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In Memory of Former South Cove Community Health Center Director Eugene Welch

Editor's Note: Eugene Welch, CEO/Executive Director of South Cove Community Health Center for 23 years until his 2022 retirement, passed away Monday May 29 at the age of 78. Sampan is re-printing our October 2022 Eugene Welch profile/interview. We asked Eric Tiberi, SCCHC's new CEO/Executive Director, for a few words about Mr. Welch's legacy and the future of the Center going forward.

Eugene Welch was a mentor, friend, and supporter to all of us at South Cove Community Health Center. He had an infectious laugh and a quick wit that would lift everyone's spirit on a daily basis. For twenty-three years, Eugene tirelessly worked to make South Cove the premier Asian Community Health Center in Massachusetts. We will continue promoting his vision for healthcare services in the Asian Community. He will be missed and fondly remembered by everyone.

Eric Tiberi
CEO/Executive Director

Eugene Welch Retiring: The End of an Era for South Cove Community Health Center

By Aili Liu

After 23 years of service at South Cove Community Health Center (SCCHC), the current CEO, Eugene Welch, will be stepping down from his position at the end of 2022. Started by a group of community activists in 1972 in response to the inadequate health care services for the local residents in Boston Chinatown, SCCHC now operates in five locations in the greater Boston area and serves more than 32,000 patients annually. SCCHC aims to improve the health and wellbeing of all medically underserved populations in Massachusetts. With a special focus on non-English speaking Asian American patients, SCCHC is staffed with native language speakers including Chinese, Vietnamese and Cambodian to provide linguistically and culturally accessible health care. Mr. Welch has helped SCCHC reach its patients and it is now the largest Asian primary care provider in Massachusetts.

Sampan: How did you start at South Cove? How did it expand from one to five locations?

Welch: I originally started as
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纪念前華人醫務中心主任 Eugene Welch

编者注: Eugene Welch担任華人醫務中心首席执行官/执行董事 23年, 直至 2022 年退休, 他于 5 月 29 日星期一去世, 享年 78 岁。舢舨正在重新印刷我们 2022 年 10 月的 Eugene Welch 简介/访谈。我们

请 SCCHC 的新任首席执行官/执行董事 Eric Tiberi 就 Eugene Welch 的精神和该中心的未来发展发表了几句话。

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Eugene Welch, Former South Cove Community Health Center Director

Immigrants and Their Stories: Meet Rita From Myanmar

By Mary Wong - Sommer

In this series, we interview new immigrants to the U.S. to hear their stories, struggles and dream. Here, we speak with Rita (her name has been changed) from Myanmar.

Rita never thought she would leave Burma. Over six years, she had built up her own, successful, catering company with 20 employees. Her customers included many international nonprofits and Rita loved what she was doing. Now in her early forties, she finds herself in America, beginning a new life with her family "from zero."

On Feb. 1, 2021 the Burmese military seized control from the government. The generals arrested elected

parliamentary leaders and their supporters and renamed the country as Myanmar. In reaction, peaceful demonstrations were organized against the junta. Rita supported this movement, providing shelter and food to the protesters.

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Increasingly, however, the protests were met by the military with violence. Shootings and arrests became more common. There were even armed soldiers at her daughters' school. Rita worried that because of her pro-opposition activities she could be arrested or shot, and she feared for her family.

By the end of the year, she and her husband made the difficult decision to flee. Not only would Rita leave her home and her own company, she also worried about what would happen to her employees who would become unemployed. "Coming out of my country is the last thing I wanted to do", she said.

Arrival in America: Beginning from zero

Rita and her family arrived in the U.S. in March, after more than a year in Thailand. On the plane she was both sad about leaving her country which is so far away and also happy to reunite with her mother and sister who had come here earlier. She misses Burma,

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but says she's too busy to mourn and be homesick. As the mother of two, she has a lot to do: household chores, picking up the kids from school, taking them to soccer practice and music lessons, helping with homework, grocery shopping. Her days are full from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.

And she's preparing for her future in America. Rita studied accounting in college and she worked for 6 years as an accountant in Singapore. She'd like to get a job in accounting, but she has no business experience in the U.S. As she put it, she has to begin from zero now. So, she will soon begin her first job here working at the cash register at TJ Maxx. This experience in customer service will qualify her to begin a training program in banking and finance. The job also has the benefit that her work hours are flexible and will allow her time for her children and to do the housework. She can work from 4-9 p.m. on weekdays and 10 a.m.-3 p.m. on the weekend. Her sister and brother-in-law, who work from home, can help look after the girls when she's working.

What are the family's plans?

They're new in this country, so it's hard to make decisions about the future, Rita says. First, they need a stable income. Her husband works for a sushi catering company and they hope to start a sushi store together within a year. With this family business, they can ar-

range their schedules so that someone is always free for the children. Rita's husband is a mechanical engineer and they hope that he will eventually be able to get a job in his field. But now they're starting the bottom.

Later, Rita would like to introduce Burmese cuisine to America. She could prepare a "friendlier version" of their dishes for Americans: food that is less spicy and more familiar to the American palate. "When you can build your own name and when your customer trusts you, it's very rewarding."

How are the children doing in America?

The children were scared when soldiers appeared with guns in their schools and Rita kept her daughters at home. As a result, they didn't attend a school for more than two years. They tried to learn online, but missed a formal education. Now they are in a public school and have been placed in classes one year younger than their age group. They're happy being in a safe environment with no soldiers, a library, and lots of school activities. Their schoolwork isn't easy, but Rita helps them learn and the teachers are very supportive, so they're doing fine. However, the younger daughter, age 11, is at a stage where age is very important and she doesn't like being so much older than her classmates. Rita hopes to enroll both girls in a summer



Photo courtesy of backyardtravel.com

school program so they can catch up with their age group.

What surprised Rita when she arrived in America?

Rita is quick to say how surprised she was that schools in America are free. The teachers are kind and encouraging, and they keep Rita informed of her daughters' progress by e-mail and in PTA meetings. In Burma, this kind of attention would cost a fortune - and she'd have to chase the teachers for information.

All in all, Rita has not found it hard to figure out how things work here. "As long as we can read, we can Google and research". The resettlement agency also provides information or advice if she needs it. What's difficult is that she has to do everything herself now. In Myanmar there were family, friends and employees who helped out. If necessary, she could concentrate on her company and someone else would do the household chores, for example.

