

Developing Chinatown's Future: A Conversation With ACDC's Executive Director, Angie Liou

By Zoe Voss Lee

Walking through Chinatown today, you will encounter layers of its identity: the memories of a Chinatown long gone, the visions of a Chinatown that could have been, the Chinatown that remains a home for long-term residents, and the Chinatown being reshaped for tourists and transplants. In a neighborhood that has been created and stewarded by immigrant Asian American residents, luxury developments now dot the

landscape—raising rents, and displacing residents.

At the same time, those developments have exacerbated the climate crisis and environmental threats, namely, extreme heat, limited access to green space, and air pollution. Yet, the resilience that carried Chinatown through past crises, like the highway developments of the 20th century, continues to drive today's community-led efforts to ensure that the future of Chinatown is shaped with the needs of immigrant Asian American

residents front and center.

Now, the City of Boston is currently undergoing an effort to rezone Chinatown. The city is gathering feedback on the Chinatown Draft Zoning Map and Draft Zoning Text Amendment through an online survey that just closed this week. The results of this process could serve to slow gentrification, though many advocates are skeptical. Adding to the uncertainty around this process is the second Trump administration – which, if

history is any indication, carries with it the threat of mass deportations, anti-China sentiment, and cuts to critical social services.

How do you preserve and improve one of the most significant ethnic enclaves in the Northeast in the face of both known threats to affordability and neighborhood character, as well as unknown challenges driven by shifting policies and politics? The Asian

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Newest Asian Restaurant, Grocery Hub? Brookline

Buttoned-down suburb of Boston sees explosion of Chinese, Japanese and Korean food, shopping spots

By Yuchen Hong

For Asian international students like Nikki Song, Newbury Street used to be her go-to spot to hang out.

"It was our only option," said Song, a Chinese international student studying at Northeastern.

But then she discovered an unlikely alternative: Brookline, a town once mainly viewed as a quiet and stodgy suburb with dining options that mostly included family restaurants, a couple of Irish bars and a few old-fashioned Chinese restaurants.

In recent years, however, the town has seen an explosion in mostly upscale and trendy Chinese, Korean and Japanese restaurants and several Asian sweets and grocery shops, which could never quite gain traction in the past.

"It has more decent Asian restau-

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ON THE SCENE: Kayli Sayatovic, a server at Lan Feast, is at the ready. At right, Kungfu Kitchen, Maruichi and Maguro.

Photos by Adam Smith.





STAMP OF APPROVAL: Rep. Ayanna Pressley, center, celebrates renaming of the Caroline Chang Post Office.

Photo by Harmony Witte

Special Delivery: Post Office Named After Caroline Chang

By Harmony Witte

Just in time for the Chinese New Year, the Fort Point Post Office at 25 Dorchester Ave. in Boston has been named after Chinatown activist Caroline Chang. This marks the first Federal building in Massachusetts to be named after a person from the Asian American and Pacific Islander community.

"Caroline made history, even though she never set out to do it. She was just doing the work of advancing civil rights and public health and equity. But she made history. And so now today, and honoring her, we're making history with the dedication of this post office building," said Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley, as she and a small group, observed the Lunar New Year last week, by celebrating the enactment of the bill she put forward in Congress to rename the library after Chang.

Pressley presented Chang's family and friend with a framed copy of the bill at the entrance to what is now known as the Caroline Chang Post Office.

The bill was voted on by the House

last February and former Pres. Joe Biden signed it into law in November.

Pressley told Sampan it is a tremendous honor to name the building after a community member.

Pressley gave a speech honoring Chang a year ago on the floor of the House of Representatives where she described Chang as "a community builder and trailblazer who was a tireless advocate for the Massachusetts 7th. Caroline remains one of the greatest public servants Boston and our Commonwealth has ever seen."

Known for her advocacy, Chang worked for more than 30 years for the Department of Health and Human Services as the New England Regional Manager for the Office for Civil Rights. At the time, she was the highest ranking Asian American in federal government.

Born in 1940 in Chinatown, she began serving her neighborhood at an early age by interpreting for people seeking medical care. In 1970, Chang was appointed by the Mayor of Boston, then Kevin White, as the manager of Chinatown's Little City Hall. She advocated for Chinatown

residents through this position. That same year she also received her law degree from Suffolk Law School.

Chang helped found several organizations in Chinatown including the Asian American Civic Association, which is the publisher of the Sampan. She also helped found The Greater Boston Chinese Golden Age Center, the Asian Community Development Corporation, the South Cove Community Health Center, and the Chinese Historical Society of New England, as well as the Harry H. Dow Memorial Legal Assistance Fund. Chang passed away in 2018.

