



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Los Angeles County Ethics Commission

Background

In 2024, Los Angeles County voters passed Measure G, which requires the creation of an independent Ethics Commission and Office of Ethics Compliance to promote ethical, transparent, and accountable County government.

The Los Angeles County Ethics Commission is expected to serve as an independent ethics oversight body for the County. The Commission's role includes overseeing and enforcing laws related to campaign financing, lobbying, conflicts of interest, governmental ethics, and related matters; providing strategic oversight of the Office of Ethics Compliance; adopting rules, regulations, policies, complaint procedures, and penalty guidelines; issuing formal opinions; and adjudicating enforcement matters, including making final decisions following administrative hearings and imposing penalties where authorized.

The Office of Ethics Compliance will carry out the Commission's day-to-day work, which includes education and training, advice and guidance, public transparency and disclosure administration, investigations, audits, referrals to other enforcement agencies, and public reporting.

Ethics Commissioners may be asked to review sensitive or complex matters and must exercise independent judgment, fairness, impartiality, and discretion. Commissioners shall not act as representatives of any nominating authority, elected official, organization, or interest group.

The Commission will meet at least six times per calendar year, and meetings will be subject to the Ralph M. Brown Act. Commissioners will need to prepare for meetings, review materials, participate in hearings or other Commission activities, complete required trainings or disclosures, and comply with applicable ethics and service restrictions.

The time commitment is subject to change and may vary based on the Commission's meeting schedule, agenda items, enforcement matters, hearings, subcommittee meetings, preparation time, and other Commission business. Commissioners should expect to spend approximately 5 to 20 hours per month on Commission-related work. During start-up, the time required initially may be greater. Commissioners are expected to receive \$250 per meeting and reimbursement for reasonable expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties, in accordance with applicable County Code and policies.

Structure of the Ethics Commission

The Los Angeles County Ethics Commission will have seven members. Applications submitted through this process may be reviewed for consideration by the applicable nominating authority and/or the initial Ethics Commission, subject to the final ordinance and formal appointment by the Board of Supervisors.

The appointment structure includes the following nominating authorities:

- **Governance Reform Task Force (GRTF) initial nomination / County Executive seat beginning in 2029-** One member will initially be nominated through the GRTF process following a public recruitment and application process. Beginning January 1, 2029, this member will instead be nominated by the elected County Executive. This nominee must have a background in public information and public meetings, community outreach and engagement, or using technology as it relates to open government. The initial term for this seat will expire on June 30, 2029.
- **Chair of the Board of Supervisors nomination-** One member will be nominated by the Chair of the Board of Supervisors. This nominee must have a background in public policy or public law. The initial term for this seat will expire on June 30, 2030.
- **Assessor nomination-** One member will be nominated by the Assessor. This nominee must have a background in campaign finance, accounting, auditing, and compliance with ethics laws in the public or private sector, or protection of whistleblowers. The initial term for this seat will expire on June 30, 2027.
- **Commission-nominated public applicant pool-** Once the first three nominees are appointed, the Commission will nominate the remaining four members at a public meeting following a public recruitment and application process, which should include outreach to communities that are underrepresented in the County's political process. These nominees should be broadly representative of the general public, and at least one Commission-nominated member must reside in an unincorporated area of Los Angeles County. The initial terms for two Commission-nominated seats will expire on June 30, 2028, and the initial terms for the remaining two Commission-nominated seats will expire on June 30, 2031.

After the initial staggered terms, Commissioners will serve five-year terms beginning July 1 and ending June 30. A member who has served a complete five-year term is not eligible for reappointment. If a replacement has not been appointed by the end of a member's term, the member may continue serving in a holdover capacity until a new member is appointed, for a period not to exceed one year.

Nominating authorities shall value lived experience, community leadership, traditional and non-traditional expertise, and working-class accessibility. Nominating authorities and the Board shall consider relevant analytical skills, ability to be impartial, and appreciation for the County's diverse demographics, to the extent feasible and permissible by law.