Immigration status

Rita and her husband both have an employment authorization card and can apply for a green card in a year. Then, in five years, they can apply for citizenship, if they want. Right now, Rita feels it's too early to decide on that. For her daughters, it's clear: They're afraid to go back and want to stay in America where their school is safe. But Rita still feels the draw of her home. She and her husband are active in their church's fund-raising activities for the Burmese opposition and have cooked - twice - for hundreds of people from their little kitchen. The church donates the money raised from the sale of this food to shelters for opposition members who have fled to the Thai border. "At least I can do something for my people." And maybe one day, when her children are older and the country has stabilized, she'll go back. Perhaps to a farm - she likes gardening - where she can live peacefully.

"I want to earn my own money and not rely on the food card."

When I ask Rita if there's anything she'd like to say to our readers, she tells

me about her interview at TJ Maxx. When asked, "Are you here for a job, or a career?" Rita wasn't sure what she should say. Would it be all right to admit that she just wanted a job? She decided to be honest. "I want to earn my own money and not rely on the food card." She doesn't like having to use the card and is embarrassed to be in such a needy position. As she repeatedly states, "Immigrants can contribute to this country. When we work, we can pay tax. Most of us don't want to rely on the food card. We want to stand on our own feet."

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a consultant to look at some of the problems South Cove had at the time. Three years later I became the executive director which I have been for the last 19 years. When I first started here, we only had one location. We had around 12,000 patients. Today we have five locations and we have around 36,000 patients annually and about 170,000 medical visits. Our first location was too small, and we couldn't hold enough services. We bought another building in Chinatown and expanded other departments there including adult medicine, PD, social services. We raise and receive money from the federal government and opened two more wonderful facilities in Quincy, now the largest Asian community in Massachusetts (with about 30,000 Asian residents), especially serving medically underserved patients.

Sampan: What led you to a career in Asian health services?

Welch: If you are going to give good health services, there's no difference if it is Asian, Polish, Caucasian... You need to set a quality and higher people who can offer that quality. The only difference is we have taken a lot of time and effort to hire doctors, nurse practitioners, medical assistants and all kinds of staff who speak an Asian language plus English so they can deal directly with the patients. It's pretty unique. Now we have patients coming from somewhere around 125 to 140 zip codes because of our focus on language and culture. In the past few years, we opened a fifth location in Malden. In Chinatown, we have more elderly patients. In Quincy, we're serving elderly patients but also serving all ages of patients. This year we celebrate 50 years of serving the Asian population. We had a mission, and we still live by our mission to medically and logistically serve Asians who cannot speak English. There are still a lot of them even though they are not coming into the country as fast. We welcome all patients who come, and we help fill out 25,000 insurance applications a year to get people access to Mass Health

services.

Sampan: What was the state of Asian health care when you first started and how has it changed?

Welch: Asian health care 25 years ago was poor because most providers only spoke English and it was very difficult. They didn't always want to deal with patients or through interpretations. So that is why we have decided that we are going to find providers that speak an Asian language, that comes from Hong Kong, Taiwan, China who knows the customs and the people. We want to give good care to our patients and that's what we do. We are like a big doctor's office. We see patients and a lot of our providers are their primary care doctors. But if they need some type of care that we do not have, we either refer them into BI, Beth Israel Lahey Health or Tufts. We have 10 interpreters at BI and Tufts. For example, if you were a Cantonese speaking patient, we would have a Cantonese interpreter meet you at your referral so you can get access to the doctor who can provide the care.

Sampan: What impediments existed for Asians to access health care? Have they been removed?

Welch: Still not completely removed. You need to try to determine what type of care Asians might need, or where they have experienced more problems. (I don't want to broadcast but) We have a lot of diabetic patients who need to be treated with medications. You can keep treating them by keeping track of their blood test, and we have a nutritionist who can advise them on their nutrition intake. In the culture, everybody has three bowls of white rice a day. But the white rice is completely carbs that turn into sugar. For example, our nutritionist may suggest patients to have two bowls, or one bowl instead, to improve their health. In addition, we are finding more cancer and hypertension in the Asian community. We are now doing 5,000 mammography screening a year and if we find something, we get a diagnostic evaluation and find them

to BI or Tufts. Whether it is cancer or hypertension, we are trying to determine and treat the symptoms that are affecting Asian patients first.

Sampan: Are there any specific challenges South Cove faced during COVID?

Welch: It was a lot of challenges. In the beginning, before they got the new shots out, Moderna and Pfizer especially, people are dying. Thousands of people died in this country. Now, if you have a shot, you might catch COVID and be sick for a few days, but you're not going to die. And most of the time, you don't even need to go to the hospital. So, it is important for people to know that taking the shot cannot hurt you; it can only prevent you from dying in the future. We happen to be lucky. We're a 330 federally funded health center. We get the federal fund from the federal government. During the Coronavirus, we gave out over 41,000 shots to Asian patients with the Coronavirus. Now we are doing flu shots and we are trying to give to the community what is the most important at the time. We will go back and give more shots for the Coronavirus if it seems like it will never completely go away. That is why we hire a good medical team to be always working on the frontline.

Sampan: As you retire, what are your hopes for South Cove and the state of Asian health care in the U.S.? Are you optimistic?

Welch: I'm always optimistic. You can't be in this business and not be optimistic. It depends on the economy, who's running the government? How much money is available? If the economy gets tight, they may start cutting budgets. There are many factors that can affect what we are planning on doing in the future. But at least we can hold on to what we are doing and do a good job until things pick up again.

I certainly have enjoyed my experience working here. It's a pretty remarkable community that has allowed me, as a Caucasian, to come in and allow me to run a community health center and hopefully bring it to a better spot in the future. We think the Asian community is very thankful for getting health care. They are very realistic and try to keep themselves healthy and hopefully we do our part to help them achieve that.

Currently, there are some major Asian health centers around the United States including in California and New York. The Asian population is still only about 8% of the entire population. And the thing we should make sure to remind them is that they need to get out and vote. Because if you want to be heard by the politicians or people who control the money, you need to show them that you are voting and you are a good voting bloc. You can vote them in or out of office.

I just want to end the interview by thanking first of all, the staff of South Cove for all the wonderful work they did over the last 23 years, and how wonderful and loyal they have been to SC, our patients and the community. Nothing can ever be done by one person. I also would like to thank the people of the community for always being available and supportive in all the different areas we have clinics. I wish all nothing but good fortune and health in the future.

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The Future of ChatGPT Regulation

By Kristen Si



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If you've been on the internet recently, you most likely have heard of ChatGPT – a new AI natural language processing tool which has gained significant public traction over the past several months. The chatbot was developed by OpenAI, a startup founded in 2015 by Elon Musk and Sam Altman. Released on November 30, 2022, ChatGPT is capable of everything from returning human-like conversational responses to generating a resume to even writing software on its own. ChatGPT is able to do this because it is trained on large amounts of human-written data, such as books, websites, and its own user inputted content.