Chang was the recipient of several awards in recognition for her efforts including, Distinguished Alumni Award from Boston University, the Amelia Earhart Award from the Women's Educational and Industrial Union in Boston, the Founders Award from the Asian American Lawyers Association of Massachusetts, and the Sojourner Award from the Chinese Historical Society of New England.

A small group gathered on the sunny brisk day for the brief ceremony on Jan. 29.

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Suzanne Lee, a community activist and educator, who worked with Chang, spoke about how she worked with her as community activist, fighting for equal access.

Russell Eng, Chang's nephew, was also present and when details of her life were discussed, said with pride, "we lived it."

Pressley pointed out that it was not easy to pass such a bill with a divided Congress, "There has been a deficit of parity when it comes to the naming of buildings that represent leaders in the AAPI community. So this is a historic step forward. I hope it will be precedent-setting," Pressley continued. "It is such a testament to the work and the contributions of Caroline both in advancing civil rights in public health, her historic representation, and high-ranking public service on the federal level."

EMPTY BAMBOO GIRL 竹升女

by Lillian Lee



From Daifuku to Beef Noodles, Brookline Is Newest Hot Spot

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rants and charming stores to explore,” said Song. “Plus, it’s close to campus.”

The Asian shop and dining scene is divided into two main hubs: First is the St. Mary’s MBTA stop area, where H Mart serves as an anchor, surrounded by acclaimed chain restaurants including Gyu-Kaku Japanese BBQ, Kyuramen, and Kyo Matcha. Also next door is Japonaise Bakery, a family-owned Japanese bakery established in 1991, which recently reopened after renovations in 2023, adding to the area’s legacy businesses. The second hub, Coolidge Corner, features on both sides of Harvard Street, Maruichi, a traditional Japanese market and restaurant complex, known for its distinctive tatami dining areas, teas and imported foods. The town has in the past few years also attracted a diverse array of Asian eateries, including Kungfu Kitchen, Maguro, Mochinut, Lan Feast and, inside the historic Arcade Building, Ganko Ittetsu Ramen, which prepares Sapporo-style ramen. That’s on top of other legacy places, such as Fugakyu on Beacon Street, a new novelty shop Tee Hee and, further up Beacon, spots like Royaltea and Oasit’s Sweet.

For many students, the town is easy to reach, too — close to several universities like Northeastern, Boston College and Boston University, and accessible by the Green Line trolley and the Route 66 bus.

But unlike most of Boston’s traditional Asian clusters in Allston, Quincy, and Chinatown, Brookline’s emerging Asian district presents a more upscale, fusion-oriented character, exemplified by places such as Lan Feast. Lan Feast on Harvard Street bills itself as an authentic full-service restaurant and bar specializing in Lanzhou hand-pulled beef noodle soup.

“During winter, I often miss the beef noodles from my hometown,” said Zoey Chen, an international student from Lanzhou, China. “This new restaurant is quite authentic—you can even choose the thickness of the noodles. The decor is modern, and



HOME COOKIN’: Peng Jia, owner of Lan Feast, which opened in November, holds a bowl of the restaurant’s signature dish. Photo by Adam Smith/www.errorc1301.com

the customer base is really diverse. I spotted quite a few Western customers, which feels pretty unique.”

The owner of Lan Feast, Peng Jia, said she chose to open her first restaurant in the town because of the bustling location and “friendly” community. She also said the town is less competitive than Quincy or China-

town for a new Chinese restaurant to succeed.

“I love this area,” said Jia, who also owns Teazzi Tea Shop in Chinatown and MoreFun toy store in Chinatown and Newbury Street.

The Brookline Chamber of Commerce keeps no specific data on the number of Asian restaurants and

shops that have opened and not all of the businesses are members, according to executive director, Christopher Mutty. But, the trend is apparent, he said, with new places popping up more and more and with some new ones on the way.

“I do agree there has been significant growth in Asian-themed or -inspired restaurants and shops,” Mutty told the Sampan by email recently. “Specifically, we’ve added several grocery stores including H Mart, Maruichi, and a new Japanese market, which is likely being approved soon.”

He added that Asian-owned businesses are in general under-represented in the Chamber membership.

“I hope to change that over the course of the next year,” he added.

Demographics are key to this transformation that’s been underway. With Massachusetts’ largest Japanese community — and a Chinese and Korean church — Brookline offers diversity that is reflected in its business landscape.

“Brookline’s Asian population is close to 20%, so it makes sense that we’d see steady growth in these businesses,” noted Mutty.

Sarah Park, a local food blogger who lives near Coolidge Corner, said the town, “bridges cultures.”

“You’ll see servers and customers from all backgrounds enjoying and learning about Asian cuisine. It’s really becoming a cultural exchange through food,” said Park.

The rapid pace of change shows no signs of slowing.