Commissioners may also be subject to attendance requirements, including possible vacancy provisions for missed meetings, ceasing to be a county resident, removal, or other circumstances specified by ordinance.

Application Overview

The County of Los Angeles is accepting applications for individuals interested in serving on the Los Angeles County Ethics Commission.

The application period will be open from July 6, 2026, through July 26, 2026.

The information submitted in this application will be used to determine eligibility, qualifications, and suitability for consideration for the Los Angeles County Ethics Commission and for review, nomination, and appointment purposes.

Applications and related materials may be public records subject to disclosure under the California Public

Records Act, except as otherwise protected by law. Application materials may also be reviewed, discussed, displayed, posted, recorded, or otherwise made available as part of a public screening, interview, nomination, or appointment process, including at a public meeting or in materials provided to the GRTF, the Ethics Commission, the Executive Office of the Board of Supervisors, the Board of Supervisors, or other applicable nominating or appointing authority. Interviews may be recorded for review by applicable nominating or appointing authority.

The review and selection process may include initial screening or narrowing by an ad hoc committee, subcommittee, staff, or other reviewing body. The process may also include use of publicly discussed or approved screening criteria, a rubric, or a narrowing process. Not all applicants will be interviewed or selected as finalists.

Applicants selected as finalists may have their names, application materials, responses, qualifications, and related information released publicly, posted with meeting materials, discussed at a public meeting, and considered during public comment, public interviews, deliberations, nomination, and appointment proceedings.

Finalists may be asked to participate in a public interview before the GRTF or another nominating or appointing authority. Public interviews may be livestreamed, recorded, posted, or otherwise made available to the public. Deliberations regarding applicants, finalists, nominees, rankings, alternates, or recommendations may occur in closed session to the extent permitted by law, and any final recommendation, nomination, or appointment action may be reported or acted upon publicly.

Do not submit Social Security numbers, driver's license numbers, financial account numbers, or other personal identifying information that is not requested in this application.

Submitting an application does not guarantee nomination or appointment. Information provided in the application may be used to determine which nominating authority or background requirement may be applicable.

Section 1 - Minimum Requirements

Fields marked with a red asterisk must be completed.

First Name Chun-Yen

Last Name Chen

Email Address

Primary Phone Number

Home Address

Is your mailing address different from your home address? ☐

Are you currently a resident of Los Angeles County? ☒ Yes

In which Supervisorial District do you reside? If you are not sure, please click [here](#) to help determine your supervisorial district in Los Angeles County.

Note: Staff may verify district information as part of the application review process.

Do you reside in an unincorporated area of Los Angeles County? If you are not sure, please click [here](#) to help determine whether your home address is located in an unincorporated area of Los Angeles County.

☐ No

Note: At least one Commission-nominated member of the Ethics Commission must reside in an unincorporated area of Los Angeles County. Staff may verify this information as part of the application review process.

If appointed, are you willing and able to attend Commission meetings, required trainings/orientations, hearings, and related activities, including matters involving ethics, transparency, accountability, compliance, and enforcement? ☒ Yes

When are you generally available for Commission meetings? ☒ Either

Do you need accommodation or assistance to participate in the application, interview, orientation, or appointment process? ☐

Form 700 Statement of Economic Interests: Ethics Commissioners will be required to file a Form 700,

Statement of Economic Interests, disclosing financial interests as required by law.

**Are you willing to complete and file a
Form 700, Statement of Economic
Interests?**

Yes

Section 2 - Disqualifying Interests

Appointment to the Ethics Commission is subject to eligibility requirements and restrictions involving current, planned, or prior activities, roles, or relationships. The following questions are used to help confirm eligibility and identify any issues that may require additional review. A “Yes” or “Not sure” response does not automatically disqualify you, but additional information may be requested.

Are you currently running, or planning to run, for elected office in Los Angeles County or for any other elected office in a jurisdiction that intersects/overlaps with Los Angeles County?

No

In the last two years, have you served as a County elected official?

No

In the last two years, have you been a candidate for County elected office?

No

In the last two years, have you been an immediate family member of a County elected official?

