement, and Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureaus. In addition to over a decade of service with the federal government, Parul spent seven years as an attorney and advocate with two non-profit organizations—Consumer Reports and Media Access Project. Parul is a graduate of Rutgers University and New York Law School.



MANSOOR KHADIR

Associate Vice President of External Affairs, NCTA

Mansoor Khadir is a policy professional on the External Affairs team at NCTA—The Internet & Television Association. He specializes in telecommunications and broadband policy, focusing on WiFi advocacy, broadband affordability, and digital equity initiatives. Mansoor coordinates high-level meetings and briefings, cultivates relationships with third-party organizations and advocacy groups, and plays a key role in advancing spectrum and connectivity policy discussions.



PHILIP KIM

Senior Director of Public Affairs, Comcast

Philip Kim is Senior Director of Public Affairs at Comcast. Prior to joining Comcast, he spent much of his career in public service, most recently serving in the Biden-Harris Administration across several White House offices and federal agencies. His roles included Special Assistant to the President in the Offices of Political Strategy and Outreach and Management and Administration, as well as Senior Advisor in the White House Office of Public Engagement. He also served as White House Liaison at AmeriCorps and as Deputy White House Liaison at the U.S. Department of Education, where he worked closely with the Presidential Personnel Office to recruit, place, and support political appointees across both agencies.

PANELISTS AND MODERATORS

Panel 5 | Next-Gen Connectivity: Spectrum, Broadband, and 5G/6G Frontier



(MOD.) JOHN C. YANG

President & Executive Director, Asian Americans Advancing Justice | AAJC

John C. Yang is the President and Executive Director of Asian Americans Advancing Justice | AAJC in Washington, D.C., where he leads the organization's mission to advance the civil and human rights of Asian Americans and to build and promote a fair and equitable society for all through policy advocacy, litigation, education, and community empowerment. Because of his extensive legal experience and expertise, John has testified before Congress and appeared regularly in national media on issues of importance to the Asian American community. He has served in leadership positions for the American Bar Association, the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association, and the National Council of Asian Pacific Americans, among many others. Prior to Advancing Justice | AAJC, John had served as a political appointee in the Obama Administration, the Asia-Pacific Legal Director of a Fortune 200 company, and as a partner at a large D.C.-based law firm.

PANELISTS AND MODERATORS

Panel 6 | The Future of Work



SENATOR VICTORIA GU

State Senator (District 38), Rhode Island State Senate

Senator Victoria Gu was elected to the Senate in November 2022. In her second term, Sen. Gu passed a law requiring oceanfront properties to disclose the public's shoreline access rights and a law protecting against new parking restrictions near rights-of-way to the water. She also passed a law requiring insurers to provide at least 60 days' notice before non-renewal of homeowners' insurance policies, giving families more time to find coverage in a more challenging market. A leader on climate issues, Sen. Gu passed the Act on Coasts and helped secure \$5 million in Green Bond funding for municipal climate resilience projects. She also strengthened mental health protections by advocating for Medicaid reimbursement for school social workers & psychologists and led legislation requiring AI chatbot companions to include safeguards for users in crisis.



VICTORIA MEI

Creator & Global Tech Marketer

Victoria Mei is a creator and global technology marketer working at the intersection of emerging technology, culture, and community. She currently leads social media at MoonPay, where she translates innovations in fintech and AI into stories, conversations, and initiatives that connect with audiences around the world. Born and raised in China, Victoria moved to the U.S. at 18 and later studied at UC Berkeley and Columbia University. Alongside her career in tech, she has built an audience of 600,000+ followers and generated more than 150 million views across social platforms.