“There were limited spots to discover seven years ago when I first came here,” said Jerry Wang, who studied and worked in the community for a decade. “Now I have friends who come to the area and hang out for the whole day. The neighborhood’s evolution has been remarkable.”

-Adam Smith contributed to this story.



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Talking About Chinatown's Future

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Community Development Corporation (ACDC), a long-running nonprofit organization started in 1987 in response to a need for affordable housing units in Chinatown, would tell you that it starts with adding affordable housing units to the market. But it doesn't end there. Since its inception, ACDC has expanded its affordable development footprint into Quincy and Malden, two communities with significant Asian American populations. Beyond housing, the organization has built a robust portfolio of programs, including youth leadership training, community wealth building through homeownership programs, placekeeping initiatives, neighborhood advocacy, walking tours, and much more.

We spoke with ACDC Executive Director Angie Liou about what inspired her to pursue this work, what's in store for ACDC in the coming year, and how she's approaching the rezoning measures, the redevelopment of Phillips Square, and her thoughts on Kairos Shen's appointment as Chief of City Planning. This interview has been lightly edited for clarity and concision.

Sampan: Angie, you have been at ACDC for several years now. Under your leadership, ACDC has continued its long legacy of serving Boston's immigrant Asian American communities by building affordable housing, providing financial literacy tools, running youth leadership programs, and more. What initially inspired you to pursue a career in affordable housing and community development?

Liou: I was a sociology major in college, and I lived in Philadelphia at the time. Through both my academic work and my involvement with a welfare rights group outside of school, I was exposed to structural inequality in American cities. I realized that so many of these problems were rooted in housing issues. That's when I decided to pursue a Master's in City Planning, also in Philadelphia, and that's essentially how I started my career focusing on affordable housing.

Sampan: What led you to ACDC? How has your role, and the organization, evolved since you joined?

Liou: Before joining ACDC, I worked in affordable housing in Philadelphia, New Jersey, and Seattle. I was relocating to Boston, and the opportunity to serve as ACDC's Director of Real Estate came up. It felt like a great fit, not only because of my professional background but also on a personal level, as an immigrant from Taiwan, it was a meaningful opportunity to contribute to the Asian community in Boston.

I served as Director of Real Estate for about two years before becoming the interim Executive Director. Since 2016, I've been in the role of Executive Director. Since I've been at ACDC for 11 years now, I've seen a lot of growth



DEVELOPING COMMUNITY: Angie Liou, executive director of the Asian Community Development Corp. Courtesy photo by Reina Matsumoto

and evolution. When I first started, ACDC already did more than just build affordable housing. We had a growing youth program and a fairly established housing counseling and homebuyer education program. However, at the time, these programs weren't very well connected, and the departments were siloed.

Over the last decade, we've grown a lot—both in terms of staff and program maturity. What I'm most proud of is that the departments are now much more integrated. There's a lot of cross-departmental collaboration, and we have a much more coherent theory of change driving why we offer the programs we do.

Sampan: How would you describe ACDC's theory of change?

Liou: ACDC invests in people and the communities they call home, with a focus on Boston's Chinatown and the greater Boston region.

To give you an example of how a community member might navigate our programs and services, a family might first encounter us because they've moved into one of our affordable apartments, whether in Chinatown, Quincy, or eventually in Malden. If they have high school-aged children, they can enroll in our A-VOYCE youth leadership program, where they gain real-life skills to become community leaders. Adults can participate in our Resident

Leadership Academy or get involved in placekeeping initiatives.

We also help families achieve financial stability through matched savings programs and first-time homebuyer classes. Some families who were our tenants have even become homeowners through our programs. Beyond housing, we support financial literacy, retirement savings, and broader community wellness.

Sampan: ... When it comes to Chinatown specifically, what do you see as the biggest challenges facing residents today, and how is ACDC working to address them?

Liou: The number one challenge is the threat of displacement. Chinatown is currently undergoing a rezoning process with the city, and I feel like we're at a crossroads in deciding what the future of Chinatown will look like.

What we're seeing during the rezoning process is that the interests of the groups we prioritize at ACDC—the working-class and immigrant residents, many of whom are renters—don't always align with those of property owners. Some stakeholders feel there's too much affordable housing in Chinatown and believe that more hotels and tourism would help bring economic activity and jobs.

Redevelopment often displaces residents with no guarantee that they'll be able to return. That's a top concern

for us, and the rezoning process must prioritize residents' needs over external economic interests.

Sampan: When researching Phillip's Square for a past article, concerns around the proposed hotel development at 15-25 Harrison Avenue came up since it is directly across the street from the Square. I heard concerns about how projects like that one often don't serve the long-term community, and may worsen existing air quality through introducing more traffic to the area. Speaking of Phillips Square, what are your thoughts on the upcoming redesign?