With the release of its newest iteration, GPT-4, the chatbot has hit significant knowledge benchmarks. According to OpenAI, GPT-4 was able to pass the bar exam in the top 10% of scorers, while its previous iteration scored only in the 10th percentile. GPT-4 is also currently able to accept inputs in the form of images along with text. The program is currently free to use for the public on OpenAI's website.

Given the versatility of generatable human-like content, questions are being raised about how ChatGPT can have the potential to influence politics, bend limitations on academic honesty, and potentially hurt the human labor market. With estimates that over 100 million people used ChatGPT in the 2 months after its launch, it is important to understand how ChatGPT has the potential to shape our world.

Earlier this month, Jared Mumm, a professor at Texas A&M, went viral after accusing his students of submitting papers written by ChatGPT. According to a report by Pranshu Verma at the Washington Post on May 18th, in an email to his students, the professor claimed that he had asked ChatGPT to check if the program itself had written each of the submitted essays. For a significant portion of his class, the program responded that it had indeed written the essays, and the students received no credit. Several students came forward to defend themselves, claiming that the essays submitted were human-written. ChatGPT is not capable of accurately checking if text is

AI generated, and even OpenAI's own AI detection tool mislabels text 9% of the time. Due to AI generated essays being nearly impossible to differentiate from human-written ones, ChatGPT simultaneously raises significant concerns about academic dishonesty, as well as false accusations of AI tool use in schools.

Another concern about the development of AI technologies such as ChatGPT lies in what jobs could potentially be replaced by AI in the future. In April, reporters Aaron Mok and Jacob Zinkula from Insider compiled a list of jobs that experts expect ChatGPT to eventually replace in coming years. For some of these industries, such as customer service, increasing automation over the years is predictably expected to expand – potentially overtaking the human-run part of the industry. Other jobs, such as legal assistants, software developers, and media jobs may also soon be on the chopping block as AI continues to improve in its ability to recall information as well as generate

original, creative content. While such technologies may reduce the overall labor cost for various industries, it is important that technologies are regulated to perform these jobs both competently and ethically. For many human workers, concerns about the future of human jobs abound.

Of note, the potential of ChatGPT to impact democratic systems cannot be overlooked. Last January, data and security experts Nathan Sanders and Bruce Schneier wrote an Opinion article in the New York Times expressing concerns that ChatGPT may have the potential to exploit points of power within the American democratic system. ChatGPT may eventually have the ability to identify people in governmental positions of power and target them with humanlike messaging in order to lobby support for specific political goals. With the cost of such an endeavor being extraordinarily high, this type of lobbying technique would be limited to benefit the rich and powerful at the expense of democracy. While social media sites have long dealt with filtering through automated comments, the humanlike responses of an AI chatbot poses new challenges, as this text may be indistinguishable from human written messages.

This being said, ChatGPT is not built without safeguards. The program is designed to be trained on a carefully curated dataset, with the chatbot being unwilling to respond on controversial or unethical topics. This data training is not without cost, however. On January 18th, Billy Perrigo reported with Time magazine on the underpaid labor behind ChatGPT's ethical safeguards. Being paid less than 2 dollars an hour,

Kenyan workers tirelessly combed through ChatGPT's data to prevent the program from training on hate speech. Despite OpenAI's claims that ChatGPT was created with ethics in mind, the method of achieving these goals seems to be built on exploited, underpaid laborers.

At a May 16th Congressional hearing, OpenAI CEO Sam Altman spoke about the issues facing ChatGPT in the future. Altman stressed the need for governmental regulation for the AI industry, pushing for "a new agency that licenses any effort above a certain scale of capabilities, and can take that license away". With regards to potential job loss as a result of this technology, Altman made it clear it was his "greatest nightmare", urging people to view ChatGPT as simply a tool to assist with human jobs. Additionally, Altman mentions his concerns regarding how ChatGPT may disseminate misinformation, saying he feared "the more general ability of these models to manipulate, to persuade, to provide... one-on-one interactive disinformation". While Altman took a strong stance towards regulation at the Congressional hearing, days later Altman warned that OpenAI may pull ChatGPT out of Europe in response to the AI Act, which would impose harsh regulations on AI technologies.

In the face of the potential risks of AI technology like ChatGPT, it is clear that it is more important than ever to become informed. As the technology evolves, so must public policy to regulate it. It is these policies that will dictate our future relationship with AI and how it will shape our lives.

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Ed Flynn (City Council President), Robert Santiago (City of Boston Veterans Service Commissioner) | Photo courtesy of Melissa Lo



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New England Region Asian American & NHPI Connectivity Summit on May 31, 2023



(L-R) Erika Koizumi (U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development), Wing Chau (U.S. Marshals Service, Rhode Island), Tian Calicchio (U.S. Department of Labor), Anna Cheong (Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation), Mandy Liao (U.S. Environmental Protection Agency), Michelle Soohoo (Social Security Administration), Pooh Vongkhamdy (US Department of Agriculture) | Photo courtesy of Lee-Daniel Tran



(L-R) Norman Eng (Public Affairs Specialist, SBA MA), J.J. Toothman (President of Lone Rock Point), Rokeya Chowdhury (CEO of Shanti & Dudley Café), Hung J. Lam (Co-Owner of Playa Bowls), Bob Wong, Kim Tuon-Mennella (Founder & President of Jorani Solutions), Q.J Shi (Asian Business Empowerment Council) | Photo courtesy of Lee-Daniel Tran



Bob Wong, Kowloon Restaurant | Photo courtesy of Lee-Daniel Tran



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Events Calendar

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• **Boston Pride Parade & Festival**
Saturday, June 10, 2023, 11:00 am-12:00 pm; 560 Boylston St, Boston, MA; 12:00 pm, Boston Common, MA. In honor of Pride Month, Boston Pride for the People (BP4TP) has organized various activities to celebrate and empower the LGBTQ+ communities. Volunteers will lead these events in Boston with food trucks, vendors, and entertainment along the way!

<https://www.bostonprideforthepeople.org/>

• **Fenway Porchfest**

Saturday, June 10, 2023, 12:00-4:30 pm; 465 Huntington Avenue Boston, Massachusetts 02115. During the porchfest, musicians can perform on the Huntington Lawn and around the streets of the neighborhood. Various artists will share songs touching on themes of overcoming adversity and discovering adulthood.