NEIL MORELLI, PHD

Senior Director, Human-AI Collaboration & Work Redesign, Salesforce

Neil Morelli, PhD, is a workforce and organizational psychologist specializing in the intersection of artificial intelligence, talent, and the future of work. He currently serves as Senior Director of Human-AI Collaboration and Workforce Transformation at Salesforce, where he helps explore how AI and emerging technologies can reshape work and organizational structures. He is also Co-Founder and Strategic Advisor at Workplace Labs, an AI adoption advisory focused on helping HR leaders implement practical, people-centered technology strategies. Previously, Morelli held leadership roles at Codility, HighMatch, and The Cole Group, focusing on talent assessment, product development, executive selection, and AI-enabled workforce strategy. He earned a Ph.D. in Industrial/Organizational Psychology from the University of Georgia, an M.S. in Industrial/Organizational Psychology from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, and a B.S. in Psychology from Kennesaw State University.

PANELISTS AND MODERATORS

Panel 6 | The Future of Work



SHREYA SINGH HERNÁNDEZ

Senior Manager, Aspen Digital, the Aspen Institute

Shreya Singh Hernández is a Senior Manager at Aspen Digital at the Aspen Institute, where she leads initiatives at the intersection of technology, data, trust, and economic opportunity. She manages cross-sector efforts on responsible data practices, youth digital safety, and technology ecosystems, bringing together researchers, technologists, policymakers, and community leaders to translate research into action. Her insights have informed product design, workforce strategies, and accountability frameworks across civil society, philanthropy, and major technology companies.



(MOD.) VICTOR YANG

Director of Public Policy, National Asian Pacific Center on Aging (NAPCA)

Victor Yang leads public policy at NAPCA. He is based in Washington D.C. and previously worked in the Federal Government. Victor began his career in Boston, working at nonprofits that provided healthcare and social services to Chinese immigrant families. He also worked in the Massachusetts State House for a state senator. He later moved to Washington D.C., where he served as a Congressional Staffer and as a political appointee in the Biden Administration. He also had a stint as a non-profit consultant working on issues that impact the Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander community.

PANELISTS AND MODERATORS

Panel 7 | Protecting Innovation: IP Compliance in the Age of E-Commerce



CHRISTINE CASACELI

IP Compliance Lead Counsel, Temu

Christine Casaceli is Head of IP Compliance at Temu where she oversees Intellectual Property and Product Regulatory Compliance for the U.S. Prior to coming to Temu, she worked at an e-commerce Amazon aggregator start-up where she managed IP, Litigation, and Product Compliance. She began her career at Hasbro, where she spent six years working as an IP and e-commerce attorney.



MAKALIKA NAHOLOWA'A

Executive Director, Native Hawaiian Legal Corporation

Makalika Naholowa'a has practiced law for 16 years in roles spanning intellectual property, technology, and Indigenous Peoples advocacy. She currently serves as Executive Director of the Native Hawaiian Legal Corporation, a nonprofit law firm advancing Native Hawaiian rights. She was previously corporate counsel at Microsoft Corporation and an associate at Perkins Coie LLP. Throughout her career, she has been a voice for Indigenous Peoples' needs in relation to IP, fair competition, and the protection of traditional knowledge and traditional cultural expressions. Makalika sits on several local and national boards and holds a J.D. from Columbia Law School and a B.S. in Mathematics from Arizona State University.



RANA SAOUD

Vice President of Intelligence, Investigations & Enforcement, International AntiCounterfeiting Coalition (IACC)

Rana serves as the IACC's senior manager responsible for global intelligence operations, investigative strategy, and law enforcement engagement. She provides leadership over the development, management, and deployment of intelligence-driven initiatives designed to identify, disrupt, and dismantle illicit networks engaged in counterfeiting, piracy, and related transnational crimes. She brings nearly 30 years of law enforcement investigative and operational strategy experience, most recently serving as the Special Agent in Charge for Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) in Nashville, TN, where she oversaw all operations and investigative activities for Tennessee and Kentucky—covering the entire HSI disciplinary portfolio. Rana holds a master's degree in international affairs from Florida State University and a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from the University of North Florida.

PANELISTS AND MODERATORS

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