Liou: ACDC was one of the first organizations to identify Phillips Square as a key space for Chinatown to focus on. We launched one of our first placekeeping projects there, about eight years ago.

We see Phillips Square as the northern entry point into Chinatown, and a crucial border for the neighborhood. We've developed what we call an "anchor strategy" to preserve Chinatown's boundaries and identity. Over the years, Chinatown has shrunk, losing parts of the neighborhood to developments in the South End and elsewhere. There's a real fear that we're being squeezed from all sides.

Boundaries are more than just physical—they're about who feels comfortable in a space and who feels like they belong. That's why it's so important that long-term residents feel at home in Phillip's Square and can use it however they want. In some pockets of Chinatown, people are starting to feel, "Oh, there's a new, really expensive place, but is this really for me, or is it catering to outsiders, newcomers, or tourists?"

Sampan: That's such an important point. Speaking of open space, climate change is amplifying many of these challenges—extreme heat, poor air quality, and so on. How does climate justice shape ACDC's work, and what concerns have you heard from the community?

Liou: Climate justice is a big part of what we do. Chinatown has long suffered from environmental injustices, like the air pollution caused by being bordered by two highways—the Mass Pike and I-93. This has had long-term impacts on residents—displacing families, and exposing residents who remained to high levels of air pollution as a result of living in close proximity to not one, but two highways.

More recently, with the rising number of heat emergencies, the need for safe, comfortable outdoor spaces has become even more urgent. For elderly residents in particular, breaking social isolation is critical, and they need spaces where they can gather comfortably.

Chinatown has the least green space per capita in Boston, as well as the least tree canopy coverage. During summer heat waves, Chinatown is often a few degrees hotter than the rest of the city. That's why

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With Angie Liou

Phillips Square is so important. Right now, it's underutilized, but that's largely due to its current design—it doesn't have any shade.

We see the redesign as an opportunity to make Phillips Square more usable and welcoming, with better shading, and programming to activate the space.

Sampan: Shifting gears a bit, Kairos Shen, Boston's new Chief of Planning has had a long career in public service working on projects tied to Chinatown. What impact do you think he'll have as Boston's new head of planning?

Liou: Kairos has decades of experience working in Boston, which gives him invaluable local knowledge. Coupled with his experience in an academic setting at MIT, he brings both a practical and a theoretical perspective to the table.

I'm hopeful that he'll strike a good balance between promoting development and growth while prioritizing the protection of existing residents. That balance is crucial, especially as we navigate issues like rezoning and community preservation.

Sampan: What are ACDC's main priorities for 2025? Are there any new initiatives or ongoing projects you're particularly excited about?

Liou: One thing I'm excited about is the completion of our new five-year strategic plan, which should be finalized in the next month or two. It's not about introducing new programs, but deepening our existing work and expanding our capacity to serve more people.

We're also focused on adapting our theory of change to the unique contexts of Quincy and Malden, where we also work. These communities have different needs from Chinatown, and we need to tailor our approach accordingly.

Sampan: That sounds like an exciting direction. I'll keep an eye out for your strategic plan. As we wrap up, who, past or present, inspires you as a leader in this field?

Liou: Tunney Lee. He sadly passed away early in the pandemic. He was a mentor to so many in the Chinatown community and always had the residents' best interests at heart.

Tunney didn't beat around the bush—he was straightforward and deeply committed to the community. When he was alive and well, we'd see him frequently, walking around Chinatown with his backpack and walking stick. He believed that the best way to get to know your community and neighborhoods was by walking them.

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Arts

Untangling the Lives of Two

By Harmony Witte

About a decade ago, while in grad school, artist Verónica Pérez received a strange gift: a trash bag full of hair.

And they immediately put the furry find to good use.

“That was my foray into using hair to represent a human or a body, without actually putting a body into the piece,” says Pérez of their method of creating sculptures.

Since that time, the artist’s main medium has become artificial hair.

Pérez is among the 14 artists who are showing their works at the “Ravel” exhibit at the Boston Sculptors Gallery.

While Pérez uses hair to create arts, their colleague, Jongeun Gina Lee, another artist at the show, prefers more solid media: clay, glass, glaze, fabric, thread, and metals such as lead and alloys such as zinc.

The Sampan recently interviewed both Pérez and Lee about their works and approach to sculpting.

Pérez, who uses they and them pronouns, explained how they prefer the use of hair, because it helps create a sense of layers – like an onion that can be peeled back to reveal more of itself over time.

“And so that’s what the hair does for me,” said Pérez. “And I think that’s why I’ve been investigating it for so long. Because I feel like even if you don’t have hair, you still kind of have a relationship with hair. Everybody has hair. It’s like a very mundane thing that sometimes we don’t even think about, but it’s always there, and it always will be there. Like, after death, hair is still there,” Pérez added.