No

Note: For this application, immediate family means spouse, registered domestic partner, parent, sibling, or child of a County elected official.

In the last two years, have you served as an employee or paid consultant to a County elected official?

No

In the last two years, have you served as an employee or paid consultant to a candidate for County elected office, or to a campaign committee controlled by a County elected official?

No

In the last two years, have you served as an officer or paid employee of a political party?

No

In the last two years, have you been registered as a County lobbyist?

No

In the last two years, have you qualified as a [“major donor”](#) under the Political Reform Act, generally meaning that you made contributions totaling \$10,000 or more in a calendar year?

No

In the last two years, have you contributed more than \$1,000 total to one or more candidates for Los Angeles County elected office?

No

Are there any other facts or circumstances that may raise a question about your eligibility or ability to be impartial on the Ethics Commission?

No

Section 3: Required Acknowledgements

If appointed, Ethics Commissioners may be subject to restrictions during service and, in some cases, for one or two years after your service ends, unless preempted or prohibited by law. Please carefully review each statement below and indicate your acknowledgment at the end of this section.

- I understand that, if appointed, I may be restricted from seeking County elected office during my service and for two years after my service ends, and from seeking other elected office in a jurisdiction that overlaps with Los Angeles County during my service, subject to the final ordinance and applicable law.
- I understand that, if appointed, I may be restricted from serving as an officer or employee of a political party during my service.
- I understand that, if appointed, I may be restricted from employing, or being employed as, a person required to register as a county lobbyist during my service and for one year after my service ends.
- I understand that, if appointed, I may be restricted from employment, contractual relationships, gifts, or compensation from County elected officials during my service and for one year after my service ends.
- I understand that, if appointed, Ethics Commissioners may be restricted during their service from endorsing, supporting, opposing, contributing to, volunteering for, or working on behalf of any candidate or ballot measure in a County election, or any County elected official running for any elected office, subject to the final ordinance and applicable law.
- I understand that, if appointed, I may be restricted from receiving a no-bid County contract during my service and for one year after my service ends.
- I understand that Ethics Commissioners must exercise independent judgment and not serve as representatives of the person or entity involved in their nomination or appointment.
- I understand that, in connection with Commission-nominated seats, Commission members may be subject to a no-contact rule prohibiting communications with County elected officials or their agents about whom the Commission should nominate, except through public comment at a Commission meeting.

Acknowledgement

Yes, I acknowledge all of the statements above.

Section 4 - Background and Experience

Please keep responses brief and focused. The questions below are intended to help identify whether applicants have background, experience, education, training, or other relevant knowledge in areas identified for the Ethics Commission’s appointment structure. Applicants are not required to select a nominating authority or appointment category.

Why are you interested in serving on the Los Angeles County Ethics Commission?

I have spent my career at the intersection of public finance and community accountability, and I believe good government only works when the public can trust the people entrusted with power. As a Senior Budget Examiner for the New York State Division of the Budget, I saw firsthand how transparency, rigorous review, and independent judgment protect the public interest in the allocation of public funds. For the past several years as Executive Director of the Asian Pacific Community Fund — a 501(c)(3) nonprofit founded in 1990 to serve the public interest — I have worked to ensure donor dollars are stewarded responsibly and that underserved communities have a voice in institutions that too often overlook them. Leading within a public-interest organization for this long has taught me that those entrusted with serving the public must hold themselves to a higher ethical standard than most professional roles demand, because the trust of the community is not something you're owed — it's something you have to earn and protect every day. As a first-generation Taiwanese American who has lived in Los Angeles County since 2000 and raised my children here, I have a deep personal stake in seeing County government operate ethically, transparently, and equitably for all residents — including immigrant and limited-English-proficient communities I have spent my career serving. I want to bring my budget, nonprofit compliance, and community-engagement experience to help build the Ethics Commission into a credible, effective, and trusted institution from day one.

Open Government, Public Information, and Public Engagement. Please select any areas in which you have experience, education, training, or other relevant knowledge. Select all that apply.