<https://www.mfa.org/event/music/fenway-porchfest?event=97336>

• **Boston Hong Kong Dragon Boat Festival**

Sunday, June 11, 2023; John W. Weeks Footbridge on the Charles River in Cambridge, MA. As the first dragon boat festival in the United States since 1979, the festival will feature dragon boat races, food vendors, and much more. There will also be various cultural performances and demonstrations, including Chinese yoyo, Japanese taiko drumming, and a lion dance demonstration. Admission is free and open to the public.

<https://www.bostondragonboat.org/>

• **Bunker Hill Day & Parade**

Sunday, June 11, 2023, 12:30 pm; Intersection of Vine and Bunker Hill St, Boston, MA. Commemorating the Battle of Bunker Hill of 1775, this parade takes place around the Charlestown neighborhood. Serving ice cream, cotton candy, and more, this is a fun opportunity to engage with the history of the American Revolution with family and friends!

https://www.bostoncentral.com/events/bunker_hill_day_parade/p8631.php

• **Boston's Juneteenth Block Party**

Friday, June 16, 2023; Roxbury Community College, 1234 Columbus Avenue Boston, MA 02120. A night accompanied by dancing, music, and delicious food, this Block Party resonates with the themes from this year's Embrace Ideas Festival, focusing on racial equity, healing, and well-being.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/embrace-bostons-juneteenth-block-party-at-roxbury-community-college-tickets-589669215497?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

• **Boston Women's Market**

Saturday, June 17, 2023, 11:00 am-4:00 pm; Assembly Row, 375 Artisan Way, Somerville, MA 02145. With around 30 small businesses, discover pottery, handmade jewelry, and more. Come and support women-founded businesses and artists from the New England area!

<https://www.bostonwomensmarket.com/events-calendar/boston-womens-market-at-assem-blyrow-2023-waa2g>

• **Concert in the Park**

Wednesday, June 21, 2023, 5:00 pm, Norman B. Leventhal Park Post Office Square. The 10th annual Concert in the Park is a spring concert event featuring the youth performing groups of New England's Inspire Arts & Music (IAM) program. Enjoy live music as the community supports and celebrates the achievements of each young artist.

<https://concertinthepark.org/>

• **Summer Solstice 2023: Night at the Harvard Museums of Science & Culture**

Wednesday, June 21, 2023, 5:00-9:00 pm; 26 Oxford St, Cambridge, MA 02138. This free in-person event allows everyone regardless of age to explore the Harvard museums galleries and engage in outdoor activities, ranging from circus

performances to minigolf. Stop by to explore different artistic expressions from the past to the present. <https://www.harvardsquare.com/event/summer-solstice-2023-night-at-the-harvard-museum-of-science-culture/>

• **Cancer Vaccines—The Koch Institute Annual Symposium**

Friday, June 23, 2023; Kresge Auditorium, 48 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, MA 02139. Hear from renowned speakers on immunology and the impact of vaccines at the Koch Institute, the center of cancer research on the MIT campus.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/cancer-vaccines-the-koch-institute-annual-symposium-tickets-576351401557?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

• **City of Cambridge Dance Party**

Friday, June 23, 6:00-10:00 pm, Mass Ave in front of City Hall and City Hall Lawn, 795 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, MA. Residents and visitors of the town of Cambridge are invited to an annual celebration of summer, including live entertainment

and colorful lights. This is a free opportunity to gather as a community and dance the night away!

<https://www.cambridgema.gov/citycalendar/view.aspx?guid=34e881f9afc94611b82820f82c5e217e>

• **ACDC Summer Leadership Academy (SLA)**

Address: 38 OAK STREET, BOSTON, MA 02111. "Summer Leadership Academy (SLA) is a FREE 6-week program for high schoolers (rising first years to graduating seniors) that runs from July 5th to August 11th! Participants meet weekly on Tuesday through Thursday from 11AM to 3PM, with optional Friday bondings and field trips! This program is for young people of all identities who want to build community this summer! We will be talking about Chinatown and Asian American history and how it informs our many identities. Our theme this year is health on an individual, community, and structural level.

<https://asiancdc.org/sla>

Economic Development and Industrial Corporation of Boston ("EDIC") & Boston Redevelopment Authority ("BRA") d/b/a Boston Planning & Development Agency ("BPDA") Request for Qualifications for Physical Security Infrastructure Planning 2023

Lauren Firnstein; 617-918-4328; lauren.m.firnstein@boston.gov

The Economic Development and Industrial Corporation of Boston ("EDIC") & Boston Redevelopment Authority ("BRA") d/b/a Boston Planning & Development Agency ("BPDA"), by its Chief Procurement Officer is pleased to issue this Request for Qualifications entitled **Physical Security Infrastructure Planning 2023** (the "RFQ"). This RFQ package, including requirements, will be available to download on the BPDA Procurement Portal [free-of charge in digital print](#) form to all interested designers on **June 12, 2023 at 9:00 A.M** at www.bostonplans.org/work-with-us/procurement. Plan holders shall open and register the information requested for the **Physical Security Infrastructure Planning 2023** and then follow the prompt to start file download under the "Work with Us" tab. All responses to this RFQ must be returned no later than **12:00 noon on July 14, 2023**, to: Teresa Polhemus, Secretary, Economic Development and Industrial Corporation c/o Real Estate Administration, One City Hall Square, Room 900A/Reception, Boston MA 02210. **Michelle R. Goldberg, Chief Procurement Officer**

Economic Development and Industrial Corporation of Boston ("EDIC")

d/b/a Boston Planning & Development Agency ("BPDA") Invitation for Bid for Storm Drain Cleaning and Camera Investigation Services

Jason Tobin ; 617-918-6211; BPDARealEstate@boston.gov

The Economic Development and Industrial Corporation of Boston ("EDIC") d/b/a Boston Planning & Development Agency ("BPDA"), by its Chief Procurement Officer is pleased to issue this Invitation for Bid entitled "**Storm Drain Cleaning and Camera Investigation Services**" (the "IFB"). This IFB package including requirements for this project will be available to download on the BPDA Procurement Portal [free-of charge in digital print](#) form to all interested respondents on **June 12, 2023 at 9:00 A.M** at www.bostonplans.org/work-with-us/procurement. All responses to this IFB must be returned no later than **12:00 noon on June 28, 2023**, to: Teresa Polhemus, Secretary, Economic Development and Industrial Corporation c/o Real Estate Administration, One City Hall Square, Room 900A/Reception, Boston MA 02210. **Michelle R. Goldberg, Chief Procurement Officer**

Boston Redevelopment Authority ("BRA") d/b/a Boston Planning & Development Agency ("BPDA") Invitation for Bids for China Trade Building Fire Pump Replacement Gigi Munden, 617-918-6203, gigi.munden@boston.gov