“I think that that’s what’s inspired me to work with hair. People can glom onto it and feel themselves inside of that piece. Even if it’s not the same colored hair, even if it’s not the same textured hair, they can

see the humanistic qualities that my sculptures bring and hopefully have a kind of visceral reaction when they’re interacting with my work.”

Pérez will be exhibiting a large piece at Ravel called, “Bore in the Darkness of Our Hair after SZA,” which is accompanied by a poem by Maya Williams.

Lee said she is exploring lead and other metals such as zinc in her more recent work and says she is looking forward to potentially using precious metals in the future. Lee is currently working on three sculptures for the Ravel show to make a small installation that will be featured in the gallery that will fill approximately 5 feet of gallery space called “Shift no. 2”.

“For this specific show, I continue working on my work theme, which is like, ‘I’m looking for everything in nature, going through its own journey. And I see myself as a small particle of a larger cycle in nature. And I see everything in nature going through its linear journey in time and space,’” said Lee.

“So for me, this linear sense of journey, which is like some movement, or it could be time or life cycle, journey, change, evolution, or it could be either increasing or decreasing, so everything in life or nature basically moves towards earth or death. I project my own life into what I make. And I imagine each piece of my work is on its own journey. I look for this fine balance of fragility and solidity. I’m looking for resil-



Metal, Hair: A sculpture by Pérez, above. Lee, below and her sculpture, left.



ience and this hidden energy that pushes everything in life through their precarious journey.”

On Becoming ‘Artists’

Both sculptors said that it wasn’t until

recently that they could consider themselves to be artists.

“It took me a pretty long time and if you ask me when I felt comfortable with calling myself an artist, I was already in my 40s,” said Lee.

Pérez had a similar experience not willingly calling themselves an artist until they were in their 40s.

“I finally felt comfortable saying, ‘I’m an artist,’ only maybe a few years ago. I’m in my 40s right now. And I was just always like, if I say, ‘I’m an artist,’ people are going to be like, ‘What do you do? You

just sit in your studio and do nothing all day?’ Artists, really, they’re like excavators. They’re researchers. They pull this information out from the depths and present it to people in a different way. And so,

I really started to feel comfortable calling myself an artist maybe only five or six years ago, but I think I’ve always felt like an artist because when I was a kid, I was always making and creating just weird little things and kind of off in my own world, trying to disseminate the world around me through these different methods. I think I’m always an artist, but I think I’ve started to feel comfortable calling myself an artist only a few years ago.”

Metal, Hair and Expression

Both Pérez and Lee dig into themes of identity and belonging in their work.

“This is sort of the core of my thing,”

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Artists

said Lee. "So, you know in life, we don't get to choose where we belong. You don't really choose your parents. You don't get to choose your ethnicity. I had this Korean culture that I had struggles with. So, then it became my motive to look for the purpose of life. I started looking at my surroundings. And then everybody's just a small particle of the larger cycles. And then you get to think about death and life. And then I found lines."

Lee says she uses lines to express these themes.

Pérez uses their work to discuss issues around the feelings of loss and separation from their Puerto Rican culture after their father emigrated to the United States, and to explore the history of colonization and gentrification that has taken place on the island.

"Even though there's like this silencing and this pushing back and this darkness, we're still here. There's still this area of growth that is happening."

They spoke about leading braiding circles as a part of their artistic practice, which are workshops where people come together and talk about identity-based experiences while braiding synthetic hair. These conversations are recorded then played through a Bluetooth speaker as a part of a sculpture and the braids are incorporated into a larger sculpture.

"I really like this mixture of sculpture and story to kind of get these issues out to people in a different way than being very didactic and having someone read something, they're almost like talking to a body.

Because the sculptures that I make are very large and very big. It's like you're negotiating. Is this a person? There's a person's voice coming from this. And hopefully through that interaction with the sculpture, people's minds can start to change in maybe a little tiny way. I'm not saying I'm the best social justice warrior of all time, but I'm trying to do my part to get people to understand differences in where we all come from."

Both artists said that while they find community with other artists, supporting their work is challenging, so exhibits such as Ravel become especially precious.

"I've been looking for artsy fartsy people for my whole life because my immediate family didn't believe in art," said Lee. "And my parents, they all had some artistic sides. But then, Korean society has changed really rapidly in their lifetime. Their priority wasn't art, it was hard for them to change. For my generation things were changing too fast for them to catch up, so they couldn't really believe that art can be a job, or art can be some important thing for you. So, for me, belonging to an artist group gives me a kind of unique, kind of happiness. I love conversations with other artists. Like, I get inspired by looking at different types of work and different types of processes."

Pérez recalled visiting the Boston Sculptors Gallery as a graduate student and being impressed with the space.

"I was like 'I want to show there one day.' That was a little goal I had for myself."