- Public information
- Public meetings
- Community outreach and engagement

Please briefly describe the background, experience, education, training, or other relevant knowledge for each area selected above.

In my professional role as Executive Director of the Asian Pacific Community Fund — a 501(c)(3) nonprofit founded in 1990 — I work directly with a network of roughly 85 community-based nonprofit agencies serving Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) residents across Los Angeles County. Leading a public-interest organization for this long has instilled in me a deep understanding of why those who serve the public must be held to a higher ethical standard than the average professional role requires: donors, grantees, and the communities we serve all place their trust in the integrity of our stewardship, and that trust has to be earned and protected every day. This is the same standard of accountability I would bring to service as an LA County Ethics Commissioner. This role also requires ongoing, hands-on outreach and engagement with organizations that reach underserved and immigrant AAPI families — connecting philanthropic resources to frontline agencies providing social services, health access, housing, and legal aid to communities that are often disconnected from mainstream civic institutions. This gives me a countywide, systems-level view of how to reach populations that public engagement efforts frequently miss.

I bring the same commitment to accessibility at the local level. As a San Marino-appointed Recreation Commissioner, I have participated in public meetings governed by the Brown Act, represented the interests of my neighbors and fellow residents on matters before the Commission, and — as a public official subject to disclosure requirements — have direct, ongoing experience filing Form 700 Statements of Economic Interests. This gives me firsthand familiarity with the exact disclosure obligation Ethics Commissioners themselves will be required to meet, as well as practical experience representing a community's interests through a public body while remaining accountable to the public rather than to any single individual or group.

I have also volunteered my time and knowledge of American government and public policy as a Current Affairs Commentator for KAZN AM1300 — the only Mandarin-speaking radio station in Los Angeles

County. Because I grew up in Taipei and am a native Mandarin speaker with academic training in public administration and public policy, both from National Taiwan University in Taipei and through my graduate studies in the United States, I am able to translate complex public policy issues and election measures into accurate, accessible information for a large Mandarin-speaking audience who might otherwise have no other source of reliable civic information in their native language. This volunteer role has given me real, on-the-ground experience in the responsibility of communicating public policy and election-related information accurately and without bias — a responsibility closely aligned with the Ethics Commission's mission of promoting transparent and accountable government. Together, my professional network reach through APCF and my grassroots interpreter/liaison work as a parent give me both a broad, agency-level and a personal, ground-level understanding of how to engage underserved immigrant communities — experience directly relevant to ensuring the Ethics Commission's work is genuinely accessible to LA County's diverse public.

Public Policy and Public Law. Please select any areas in which you have experience, education, training, or other relevant knowledge. Select all that apply.

Public policy

Please briefly describe the background, experience, education, training, or other relevant knowledge for each area selected above.

My academic and professional training is grounded in public administration and policy analysis. I hold a Master of Public Administration from the SUNY Albany Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy and completed all coursework and comprehensive exams toward a Ph.D. in Public Administration (Decision Sciences). As a Senior Budget Examiner for New York State, I developed, negotiated, and helped implement one of the largest state government budgets in the country — work that required deep fluency in public policy tradeoffs, legislative negotiation, and the fiscal implications of policy decisions. This background gives me a strong foundation for evaluating the policy dimensions of the Commission's rulemaking and oversight responsibilities.

Campaign Finance, Accounting, Auditing, Ethics Compliance, and Whistleblower Protection. Please select any areas in which you have experience, education, training, or other relevant knowledge. Select all that apply.

Campaign finance

Accounting

Auditing

Ethics compliance in the public or private sector

Please briefly describe the background, experience, education, training, or other relevant knowledge for each area selected above.