The Boston Redevelopment Authority ("BRA") d/b/a Boston Planning & Development Agency ("BPDA"), by its Chief Procurement Officer is pleased to issue this Invitation for Bids entitled "**China Trade Building Fire Pump Replacement**" (the "IFB"). The IFB is issued in accordance with M.G.L. c. 149, as may be amended. The IFB package, including requirements, will be available to download on the BPDA Procurement Portal [free-of charge in digital print](#) form to all interested respondents on **June 12, 2023 at 9:00 A.M** at www.bostonplans.org/work-with-us/procurement. All **filed** sub-bid responses to this IFB **must be returned no later than 12:00 PM on July 25, 2023**, to: Teresa Polhemus, Clerk, Reception/900A Boston Planning & Development Agency, c/o Real Estate Administration, One City Hall Square, Boston MA 02201. All **general bid responses** to this IFB **must be returned no later than 12:00 PM on August 22, 2023**, to: Teresa Polhemus, Clerk, Reception/900A Boston Planning & Development Agency, c/o Real Estate Administration, One City Hall Square, Boston MA 02201. **Michelle Goldberg, Chief Procurement Officer**

AFFORDABLE HOUSING LOTTERY

HOME OWNERSHIP - SENIOR HOUSING
(AT LEAST ONE APPLICANT MUST BE AGE 55 OR OVER)

Martins Landing North Reading, MA
LIMITED NUMBER (2) OF AFFORDABLE ONE & TWO-BEDROOM CONDOMINIUMS

Pricing - 80% Income Limit:

1 BEDROOM UNIT - \$214,400
2 BEDROOM UNIT - \$239,700

Income Limits-Max. Income/HHS:

1 PERSON-	\$78,300 (80%)
2 PERSONS-	\$89,500 (80%)
3 PERSONS-	\$100,700 (80%)
4 PERSONS-	\$111,850 (80%)

ALL APPLICANTS MUST BE INCOME & ASSET ELIGIBLE

(ASSET LIMIT OF \$275,000 INCLUDING NET PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE OF A HOUSE)

Public Information Meeting Via Zoom.com

6:30 p.m., Monday, June 12, 2023 | Meeting ID: 895 7732 5547 Passcode: 695491

Application Deadline:

Postmarked on or before July 10, 2023, 2022

Lottery Via Zoom.com

3:00 p.m., Friday, August 4, 2023 | Meeting ID:828 2912 6496 Passcode: 741913

APPLICATIONS AND FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS MUST BE MAILED TO:

MCO Housing Services, P.O. Box 372, Harvard, MA 01451

PHONE: 978-456-8388

Overnight/Drop Off: 206 Ayer Road, Harvard, MA 01451

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34 Fairbanks Road Milton, MA Affordable Housing Lottery

2BR Condominiums for \$264,000 (\$230/month condo fees)

This is a lottery for the two affordable homeownership units at 34 Fairbanks Road in Milton, MA. Both homes will be sold at an affordable price to households with incomes at or below 80% of the Area Median Income. The condominium features two flats-style units. The first-floor unit has two bedrooms, approximately 1,112 square feet of living space, and an enclosed rear porch. The second-floor unit has two bedrooms, approximately 1,237 square feet of living space, as well as an exclusive-use enclosed rear porch.

Each unit features an updated kitchen and bath, sunroom, fireplaced living room, and a dining room with coffered ceiling. They are finished with hardwood floors throughout and are further distinguished with gumwood trim. The basement offers ample storage and dedicated laundry facilities with washer and dryer. Each unit will be deeded exclusive use of half of the garage interior. These condominiums are conveniently located on a tree lined street within walking distance of Pierce Middle School and in close proximity to MBTA bus service. The affordable homes are expected to be available for occupancy following the lottery.

Maximum Household Income Limits:

\$82,950 (1 person), \$94,800 (2 people), \$106,650 (3 people), \$118,450 (4 people)

The Maximum Household Asset Limit is \$75,000.

Public Info Session

June 28, 2023 at 6:00 pm via Zoom

Go to zoom.com/join or call (646) 558-8656 and enter Meeting ID: 818 9317 7595, Passcode: 088159

Application Deadline

July 21, 2023 at 2:00 pm

Completed Applications must be delivered or postmarked by this date. Applications postmarked by the deadline must be received no later than 5 business days from the deadline.

Lottery

August 8, 2023 at 6:00pm via Zoom

Go to zoom.com/join or call (646) 558-8656 and enter Meeting ID: 857 2736 5609, Passcode: 276410

Attendance is not required at Info or Lottery sessions. To view the recorded sessions at a later date, please search for 34 Fairbanks on the SEB Housing YouTube channel.

For Lottery Information and Applications, or for reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities, go to www.sebhousing.com or call (617) 782-6900x2 and leave a message or postal mail SEB Housing, 257 Hillside Ave, Needham MA 02494. For TTY Services dial 711.

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- The purchase price: \$241,900. Estimated Monthly Taxes: \$336. Estimated Monthly Condo Fees: \$374.
- The eligible homebuyer will be selected by lottery.

Buyer Eligibility

- The maximum income restriction is 80% of Area Median Income (2023): 1 Person \$82,950; 2 Persons: \$94,800; 3 Persons: \$106,650; 4 Persons: \$118,450. Other restrictions apply.
- There is no minimum household income requirement, but households must have a mortgage pre-approval that covers the sales price of the home to apply for the lottery. Please read the information packet for more details.
- The maximum household asset limit is \$75,000.

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- Site features include landscaped play, sitting and garden areas, and native species plantings. Meadow, hiking trails, and soccer field abutting town park are also nearby.

Applications must be received by the WHA office by 4:00 PM on July 13, 2023.

Applications are available at the Wayland Housing Authority office, 106 Main Street, Wayland, MA 01778 or visit our website: <https://www.wayland.ma.us/wayland-housing-authority/pages/affordable-moderate-income-housing-opportunities>. A virtual public information meeting will be held at 12 Noon on July 6, 2023 via Zoom. To join the meeting go to Zoom Meeting ID: 894 7395 1351. Attendance is not mandatory.

Non-Discrimination: The WHA does not discriminate in the selection of applicants on the basis of race, color, national origin, disability, age, ancestry, children, familial status, genetic information, marital status, public assistance recipients, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, veteran/military status, or any other basis prohibited by law, and such a statement must also be included in the application materials. **Reasonable Accommodation:** Persons with disabilities are entitled to request a reasonable accommodation in rules, policies, practices, or services, or to request a reasonable modification in the housing when such accommodation or modifications may be necessary to afford persons with disabilities an equal opportunity to use and enjoy the housing.

