

# READOUT: Deputy Secretary of the Treasury Wally Adeyemo's Roundtable with Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) Business Owners

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LOS ANGELES - Today, the National Asian Pacific Islander American Chamber of Commerce and Entrepreneurship (National ACE) and Asian Business Association (ABA) hosted Deputy Secretary of the Treasury Wally Adeyemo for a roundtable with AAPI business owners from the greater Los Angeles Area in recognition of the start of AAPI Heritage Month. Taking place at Taste of MP, an AAPI-owned restaurant in Monterey Park, Deputy Secretary Adeyemo discussed the important role AAPI-owned businesses play in growing the national economy. He also highlighted efforts the Treasury is undertaking to advance equity and opportunity for minority-owned businesses and entrepreneurs through recovery programs such as the Emergency Capital Investment Program (ECIP) and the State Small Business Credit Initiative (SSBCI). Deputy Secretary Adeyemo also acknowledged the dual challenge AAPI businesses face with both the pandemic recovery and rise in unprovoked attacks on AAPI individuals, and he invited attendees to share their insights on Treasury's programs as well as the opportunities and challenges ahead for AAPI entrepreneurs. Attendees at this roundtable included:

- Rhett Buttle, Public Private Strategies
- Angela Change, KCAL Insurance
- Andrew Chau, Boba Guys
- Michael Chen, Pokeworks
- Jennet Chow, Evolution Design Lab
- Johneric Concordia, The Park's Finest
- Dennis Huang, Asian Business Association
- Charles Lee, Reliant Tax Consulting
- Eddie Lee, BCD Tofu House
- Jennifer Li, Novotech Nutraceuticals

- Kelly Nguyen, DrKumo
- Cora Oriol, Asian Journal
- Karen Park, TEN Advertising
- Ewin Pineda, Offerbanc.com
- Sidney Sohn, Venerable Law
- Chiling Tong, National ACE
- Queena Wei, CopyFree
- Theresa Wright, Little Saigon TV
- Laura Yamanaka, TeamCFO
- Elizabeth Yang, Law Offices of Elizabeth Yang