As a Senior Budget Examiner for New York State's Division of the Budget, I conducted rigorous fiscal review and oversight of state agency budgets — work that required auditing spending against appropriations and enforcing compliance with fiscal rules. As Community Development Officer for First General Bank, I have worked within a heavily regulated financial institution, partnering with the FDIC, the Federal Reserve Bank, and other regulatory agencies to bring compliant Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) services, investment, and donation opportunities to low- and moderate-income communities. As Executive Director of the Asian Pacific Women's Center and Executive Director of the Asian Pacific Community Fund, I have been responsible for nonprofit financial accountability, donor compliance, and audited financial reporting. I also have direct campaign-adjacent experience: I have served as Campaign Advertisement and Asian Media Coordinator for the San Marino Residents for Public Safety Committee, supporting local ballot measure campaigns and gaining first-hand familiarity with how local campaign communications and outreach are conducted — knowledge that informs my understanding of the campaign finance and disclosure issues the Commission will oversee.

What expertise, analytical skills, community leadership or involvement, lived experiences, traditional or non-traditional expertise, or other perspectives would you bring to the Ethics Commission? In your response, please discuss any experience you have with ethics, campaign

finance, lobbying, transparency, accountability, or government oversight laws, as well as how your professional, volunteer, educational, community, or life experiences would help you effectively serve as a Commissioner. (Desirable qualifications)

I bring a rare combination of technical fiscal expertise and grassroots community leadership. My analytical foundation comes from formal budget and policy training and years of hands-on government budget examination; my community leadership comes from my professional work at the Asian Pacific Community Fund, where I engage a network of roughly 85 community-based agencies serving AAPI residents across Los Angeles County, as well as more than 20 years of volunteer service — as a San Marino Recreation Commissioner, board member of the Taiwan Center Foundation of Greater Los Angeles, co-founder and board member of the Taiwanese American Scholarship Fund, and board member of the Chinese Club of San Marino, among other roles. As a first-generation Taiwanese immigrant who came to the U.S. for graduate school and built a career and family here, I understand both the promise and the barriers immigrant communities face in engaging with government. I am fluent in Mandarin and have served for years as a community interpreter, giving me a lived, practical understanding of how ethics, transparency, and accountability concepts need to be communicated to reach LA County's full population — not just English-speaking residents.

As a Commissioner, you may be required to evaluate evidence, determine whether a person violated an ethics or campaign finance law, and, if so, decide whether a monetary penalty should be imposed. Please describe your ability to exercise independent judgment and act impartially and fairly when evaluating information and making decisions. If applicable, provide examples from your professional, volunteer, community, or personal experiences. (Desirable qualifications)

Throughout my career I have been called upon to make objective, evidence-based determinations independent of political or personal pressure. As a state budget examiner, I evaluated agency funding requests strictly on their fiscal merits, often delivering findings that were unwelcome to the agencies requesting funds, because my duty was to the integrity of the budget process, not to any one stakeholder. As a nonprofit executive and board member responsible for fiduciary oversight of donor funds and organizational compliance, I have likewise had to make impartial judgments that sometimes ran counter to what a donor or colleague preferred. As a Recreation Commissioner appointed by, but not beholden to, the City Council, I have practiced exercising independent judgment on matters affecting the community while remaining accountable to the public interest rather than to any single individual or group, while also complying with public disclosure obligations as a filer of Form 700 Statements of Economic Interests. These experiences have prepared me to evaluate evidence fairly and make difficult, impartial decisions as an Ethics Commissioner.

Los Angeles County is one of the most diverse counties in the nation. Please describe your appreciation for the County's diverse demographics and how that appreciation would inform your service as a Commissioner. You may include examples from your professional, volunteer, educational, community, or life experiences, including any experience serving, engaging with, or working alongside diverse communities in Los Angeles County. (Desirable qualifications)

My entire career has been devoted to serving Los Angeles County's diverse and often underserved AANHPI communities. From 2001 to 2008, I served as Executive Director of the Asian Pacific Women's Center, providing multicultural, multilingual support and transitional housing to homeless women and children survivors of domestic violence — many of them recent immigrants navigating systems not designed with them in mind. As Executive Director of the Asian Pacific Community Fund, I have worked to direct philanthropic resources toward organizations empowering underserved Asian and Pacific Islander

communities across the County. As a first-generation immigrant myself, a longtime San Marino resident since 2000, and the parent of Asian American children raised in San Marino schools and at the Los Angeles County High School for the Arts, I have lived the experience of building a life and a community across cultures in Los Angeles County. This appreciation for the County's diversity would inform my service on the Ethics Commission by keeping me attentive to how ethics rules, disclosure requirements, and public engagement processes affect residents of all backgrounds – including those who are immigrants, limited-English-proficient, or otherwise underrepresented in the County's political process.