"Ravel: Associate Artists Group Exhibition" runs through Feb. 23 with an artist's reception on Feb. 15 from 2 – 5 p.m. and a closing reception on Feb. 23 from 3 – 5 p.m. at the Boston Sculptors Gallery on Harrison Avenue.

Don't Say 'It Won't Affect Me': Immigration Expert Gives Take on Trump Crackdown on Immigrants

By Adam Smith

In just the past few weeks, the second administration of Pres. Donald Trump has issued a barrage of executive orders and efforts — as long promised — around immigration enforcement as well as sweeping attempts to upturn rights promised in the U.S. Constitution, such as birth-right citizenship. Most recently his pick for longtime South Dakota governor and former lawmaker, Kristi Noem, as the 8th Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, or DHS, has stirred concerns from some groups, because of her support for Trump's harsh immigration policies. Trump has said Noem will be "very strong" on border security, but some civil rights groups are calling out her past statements such as that immigrant border crossings amounted to an "invasion" of the U.S.

For one view on Noem's confirmation and on what's happened over the past several weeks, the Sampan spoke with Martin Kim, director of immigration advocacy at the nonprofit group Asian Americans Advancing Justice | AAJC. Kim was previously deputy director of policy and legislative affairs in the New York City Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs. The interview was conducted by phone and has been edited for clarity and brevity.

Sampan: Let's first talk about DHS, which employs around a quarter million people, and how it could affect immigration policy. I think a lot of people might have forgotten about INS, or Immigration and Naturalization Services, which used to take on that role. But in the early 2000s, immigration services were moved under the umbrella of the Department of Homeland Security. Could you briefly give some context here?

Kim: ... What you're referring to is the fact that DHS, the Department of Homeland Security, is a relatively new department in the federal government, as created in the early 2000s in response to the 9/11 terror attacks, and it encompasses a lot of different sub agencies. For example, the Federal Emergency Management Agency is under Homeland Security, and, of course, the three immigration-related sub-agencies, as well. So, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, or ICE; Customs and Border Patrol, CBP, as well as U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, or U.S.C.I.S.

Sampan: And what are your main concerns with the confirmation of Noem to head that department?

Kim: Our position is that Kristi Noem has neither the qualifications

nor the moral temperament (to lead the department.) Her only experience, really, in immigration, is in parroting the anti-immigrant conspiracy theories of Trump and his anti-immigrant allies. And we know that she also will not act as a check, or even as an adviser, really, to the president. She had once said, for example, that she was against the "Muslim ban," but once Trump was elected, quickly changed her tune. She became all for Muslim ban. She's engaged in a lot of fear mongering and spreading of baseless conspiracy theories taken almost word for word from the president. And, generally, you know, the Department of Homeland Security secretary is supposed to advise the president. Of course, the president is the boss at the end of the day, but the secretary uses whatever knowledge, whatever experience they have to advise and then to implement, ultimately, the priorities of the president. But (we are concerned) she's just going to do what Trump tells her to do. And what we've seen of Trump in the second administration shows that that's very dangerous.

Sampan: ... This position is potentially going to have a lot of sway in the court of public opinion, too, right? How could that affect, say, Chinese immigrants, with all the tensions with China, or, as you mentioned, Muslim or Arab Americans?

Kim: We're obviously very concerned about the use of (anti-immigrant) rhetoric, the use of the fallacious link between immigrants and national security, and we'll continue to monitor and push back against that rhetoric...

Sampan: Could you talk about the executive order around birthright citizenship and its legal challenges and whether you think it could ultimately go anywhere?

Kim: I can't predict the future, but when it comes to legal judgments, what I can say is that it is our strong belief that ... it is simply a fact that an executive order cannot overturn the Constitution. And these kinds of attacks are attacks that are not new. In fact, the seminal case on birthright citizenship comes out of attacks in the 1800s against Chinese immigrants in particular. In 1898 the Supreme Court ruled, "Well, sorry, people who don't believe that Chinese immigrants who are born here can be U.S. citizens, that's not what the 14th Amendment says."

Now is there a possibility that some court may rule erroneously that *that* is not the case. Of course, there's always that possibility. We can't predict the future. We can't speak to what may or may not happen, but what I can say is we're continuing to fight, and we will

continue to fight against what we see as a blatantly unconstitutional executive order.

Sampan: With this effort of mass deportation that we've been seeing play out, we've seen some reports of Native Americans getting questioned and, even, reportedly, detained. So... I have two questions. First, is this racial profiling? And second, and this may sound paranoid, but if we bring this to its logical conclusion, could this become a state where everyone has to prove their status, their citizenship?