Wayland Housing Authority 106 Main Street, Wayland, MA 01778 (508) 655-6310



Cambridge Expands Direct-Payment Program for Low-Income Residents

By Jeff Millman



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In 2021, the city of Cambridge spent \$1.5 million on a guaranteed-income program for low-income residents. 130 eligible households received \$500 a month for 18 months, with no requirements for what the money could be spent on. In May 2023, Cambridge announced the program would be expanded. Using \$22 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds, the city is starting the Rise Up Cambridge program, which will allow hundreds more eligible, low-income households to receive direct cash payments. This is the only city-wide cash assistance program of its kind in the country, and it “aims to address the growing economic divide and racial inequities in Cambridge.”

To qualify for the program, you must be a Cambridge resident with an income falling below 250% of the Federal Poverty Line for your household size. You must also be 18 or older and have a child at or under 21 years of age in your household. Eligible households include single-parent families, two-parent families, and “non-traditional families” such as grandparents or relatives taking care of children. Applications opened on June 1 and remain open until July 31. Around 1,000 households – nearly half of the eligible households in Cambridge – applied on the first day.

Rise Up Cambridge may be the first non-lottery direct cash payment program to be implemented on this scale in the country, but it has its roots in pilot programs initiated in California. In 2017, the city of Stockton, California gave 125 people \$500 a month for 24 months. As in Cambridge, these payments came without strings attached. Results from the first year of the pilot program were encouraging: researchers found that “the money gave recipients the stability they needed to set goals, take risks, and find new jobs.”

In 2020, the former mayor of Stockton, Michael Tubbs, created the organization Mayors for a Guaranteed Income (the mayors of Cambridge and Somerville, MA, as well as

the city manager of Chelsea, are members). Since then, other cities in California, as well as cities in New Jersey, Washington, Colorado, and Massachusetts, have experimented with programs similar to the original Stockton pilot program. Cambridge has the opportunity to be a model for other cities hoping to move beyond small pilot programs. If Rise Up Cambridge is successful, we may see guaranteed income policies become more mainstream and widespread.

None of these policy ideas are particularly new, of course. Universal basic income, guaranteed supplemental income, “negative income tax”, and other similar ideas have long been debated in the public sphere. Thomas Paine, an American Founding Father, was advocating for a national income paid for by land taxes all the way back in 1797. Politicians and policy-makers, philosophers and economists have discussed, criticized, and promoted guaranteed income for two centuries. It’s an issue that has proponents and critics of all political persuasions.

Despite its long history, the data on its benefits and drawbacks are lacking. In March 2020, The Lancet Public Health journal released a large-scale review of the public health effects of “interventions similar to basic income”, and researchers were unable to make strong conclusions. They wrote that “evidence on health effects was mixed, with strong positive effects on some outcomes, such as birthweight and mental health, but no effect on others.” Employment effects were also inconsistent: small for men, but larger for women with young children. The researchers noted finally that “evidence for macro-level effects is scarce” and that more studies are needed.

Recent reports on pilot programs in cities like Stockton found that direct payments didn’t impact employment, and that families mostly spent the money on basic needs such as food. The results from older studies of similar programs are less positive, however. Between 1968 and 1980, policy-makers in Washington DC made four

controlled trials of “negative income tax”, involving thousands of people across six states. According to the author and economist Milton Ezrati, “hours of work desired by all recipients fell some 9% below to those not in the program. They fell some 20% for married women and 25% among single women heads of household. Desired work among single men fell some 43% below non-recipients. If those receiving the negative income tax lost their job, the spell of unemployment lasted two months longer on average than with non-recipients and 12 months longer for married women.”

There are other questions regarding the basic sustainability of guaranteed income programs. Beyond the positive or negative impacts they may have on recipients, there are serious issues with how such programs would be funded and run. Rise Up Cambridge is funded with ARPA money, but that will run out soon enough. Many of the other guaranteed income pilot programs in the United States are funded through large private donations. These pilot programs are all small-scale – only a few hundred people are receiving

money – but if the cities implementing these programs wish to expand them, as Cambridge has, they will likely have to find other ways to pay for them: higher taxes, for example.

Cambridge has recognized these issues, with Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui saying that the city is currently exploring ways to make the program permanent if it is successful. She also points out that the program is “not the thing that’s going to fix everything... It is a part of broader solutions, whether that’s looking at systems involving affordable housing, for example, better wages at jobs and so forth.” Rise Up Cambridge may help to stabilize low-income families in the wake of the pandemic and continued inflation, but Mayor Siddiqui is right: there are plenty of other problems, such as ongoing housing problems in Greater Boston, that require more complex political remedies. Regardless, Rise Up Cambridge will provide us with more data on the impacts of guaranteed income programs and continue the national conversation around what policies are truly effective at addressing poverty.



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Career Job Opportunities
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The Earth is Burning Up: This is Not Science Fiction

By Chetanpreet Singh



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The latest Assessment Report by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change IPCC, released in 2021, delivered a sobering message: Many aspects of climate change are now inevitable and irreversible. Scientists predict that the world will reach 1.5°C of warming by 2040, leading to more heat waves, intense storms, droughts, and floods. The report serves as a stark reminder of the urgency to take immediate and decisive action to combat climate change.

While 2040 looks far and gives the illusion that we have time to slow the rate of emissions, The average global temperature in 2022 was about 1.15 [1.02 to 1.27] °C above the pre-industrial (1850-1900) levels. 2022 is the 8th consecutive year (2015-2022) that annual global temperatures have reached at least 1°C above pre-industrial levels, according to all datasets compiled by WMO. 2015 to 2022 are the eight warmest years on record. The likelihood of – temporarily – breaching the 1.5°C limit of the Paris Agreement is increasing with time. The world's hottest year on record so far was 2016, coinciding with a strong El Niño -. El Niño pushes warm water in the Pacific Ocean eastwards, causing the Pacific jet stream to move south of its neutral position. This produces dryer and warmer weather in the northern US and intense rainfall and flooding in the US Gulf Coast and Southeast. In Europe, it can lead to colder, drier winters in the north and wetter winters in the south. As a result, the world will face more intense heat waves, prolonged hot seasons and more powerful storms. Indonesia and Australia will likely experience hotter and drier weather with a greater possibility of wildfires. Monsoons in India and rains in South Africa might be reduced while east Africa could get more rains and flooding. El Niño also increases hurricane activity in the Pacific meaning places like Hawaii will be at risk of tropical cyclones During the phenomenon.