List any County, city, state, nonprofit, community, civic, advisory, professional, or other boards, commissions, committees, or organizations on which you currently serve or previously served. Include offices held, if any. If none, write "N/A."

- City of San Marino, Recreation Commissioner (appointed by City Council) – [2008-2021]
- San Marino Residents for Public Safety Committee – Campaign Advertisement and Asian Media Coordinator – [2002-2013]
- Taiwan Center Foundation of Greater Los Angeles – Board Member (2014-2026); Chairperson of Taiwanese American Heritage Week Committee (2016); Chair of Renovation Capital Campaign Committee – [2018-2026]
- Taiwanese American Scholarship Fund – Co-Founder and Board of Director (2014–present)
- Chinese Club of San Marino – Board Member – [2017-2020]
- Valentine Elementary School PTA (San Marino) – 3-time Co-Chair of Lunar New Year Celebration Committee; Co-Chair of 2011 Science Fair Committee; Mandarin Interpreter; recipient of 2017 Honorary Service Award, San Marino Unified School District (SMUSD) PTA Council Annual Founder's Day
- KAZN AM1300 Mandarin Radio Station – Volunteer Current Affairs Commentator (2016–present)
- Joint Chinese University Alumni Association of Southern California – Board Member (2000–2004)
- National Taiwan University Alumni Association of Southern California – President (2004–2005); Officer/Board Member (2000–2006)
- Pasadena Showcase House for the Arts – Public Relations, Membership, and Benefit Committees – (2009-2017)

Have you ever been employed by the County of Los Angeles? ☐

Please provide up to three professional, civic, community, or personal references who can speak to your experience, qualifications, community leadership, judgment, impartiality, or other background relevant to service on the Ethics Commission.

Name	Relationship to Applicant	Organization (if applicable)	Phone	Email
Tony Chou	Mayor	San Marino City		
Wendy On	Board Chair	Asian Pacific Community Fund		
Paul Chen	Board Member	Taiwan Center Foundation of Greater Los Angeles		

You may upload a resume, cover letter, or personal statement using the upload button below. Uploading a document is optional and is not required for your application to be considered. Uploaded documents will be considered part of your application materials and may be subject to the public records and public process

disclosures described in this application.

Section 5 - Optional Voluntary Information

The County of Los Angeles seeks broad, inclusive, and diverse participation on its commissions and public bodies. The following information is voluntary. It will be used only to help understand the overall diversity and representativeness of the applicant pool and Commission composition, consistent with applicable law. You may select "Prefer not to say" for any question.

How did you hear about this opportunity?

Race / Ethnicity

Gender Identity

Disability Status

Languages - Please list any languages, other than English, in which you are proficient. You may include speaking, reading, and/or writing ability.

Section 6 - Certification and Signature

Certification

By signing below, I certify and acknowledge that:

- I have read and understand the application instructions.
- I certify that the information I provided is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.
- I understand that incomplete applications may not be considered.
- I understand that submission of an application does not guarantee nomination or appointment.
- I understand that the County may verify the information I provided and may contact other entities or persons to confirm information relevant to my application.
- I understand that my application, reference information, uploaded documents, interview materials, and related materials may be public records subject to disclosure under the California Public Records Act, except as otherwise protected by law. I also understand that, if I am selected as a finalist, my name, application materials, responses, qualifications, interview, and related information may be released publicly, posted with meeting materials, discussed at a public meeting, considered during public comment, livestreamed, recorded, or otherwise made available as part of a screening, interview, deliberation, nomination, or appointment process.
- I understand that, if nominated or appointed, I may be required to complete additional forms, disclosures, ethics training, onboarding requirements, or conflict-of-interest review.
- I understand that, if appointed, I must comply with all applicable laws, rules, ordinances, and service restrictions governing Ethics Commissioners.