Kim: I can't speak to any individual case that you're mentioning as to whether it's racial profiling or not, because, I simply don't have all the facts. I'm seeing some of the reporting you're talking about. But in terms of racial profiling, if you look at the roots of anti-immigrant rhetoric, it is ultimately rooted in white supremacy, right? It casts certain immigrants as welcome and certain others as unwelcome, disloyal or criminal. And that should be familiar language, because that is the same kind of racist idea that has permeated the Asian American experience for a long, long time. I mentioned the initial attacks on birthright citizenship and how that came out of the late 1800s. We also saw the same racist ideas cloaked under the guise of national security that led to the forced imprisonment, incarceration, of Japanese American citizens during World War Two. We saw that again after 9/11 right? So to me, it is not a surprise when anti-immigrant policy-makers begin to implement anti-immigrant policies, that they are using illegal tools like racial profiling to determine who is American and who is not, and to determine who is an immigrant and who is not. We have a duty, not just out of solidarity, but because these are the ideas that are used to attack our communities. It's easy to think, "Oh, these anti-immigrant attacks, they're focused on this group. I'm not part of that group, so it won't affect me." There's no reason to believe that's the case.

(As to the second part of your question, people may not know that) this is already happening. It has been happening for years. There are forms of immigration removal that are very rapid, like expedited removal, but U.S. citizens have also been caught up in expedited removal, where they're wrongfully removed — wrongfully, erroneously targeted U.S. citizens.... So, I don't think it's paranoid at all to think an expansion of deportation and a disregard for due process in deportation proceedings would lead to the kind of errors and environment that you're talking about, which is, again, why we push back against these kinds of policies.

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62-76 Foundry Street, Wakefield, MA

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Public Info Session

February 18, 2025 at 6:00 pm via Zoom

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Members of the community are encouraged to attend this open meeting to learn more about the IBC, its regulatory functions, and biosafety risk management. Questions or comments are welcome before or after the meeting and can be submitted to IBC-Office@tufts.edu, or they may be asked during the meeting itself. For more information, please contact the Tufts IBC Office by email. The IBC website can be found here: <https://viceprovost.tufts.edu/about-ibc>.

Health

Panel of Doctors Agree: Climate Change, Vaccine Distrust Pose Grave Health Risks

By Esther Wang

Climate change, the rise of the “anti-vaccination” movement and several viral diseases are current threats to healthcare and humans, according to a diverse panel of doctors who presented at a Jan. 10 Ethnic Media Services online briefing.

The panel of guests included Dr. Nahid Bhadelia from the Center on Emerging Infectious Diseases at Boston University, Dr. Peter Chin Hong from University of California San Francisco, Dr. Benjamin Neuman from Texas A&M University, Dr. Maurice Pitesky from UC Davis, and Dr. William Schaffner from Vanderbilt University.

Climate change, in particular, carries enormous health risks by exacerbating the spread of infectious diseases and adding to the strain on medical supplies and the healthcare system, agreed the doctors. A failure of trust in the medical system and vaccines was another danger, which can lead to under-vaccination, said Dr. Neuman. The doctor warned that young schoolchildren are particularly at risk, while the phenomena also can chip away at the herd

immunity that has protected us for hundreds of years.

Dr. Bhadelia further raised the worry of the United States withdrawing from the global health community, in which it has played an instrumental role for decades, with the advent of a second Trump administration. The relationships with other countries and the public health resources the U.S. has garnered over time might all be “potentially on the chopping block,” Dr. Bhadelia said.

The doctor also expressed concern about a potential cut in funding for vaccine research. If the U.S. does indeed isolate itself from the international health community, Dr. Bhadelia warned, the country will be less equipped to handle threats and lose the trust of vital partners.

The panel of doctors also named specific illnesses viewed as the current greatest risks to global health. Human metapneumovirus, or HMPV, has recently gained international attention with an outbreak in China. Concerns have circulated that this might become the new Covid, but the speakers insist there is little likelihood of that. Although the picture is

still evolving, Dr. Schaffner pointed out, HMPV is already a known viral disease. The outbreak in China is also within normal limits, he said. The U.S. has experienced outbreaks of this particular virus every year, with younger children and older adults particularly vulnerable. As a respiratory virus, HMPV shares similarities with influenza and Covid and is expected to be identified more frequently as diagnostic tests become accessible.

Another illness making its rounds in the winter is the norovirus, whose symptoms often appear like food poisoning’s – with several days of vomiting and diarrhea. According to Dr. Schaffner, the virus is especially contagious, able to spread through close personal contact and persist in the environment. People can reduce their chances of contracting it by taking preventive measures such as washing hands with water and soap, and limiting intake of raw foods.

A new strain of mpox – commonly known as monkey pox -- that acts differently from previous strains in the past has also been circulating in the U.S. The main concern, Dr. Chin Hong said, is that people might not be

keeping up with vaccines that would otherwise provide immunization. There are currently two vaccines globally and one in the U.S. that is available. Only around one in four people, however, have completed the rounds of the shot.