In 1938, steam engineer, Guy Stewart Callendar, decided to take a break from his day job and began collecting records from 147 weather stations worldwide. With painstaking

calculations done by hand, he discovered that global temperatures had risen by 0.3°C over the previous 50 years. Callendar boldly argued that carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions from industry were responsible for this global warming phenomenon. Unfortunately, his assertions were largely ignored by other scientists who believed humans couldn't impact such a vast system as the climate. Nevertheless, Callendar's estimates of global warming were remarkably accurate and aligned with modern assessments.

The year 1958 marked a turning point with the work of Charles David Keeling, a postgraduate geochemist. Keeling designed his own apparatus to measure the levels of CO₂ in the atmosphere, a groundbreaking endeavor at the time. Stationed atop the Mauna Loa volcano in Hawaii, Keeling meticulously recorded measurements, providing the first unequivocal proof of rising CO₂ concentrations. He also attributed this rise to the use of fossil fuels, marking a crucial link between human activities and climate change.

In 1967, researchers Syukuro Manabe (he later won the Nobel Prize for his work in 2021) and Richard Wetherald created the world's first accurate computer model of Earth's climate. Their model predicted that doubling concentrations of CO₂ could raise global temperatures by 2°C, a finding that resonates with present-day climate projections. This pioneering work set the stage for the development of more sophisticated climate models that continue to guide our understanding of future climate scenarios. The same year, glaciologist Dr. John Mercer warned that global warming could cause Antarctic ice sheets to collapse, leading to a disastrous rise in sea levels. While conducting fieldwork in West Antarctica, he discovered evidence of a former freshwater lake, indicating the complete melting of the West Antarctic Ice Sheet in the past—an occurrence previously deemed impossible.

In 1969, NASA's Nimbus III satellite provided the world's first accurate measurement of global atmospheric temperatures, revolutionizing the study

of Earth's climate. Over the years, subsequent satellite missions have allowed scientists to gather unprecedented data on global temperatures, greenhouse gas concentrations, ozone depletion, and more. Advanced technologies developed by organizations like RAL Space have further improved our ability to measure surface temperatures with incredible accuracy.

In 1974, the Vostok camp in east Antarctica drilled down to 950m where the ice dates back 60,000 years. By 1985, drilling reached depths of 2,083m to ice that dates back 160,000 years. Finally, in 1999, the ice cores were drilled at 3,300m dating back 420,000 years. Taylor Dome camp, the most recent drilling, reached depths of 554m in 1994 with a higher resolution of data from the past 11,000 years. With the Vostok, Taylor Dome (referred to now as TD) and other ice core records in Antarctica, researchers are able to study the correlation between temperature and CO₂. The discovery of the hole in the ozone layer over Antarctica in 1985 shocked the world. Scientists from the British Antarctic Survey (BAS) linked this depletion to the use of chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) found in aerosol cans and refrigeration. The findings led to the Montreal Protocol in 1987, a groundbreaking international agreement aimed at phasing out ozone-depleting substances.

The establishment of the IPCC in 1988 marked a new era in climate research. Composed of leading experts, the IPCC provides policymakers with regular scientific assessments on the current state of knowledge about climate change. The reports issued by the IPCC have played a vital role in shaping international climate policies. In 1992, scientists realized that higher levels of CO₂ in the ocean could hinder the growth of coral reefs and other marine organisms. The subsequent understanding of ocean acidification and its impacts has highlighted the urgent need to reduce CO₂ emissions and protect fragile ecosystems. The United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) came into force in 1994, representing the first

global treaty aimed at combating climate change. This landmark agreement paved the way for subsequent international efforts such as the Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Agreement, which seek to limit greenhouse gas emissions and mitigate global warming.

In 2004, Professor Pete Stott and his team at the UK Met Office established a significant link between extreme weather events and climate change. Their research showed that climate change had doubled the risk of the deadly 2003 European heat wave (which killed more than 20,000 people, revealing the tangible consequences of a warming world. A major breakthrough occurred in 2015 when 196 countries signed the Paris Agreement, committing to limit global warming to well below 2°C above pre-industrial levels. This agreement reinforced the urgency of collective action to address climate change and mitigate its effects.

In 2018, climate scientists convened by the United Nations published a report warning us of what is likely to happen beyond 1.5 degrees Celsius of warming. At 1.5 degrees warming, sea level is expected to rise by 10 to 30 inches (26 to 77 centimeters), putting 10 million more people at risk from coastal storms and flooding. Heat waves will continue to get worse, exposing 14 percent of the world population to extreme heat at least once every five years. Ecosystems will suffer, too. After 1.5 degrees Celsius of warming, up to 90 percent of all coral reefs could die out, and about 7 percent of Earth's land area could shift into a new biome, with grasslands turning to desert, tundra turning to forest, etc.

Currently, each country has a different threshold for what constitutes an El Niño event. Globally due to El Niño, temperatures increase by around 0.2 degrees Celsius, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). This could mean breaking the crucial 1.5 degrees Celsius global warming limit, in 2023 or/and 2024 (which earlier was anticipated to be in 2040).

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New Immigration Uncertainty with Title 42's Expiration

By Daniel Steinberg



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Title 42 expired last Thursday, May 11th, at 11:59 pm EDT. As new migrants flooded the US-Mexico border following this development, many questions have been raised about Title 42, its provisions, and the consequences its expiration could have nationally and in the greater Boston area. Here is a look at the new immigration legislation developments.

What was Title 42?

The restrictions known as Title 42 derive their name and authority from Title 42 of a 1944 public health law. The law allowed for the suspension of immigration in order to prevent the spread of communicable diseases from foreign countries. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, in March 2020, U.S. officials began turning asylum seekers away at the southern border in the name of preventing COVID's spread.

Before Title 42's enforcement,

immigrants fleeing persecution or instability could enter the United States illegally, have their asylum cases screened, and be admitted into the United States as they waited out their immigration cases. Since March 2020, however, over 2.8 million immigrants have been turned away at the border because of the health law.

The rules did not apply to families or children traveling alone. They also carried no consequences and allowed asylum-seekers to continue attempting to enter the United States, even if turned away.

What has Changed?

On May 11, 2023, the Biden administration declared the official end of the COVID-19 public health emergency. Amidst growing opposition to the Title 42 provisions voiced by Elizabeth Warren and a coalition of US senators, Title 42 has expired. Immediately following, the border was overwhelmed with new immigrants and asylum-seekers.

However, Biden's administration introduced new immigration reforms alongside their termination of Title 42 amid attempts to introduce what they see as "much needed" immigration

reform. In effect, Biden has further cracked down on immigration restrictions, introducing strict quotas and requiring asylum seekers to first apply online.