Printed Name

Chun-Yen Chen

Signature

Date

Monday, July 20, 2026

Chun-Yen Chen, Executive Director of Asian Pacific Community Fund (APCF)

Chun-Yen grew up in Taipei, Taiwan. After received her bachelor's degree in Political Science from National Taiwan University, she moved to Albany, the State Capital of New York for her graduate studies. She received her master's degree as well as doctoral candidacy in Public Administration from Rockefeller College of Public Affairs & Policy at the State University of New York Albany.

While pursuing her Ph. D. in Public Administration, Chun-Yen taught MPA courses at Marist College as an Adjunct Faculty and also began her career as a Senior Budget Examiner for the New York State - Division of the Budget, the primary fiscal advisor to New York's Governor, developing, negotiating and implementing one of the largest government budgets in the country.

In 2000, Chun-Yen moved to Los Angeles and started her nonprofit management career. For eight years, she was the Executive Director of the Asian Pacific Women's Center (which got merged with Center for Pacific Asian Family, CPAF), a nonprofit organization which provides multicultural and multilingual support services and transitional housing program for the homeless women and their children who are survivors of domestic violence.

Because of her dedicated community services and exceptional leadership, she received numerous awards and recognitions. For example, in 2004 she received the "Citizen of the Year" Award from Los Angeles Skyline Lions and "Asian Pacific Islander Heritage Month - Women's Issue Award" from California Former State Assemblymember Judy Chu (now U.S. Congresswoman). In 2005, she was selected as a "UNsung HERO" by Public Television Station KCET Asian Pacific American Heritage Month for her contribution in social service. In 2006, she received "Chinese Overseas Outstanding Youth Award" from the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association, Los Angeles. In 2008, she was featured by KSCI, LA 18 TV station as a "Community Role Model" to recognize her dedicated contribution to the community and also received "Women of the Year Leadership Award" from the California Former State Assemblymember Mike Eng in the Women History Month.

In 2010, she was invited back to Taiwan and received "Taiwan's Top Ten Outstanding Young Person – under Public Administration Category" and received special recognition from the President of the Republic of China, Taiwan.

In 2013, she was recruited as Community Development Officer at a community bank in Southern California and she worked closely with the FDIC, Federal Reserve Bank, and other regulatory agencies to develop collaboration and partnership among financial institutions and non-profits to bring qualified Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) services, investment, and donation opportunities to low and moderate income communities in Los Angeles and Orange Counties. Since 2015 she has served as Chair of FDIC Alliance Economic Inclusion (AEI) Financial Education & Speaker Bureau Working Group and Coordinator of LA Saves.

In 2017, she was invited to serve as Executive Director for the Asian Pacific Community Fund (APCF). APCF was founded in 1990 and is focused on transforming lives and meeting the diverse needs of the Asian and Pacific Islander (API) community, one of the fastest growing populations in the U.S. and California. In 2018, she received "Community Excellent Award" from the San Gabriel Valley Civic Alliance to recognize her many years of dedication for building community collaboration. In 2021, she received "Asian Women Empowered (AWE) Catalyst Visionary Award" by the Asia Society Southern California (ASSC)

Chun-Yen has over 20 years of combined professional working experience in non-profit executive management and operations, financial institution community development management, state government budgetary analysis, and academic faculty fields. In addition, Chun-Yen is also very active in her community. Since 2008, she was appointed by the San Marino City Council to serve as a Recreation Commissioner. She also currently serves on various nonprofit organization boards, including the Chinese Club of San Marino, Taiwan Center Foundation of Southern California, San Marino Partnership for Awareness, and Taiwanese American Scholarship Fund. Furthermore, Chun-Yen is a dedicated parent volunteer at school and is often asked to provide Mandarin Chinese translation to help new immigrant families within the school. In 2017, Chun-Yen received the prestigious "Honorary Service Award" from the San Marino United School District Annual PTA Council Founder's Day.

