



OUR VISION

We envision healthy Asian & Pacific Islander communities in San Francisco.

OUR MISSION

Our mission is to achieve health parity for San Francisco's Asian & Pacific Islander communities by identifying and addressing health and healthcare issues

MEMBERS

- ◆ APA Family Support Services
- ◆ Asian Pacific Islander American Health Forum
- ◆ Asian and Pacific Islander Youth Advocacy Network
- ◆ Cambodian Community Development Inc.
- ◆ Chinatown Child Development Center
- ◆ Chinatown Community Children's Center
- ◆ Chinatown Community Development Center
- ◆ Chinatown North Beach Mental Health Services
- ◆ Chinatown Public Health Center
- ◆ Chinatown YMCA
- ◆ Chinese Community Health Resource Center
- ◆ Community Youth Center
- ◆ Donaldina Cameron House
- ◆ Filipino American Development Foundation/Bayanihan Community Center
- ◆ Japanese Community Youth Council
- ◆ Kai Ming Headstart
- ◆ Lao Seri Association
- ◆ Mongolian Family Support Center
- ◆ NICOS Chinese Health Coalition
- ◆ Northeast Medical Services
- ◆ On-Lok Senior Health Services
- ◆ Richmond Area Multi-Services, Inc.
- ◆ Samoan Community Development Center
- ◆ Southeast Asian Development Center
- ◆ UCSF Asian Health Institute

October 9, 2025

Dear Commission Streamlining Task Force:

We are writing to strongly urge you to keep the Sugary Drinks Distributor Tax Advisory Committee (SDDTAC). The SDDTAC was created **by the will of the voters** following Prop V's passage in November 2016, which established a one-cent-per-ounce tax on sugary drinks distributed in San Francisco. The Committee's role is to ensure that these revenues are used transparently, equitably, and in ways that advance community health. To dismantle or absorb it into another body would erode public trust, undermine voter intent, and weaken San Francisco's leadership in public health innovation.

The SDDTAC is composed of 16 members, who together represent the communities **most impacted** by preventable chronic disease related to the consumption of sugary drinks, as well as relevant experts, representing schools, oral health, chronic disease, research and medical institutions, young children and various city departments. The SDDTAC engages in a rigorous, evidence- and community-engaged process to recommend how Sugary Drinks Distributor Tax funds should be allocated. They dedicate 500+ hours annually to fulfill their mission of making community-driven funding recommendations that support services and other innovative community-led work to reduce sugary beverage consumption, increase access to water, and promote healthy eating and active living.

The SDDTAC is a **bridge for underrepresented communities**, embedding bi-directional feedback between residents and policymakers. Each member carries the weight of the communities they represent. Its elimination would not "streamline" government—it would silence critical community oversight and diminish transparency.

As a coalition of 20+ partners working to achieve health equity for API Communities, we strongly urge the Commission Streamlining Task Force to keep the SDDTAC in full and honor the will of San Francisco voters. This advisory committee's unique role, broad impact, and community-centered approach are vital to advancing health equity and public health in San Francisco. The SDDTAC's work embodies transparency, equity, and the City's longstanding commitment to community-driven health policy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Fanny Lam".

Fanny Lam
APIHPC Co-Chair

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