The primary novelty of Biden's new immigration policy is its introduction of online applications into the immigration process. The U.S. government will now turn away any asylum seeker who doesn't first seek protection in a country they traveled through, and doesn't apply online.

The U.S. government has announced it will now accept up to 30,000 people from Venezuela, Haiti, Nicaragua, and Cuba as long as they come by air, have a sponsor, and apply online first. It will now also accept as many as 100,000 asylum seekers from Guatemala, El Salvador, and Honduras, given again, that they apply online first.

What does this Mean?

For asylum seekers, particularly those from South and Central America, fleeing humanitarian crises may soon become increasingly difficult. At the same time, many border patrol facilities are ill-equipped to return such volumes of immigrants to their countries

and have been forced to release asylum seekers they are holding into the U.S. due to overcrowding.

For Boston and the whole of Massachusetts, the impact remains uncertain. Fear for asylum seekers already residing in Massachusetts is brewing. Consequences at the state level still remain unlikely, though, as Biden's new restrictions pertain primarily to the situation at the southern border.

Even so, local organizations are bracing for complications.

Workers at a hotel in Taunton say they're helping roughly 130 migrant families from Haiti.

La Collaboravita, a Chelsea organization that provides social services for immigrants has noted increases in demands for aid in the past few weeks. Its Executive Director, Gladys Vega, says, "I worry a lot because we're hardly making it as we are now. We need to prepare and we need to prepare for the worst-case scenario."

Situations remain tenuous, and Biden himself has conceded that the border will be "chaotic for a while."

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Stay True: Hua Hsu's Memoir about Friendship, Identity, and Assimilation

A review by Christopher John Stephens



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Friendship memoirs can be a tricky genre to navigate. By definition, the writer is on the outside of the narrative: The focus is defining the importance of the relationship. Ann Patchett's 2004 memoir *Truth and Beauty* comes immediately to mind. Its evocation of the writer's relationship with poet Lucy Grealy worked because the focus rested on the symbiotic connection between writer and her subject. In Hua Hsu's remarkable 2022 Pulitzer Prize-winning memoir *Stay True*, that symbiosis takes on an even more profound meaning. It's about identity, assimilation, pop culture and philosophical meaning. It's about the undefinable power of friendship between young deep-thinking college students in their late teens and early twenties, when nothing seems impossible and tragedies during that impressionable time can define the rest of their lives.

Consider this line, very early in the book, as Hsu ruminates on the deceptive nature of how time passes slowly when you're a young college student. Everything takes on a deeper meaning and "For a while, you were convinced that you would one day write the saddest story ever." Hsu wants to interpret things, and that's how he rebels against his Taiwanese father's predilection toward math and science. His father came to the United States in 1965 and absorbed everything: Dylan, the Beatles, The Rolling Stones, Aretha Franklin. Assimilation was easy because the options seemed limitless.

Hsu writes:

"Immigrants are often discussed in terms of a push-and-pull dynamic: something pushes you from home; something else pulls you far away."

That's one of the major themes in *Stay True*, not just literally but figuratively. Hsu's dad was drawn from home and compelled to find that feeling of location in a new land. Hsu, born in the United States in 1977, found comfort as a student radical as defined at Berkeley in the early to mid-1990s, yearning for the romance of the Free Speech movement that flourished at that campus in the 1960s. As Hsu puts

it in a line that can speak to the lineage of his family history or generational mindset, "The first generation thinks about survival; the ones that follow tell the stories."

Hsu's parents had "...chosen the occasional loneliness, the meandering lifestyle, the language barrier. What they hadn't chosen was identification as Asian Americans..." That seems to be the purview of Hsu's generation. He reflects on the "...moment for the immigrant's child when you realize that you and your parents are assimilating at the same time." Hsu becomes absorbed by the angst of Nirvana's Kurt Cobain and the world of abundance into which he's being born as a man. He writes about friendship, those who hear our serious thoughts and those who complete us.

The youth of Hsu's generation, like any youth, crave new contexts, and for Hsu it was all about the yin and yang of pop culture and philosophy. For every pop culture moment in his life there were ruminations on Jacques Derrida and the tendency at that age to "deconstruct" things or refer to weirdness as "postmodern." Hsu seamlessly sprinkles these references into his thoughts about friendship, how it "...rests on the presumption of reciprocity...debts and favors...all I wanted was friends to listen to music with."

All along, he's still considering why his parents came here from Taiwan. When he tells his father he was grateful for the sacrifices that had been made on his behalf for a life in the United States (both parents had been spending more time back in Taiwan) his dad responds with a laugh:

"We came here for ourselves. There was nothing in Taiwan when we left."

Ken exists on the periphery of this narrative for most of the first half, but he's a big part of every page. He's a Japanese-American young man whose family had been here in the United States for generations. Ken and Hua define each other by their contrasts skipping over it. Ken loves the Dave Matthews Band, Abercrombie and Fitch,

and his fraternity brothers. Hua loves alternative music, creating and disseminating ideas through his homemade 'zine, and balancing his grand ideas with life in a country of abundance and excess. Everything is there for the asking and nothing is out of bounds. "The present was a drag. We lived for the future." After Ken and Hua share an intense few years of friendship, Ken is mugged and murdered.

This moment of tragedy is halfway through the book, and Hua responds the best way he seems capable of responding:

"I wanted to impose structure on all that had come before that July night, turning the past into something architectural, a palace of memories to wander at my own leisure."

Hua Hsu is a staff writer at *The New Yorker*, a cultural critic and interviewer adept at examining the lives of others. His pedigree is impressive and past work very thorough. In other hands a writer more proven at reporting on the lives and work of others might not be able to distance himself from his own narrative. Hua Hsu's measured balance and distance throughout this book, especially its second half, is remarkable. He reflects:

"Writing offered a way to live outside the present, skipping over its textures and slowness, converting the present into language, thinking about language rather than being present at all."

One of the more resonant final takeaways from *Stay True* is the salvation harmony offers through music, friendship, and life. Hua had absorbed his father's record collection but noticed the Beach Boys were conspicuous in their absence. He'd read about the manic perfectionism Brian Wilson had sought while writing and producing the 1966 classic *God Only Knows*. Hua's friends sang along to the song while they drove with him, usually off-key but always with earnestness. Hua writes about the song:

"[It]...suggested the possibility of yearnings beyond love...Was it in... these sad lines about drifting apart and rediscovering one's purpose?...Maybe it wasn't in the song so much as in the repeated listenings, these memories stacking on top of one another."

Hua Hsu's Stay True captures in a tangible form those indescribable sensations of true love and sincere friendship.

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