Another concern is oropouche, which has seen outbreaks in South America and the Caribbean. Transmitted primarily through small, biting flies called midges, deforestation and climate change are further exacerbating its spread and spillover into the U.S. These midges, Dr. Chin Hong warned, can go through mesh, and it is unclear if mosquito repellent is an effective deterrent.

Finally, bird flu has been persistent since its outbreak last spring. Although there is currently no evidence of human to human transmission, Dr. Pitesky warns that there is danger of the virus evolving in the future to better make its way from domestic animals to humans. Farm workers who work with animals, in particular, are extremely vulnerable. Vaccinating a large number of agriculture workers – some of whom are not documented immigrants -- and informing them about the virus is also a challenge.

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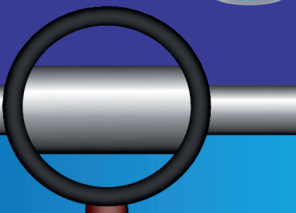
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Events Calendar

Lunar New Year Cultural Village

Dates: February 9, 2025
 Time: 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM
 Location: China Trade Center, 2 Boylston Street, Boston, MA 02116
 Price: Free

Gather with friends and family and join us for our annual Lunar New Year Cultural Village! Every year we love to celebrate the Lunar New Year with lion dances, performances, singing, and more.

Chinatown Lion Dance Parade

Date: February 9, 2025 (Sunday)
 Time: 11:00 am – 3:00 pm
 Location: starting from the stage by Phillips Sq (Harrison Ave & Beach St)
 Price: Free

History of Boston | Art Gallery Tour

Date: Saturday, February 8
 Time: 12:00 pm
 Address: **The Hidden Art Gallery**, 25 Myrtle Street Boston, MA 02114
 Event Link: [https://www.eventbrite.com/e/history-of-boston-art-gallery-tour-tickets-1120092740539?aff=](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/history-of-boston-art-gallery-tour-tickets-1120092740539?aff=Pay)
 Pay a visit to The Hidden Art Gallery for a unique experience where you can explore the rich history of Boston through art.
 Price: \$15

Animal Adventures at Boston Public Market

Date: Tuesday, February 18
 Time: 3:30 - 4:30 pm
 Address: Boston Public Market, 100 Hanover Street Boston, MA 02108
 Event Link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/animal-adventures-at-boston-public-market-tickets-1207054946839>
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 Price: Varies based on ticket type

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Date: Every Tuesday

Time: 8 – 10 pm
 Address: Spontaneous Celebrations, 45 Danforth Street Boston, MA

Event Link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/comedy-night-at-bleacher-bar-free-comedy-show-tickets-Enjoy>
 Enjoy an evening of comedy, delicious food, and drinks as some of Boston's best comedians take over Bleacher Bar at Fenway!
 Price: Free, RSVP

Boston's Valentine's Day Poetry After Dark & Live Music Showcase

Date: Friday, February 14
 Time: 7:30 - 10 pm
 Address: City Winery Boston, 80 Beverly Street Boston, MA 02114
 Event link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/bostons-valentines-day-poetry-after-dark-live-music-showcase>
 Price: Free, RSVP

BostonPop-Upp Market

Date: Saturday, February 22
 Time: 12 - 5 pm
 Address: Sunset Cantina, 916 Commonwealth Avenue Boston, MA 02215
 Event Link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/boston-pop-up-market-tickets-1225135034869>
 Price: Free, RSVP

Milton Lunar New Year Celebration

Date: Saturday, February 8
 Time: 5 – 7 pm
 Address: 452 Central Ave 452 Central Avenue Milton, MA 02186
 Event Link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/milton-lunar-new-year-celebration-tickets-1133964671859?aff=Celebrate>
 Celebrate the Lunar New Year with an unforgettable event in Milton! Immerse yourself in the vibrant traditions of Chinese culture with a lineup of exciting activities for the whole family.
 Price: Free admission, RSVP

Reading Practice with Jax at the

Boston Public Market

Date: Thursday, February 20
 Time: 10:30 - 11:30am
 Address: Boston Public Market, 100 Hanover Street Boston, MA 02108
 Event Link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/reading-practice-with-jax-at-the-boston-public-market-tickets>
 Join for a Story Time with Jax, a delightful and unique series where children can immerse themselves in the joy of reading in the heart of Boston.
 Price: Free, RSVP

Sam Adams Boston Bockfest

Date: Saturday, February 15
 Time: 12 - 5 pm
 Address: Samuel Adams Boston Brewery, 30 Germania St Boston, MA 02130
 Event Link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sam-adams-boston-bockfest-tickets->
 Price: Free

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Date: Every Sunday
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