

# 12% AND GROWING COALITION

## ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN COMMUNITY FIGHTING FOR A FAIR BUDGET

### PRIORITIES FOR NEW YORK CITY'S FY 2010 BUDGET

According to the 2006 American Community Survey, Asian Pacific Americans are by percentage the fastest growing group in New York City, currently constituting 12% of the City. Of the nearly 1 million Asian Pacific Americans in New York City, 78% are foreign born, 28% are limited English proficient, and 53% are born into poverty. Limited English proficiency, workforce participation, immigration status, cultural stigmas of accessing public benefits, and limited availability of culturally appropriate services are extra barriers Asian Pacific American families face when accessing public services. Despite these needs, the Asian Pacific American community does not receive a fair share of public and private resources. In New York City, the Asian Pacific American community receives 0.24% of the City's social service contract dollars and 0.38% of the City's foundation grant dollars. There is an urgent demand to overcome these challenges in order to promote the health and well-being of Asian Pacific American community.

To address the Asian Pacific American community's needs, the 12% and Growing Coalition supports the following priorities for the FY 2009 Budget:

#### CHILD WELFARE:

- ❖ **Baseline Child Safety Initiative at \$4.2 million** to ensure that child abuse preventive service workers can keep New York City's children safe by having a maximum caseload of 12 families and maintain supervisory ratios of 5:1.
- ❖ **Restore funding for the 1,000 preventive service slots** that included 200 slots reserved for families with specific linguistic needs in order to ensure more families in need access essential family support services.

#### DOMESTIC VIOLENCE:

- ❖ **Restore \$3 million in the *Domestic and other Violence Emergencies Program (DoVE)*** to ensure that 53 distinct community based organizations in 36 Council districts are currently supported to provide domestic violence services, including community outreach, educational and empowerment workshops, information and referrals, crisis intervention counseling and advocacy, and case management.
- ❖ **Restore \$350,000 for the *Domestic Violence Counsel Program*** to continue to provide free legal services to indigent victims of domestic violence.

#### EDUCATION:

- ❖ **Restore \$562.6 million funding for classroom instruction** for classroom teachers and supplies.
- ❖ **Restore \$12 million for the Translation and Interpretation Unit** of the Department of Education to ensure the limited English proficient, immigrant parents have an equal opportunity to participate in their children's education.
- ❖ **Restore \$7 million for ELL Incentive Grant** to provide support and capacity building to strengthen existing ELL programs. Three areas of focus were enriching programs for ELLs, to help parents have options for new transitional bilingual programs and to expand dual language programs, and to enhance teacher quality by providing professional development.

#### HEALTH:

- ❖ **Restore \$1.7 million for the *New York City Communities of Color HIV/AIDS Coalition Initiative*** for community based organizations to provide HIV prevention and services to people of color and to maximize the efforts to provide HIV/AIDS services throughout the City of New York.
- ❖ **Restore \$960,000 in funding for the Child Health Clinics and \$754,000 in Supplemental School Health Services.** For many immigrant and low-income families, Child Health Clinics and services offered through School Based Health programs are their only means to health care that is culturally and linguistically appropriate care and that is conveniently located in their neighborhood.
- ❖ **Restore \$2.7 million for the Primary Care Capacity Initiative**, with a specific emphasis on establishing medical homes for adolescents, to ensure that primary care services are delivered in a culturally competent, accessible, and comprehensive manner to promote positive health and youth development.

The 12% and Growing Coalition is comprised of over 25 Asian-led and –serving organizations in New York City aiming for the State and City governments to have fair budgets that protect the most vulnerable New Yorkers. *For further information on the 12% and Growing Coalition, please contact Vanessa Leung at (212) 809-4675 x.102 or vleung@cacf.*

#### HOUSING:

- ❖ **Restore \$1.5 million for the *Housing Preservation Initiative*** to support 25 neighborhood based groups to develop and implement a strategic grassroots solution to the threat of affordable housing which is most pressing in that community.

#### IMMIGRANT SERVICES:

- ❖ **Restore the *Immigrant Opportunities Initiative* to \$11.25 million**, the amount prior to last year's cut, to support ESOL, legal services, and worker legal services in every council district.
- ❖ **Restore \$1.5 million for the *Adult Literacy Services Initiative*** to support adult literacy programs.

#### SENIOR SERVICES:

- ❖ **Restore \$5.27 million for Senior Center funding** that enables centers to successfully implement comprehensive plans for the aging population.
- ❖ **Restore \$5.5 million in City Councilmember discretionary funds for senior services.** Each City Councilmember receives \$108,750 to allocate to community groups in his or her district for aging services. This funding supports key services for older adults within communities.
- ❖ **Restore \$533,000 in Borough President discretionary funds for senior services** that support case management, elder abuse prevention, transportation, social adult day care, and caregiver support.
- ❖ **Restore \$1.4 million in cuts (\$467,000 in FY2009 and \$935,000 in FY2010) for non-core services** that assist in essential daily needs for seniors (ie. Escort, shopping, information and referrals). Cuts have deeply impacted agencies as they have had to reduce or discontinue services.

#### YOUTH SERVICES:

- ❖ **Restore \$11.7 million for the Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP)** to provide 50,000 teens with a paid summer job for seven full weeks. In addition, these teens staff important summer programs and services for the community.
- ❖ **Restore \$6.07 million in funding for Out of School Time (OST) Option II** to prevent OST Option II serves 10,750 youth with a minimum of 160 hours a year. Program flexibility in Option II allows for creative programming that is culturally competent that meets the needs of immigrant youth. With the proposed **elimination, many of these programs will not be able to continue and these youth will have no alternative option.**
- ❖ **Restore \$7.74 million in City Councilmember discretionary funds for youth development programs.** Each City Councilmember receives \$151,714 to allocate to community groups in his or her district for youth development services, such as after school and recreation programs.

12% and Growing Coalition (list in formation): APEX \* Asian Americans for Equality \* Asian American Federation \* Asian Outreach Clinic \* Child Center of New York \* Asian & Pacific Islander Coalition on HIV/AIDS \* Asian Youth Center of NY \* Chinatown Manpower Project \* Chinese-American Planning Council \* Chinese Progressive Association \* Coalition for Asian American Children and Families \* Damayan Migrant Workers Association \* Family Health Project \* Filipino American Human Services \* Inc. \* Greater Chinatown Community Association \* Hamilton Madison House \* Indochina Sino-American Community Center \* Immigrant Social Services \* Kalusugan Coalition \* Inc. \* Korean American Family Service Center \* Korean American League for Civic Action \* Korean Community Services of Metropolitan New York \* Inc. \* Korean Family Counseling and Research Center \* MAAWS for Global Welfare \* Inc. \* New York Asian Women's Center \* New York Coalition for Asian American Mental Health \* NYU South Asian Health Initiative \* SAKHI for South Asian Women \* South Asian Council for Social Services \* South Asian Youth Action \* United Chinese Association of Brooklyn \* YKASEC