Chun-Yen H. Chen

Education:

- **Candidate, Ph.D. in Public Administration, Major in Decision Sciences**
State University of New York (SUNY) at Albany, the Nelson A. Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy (*completed all courses and passed comprehensive exam in 1998*)
- **Master of Public Administration (MPA), Major in Policy Analysis,**
SUNY at Albany, the Nelson A. Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy
- **Bachelor of Law, Department of Political Sciences, Major in Public Administration,**
National Taiwan University, Taipei, Taiwan

Professional Experiences:

- **Executive Director, Asian Pacific Community Fund** (Nov. 2017 – Present).
1145 Wilshire Blvd., #105, Los Angeles, CA 90017. (213) 624-6400
- **Radio Show Host, KAZN AM1300 Mandarin Radio Station.** (Oct. 2016 – Present).
747 E Green Street Ste. 208, Pasadena, California 91101. (626) 568-1300
- **Community Development Officer, First General Bank.** (Dec. 2013 – Present).
1744 S. Nogales Street, Rowland Heights, CA 91748. (626) 363-8878
- **Executive Director, Asian Pacific Women's Center, Inc.** (Feb. 2001 – Dec. 2008).
244 S. San Pedro Street, #54, Los Angeles, CA 90012. (213) 250-2977
- **Senior Budget Examiner, New York State (NYS) Division of the Budget** (June 1998-Sept. 2000)
New York State Capitol, 254 Washington Ave, Albany, NY 12210 (518) 473-3885
- **Adjunct Lecturer, Marist College, Master of Public Administration program** (1999-2004)
3399 North Rd, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601
- Taught Research Methods and Statistics for Public Administration (one semester in 1999)
- Taught Information Technology for Public Administration (one semester in 1999)
- Taught Public Budgeting (via Web TV program from Los Angeles) (two semesters in 2003-04)

Accomplishments and Recognitions:

- Received US Congresswoman Judy Chu "Congressional Women of the Year" Award – City of San Marino, 2024
- Received CA State Senator Anthony Portantino Asian Pacific Islander Heritage Month "AAPI Community Champions" 2024
- Received the California Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Legislative Caucus AAPI Heritage Month Honoree at the California State Capitol 2024
- Received "**Asian Women Empowered (AWE) Catalyst Visionary Award**" by the Asia Society Southern California (ASSC) on **October, 12, 2021.**
- Received "**Community Excellence Award**" at the San Gabriel Valley Civic Alliance 8th Annual Sector Award Luncheon on **April 5, 2018.**
- Received "**Honorary Service Award**" at the 87th annual San Marino PTA Council Founder's Day Awards ceremony titled, "Celebrate! It's a Red, White & Blue Tribute to our Hometown Heroes!" on **February 28, 2017.**
- Received "**Taiwan's Top Ten Outstanding Young Person** – under Public Administration Category" from Junior Chamber International in Taiwan Chapter. Invited back to Taiwan to receive special recognitions from Taiwan government including President Ma, Legislative Yuan, Executive Yuan, and Judicial Yuan. – **November 2010**
- Invited by the City of Los Angeles Controller Laura Chick to be one of panel speakers for "**Women in Public Safety**" at City Hall on **May 22, 2008**
- Received "**Women of the Year Leadership Award**" from California State Assemblymember Mike Eng in the Women History Month - **March 2008**
- Filmed by/Appeared on KSCI LA 18 TV station/program as a "**Community Role Model**" to recognize dedicated contribution to the community - **February & June 2008**
- Received "**Chinese Overseas Outstanding Youth Award**" from the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent

Association, Los Angeles – **March 2006**

- Nominated and selected as a “**UNSUNG HERO**” by KCET Asian Pacific American Heritage Month for contribution in social service. - **May 2005**
- Received award from California State Assemblymember Judy Chu for the First Annual “**Asian Pacific Islander Heritage Month, Women’s Issues**”. - **May 2004**
- Received “**Citizen of the Year**” Award from Los Angeles Skyline Lions Club - **March 2004**