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NAKASEC

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IMPACT REPORT

FISCAL YEAR 2026
JULY 1, 2025 — JUNE 30, 2026



DEAR FRIENDS OF NAKASEC,

Nearly two years into this administration, those of us in the immigrant justice movement have held steadfast to defend our neighbors' rights to safety in the most fundamental way, all in the midst of unprecedented levels of government overreach, unlawful activity from federal agents causing irreparable harm, and attempts to destroy our democracy.

The challenges will continue, and so, too, must our resolve to fight against authoritarianism. Every threat is an opportunity, and as we engage with communities across the country, more and more express interest in joining our movement for justice. This surge of energy reaffirms our belief in the power of grassroots organizing to drive large-scale change.

The work entailed in this report embodies our long-held mantra, "When we organize, we win!" As Asian Americans play an increasingly important role in achieving social, racial, and economic justice, we thank all who have supported us along the way, and look forward to growing together toward a brighter future for all.

In Community,

Ga Young Chung, Board Chair
Becky Belcore and Jung Woo Kim, Co-Directors

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OVERVIEW

NAKASEC's mission is to organize Korean and Asian Americans towards racial, economic, and social justice.

25,000+
Community Members Served

$13.5M+
Combined Budget

96
Staff

300+
Volunteers

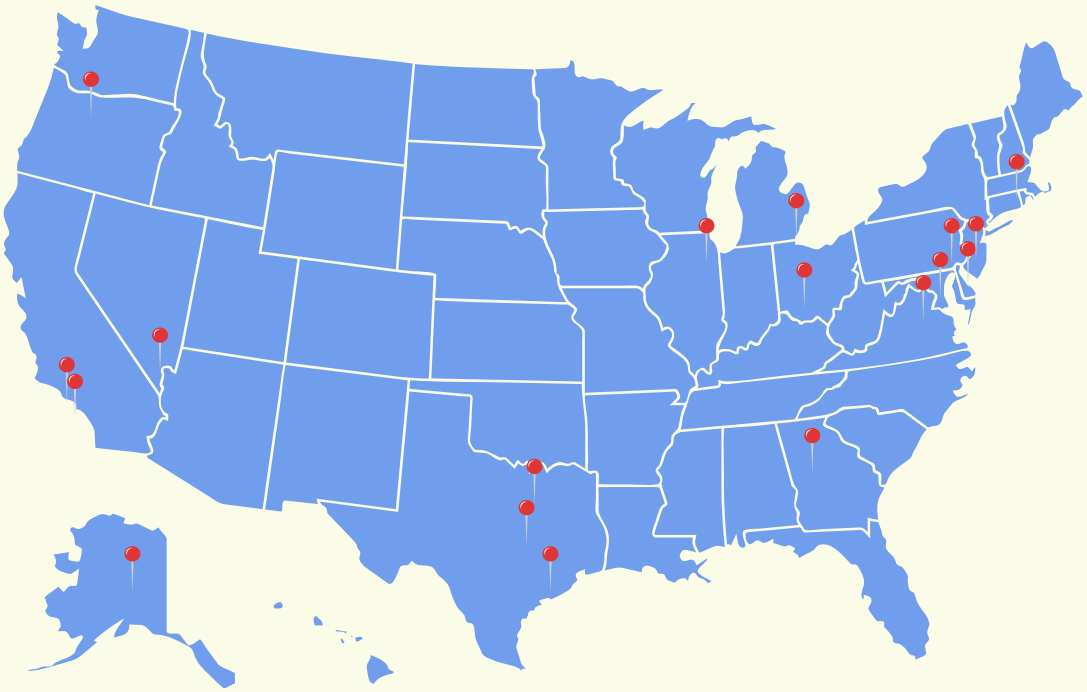
OUR AFFILIATES

NAKASEC is a national network of progressive Asian American organizations that build power through grassroots organizing. Our network is composed of five community-based affiliates in six states:

Hamkae Center - Virginia
HANA Center - Illinois
MinKwon Center for Community Action - New York, New Jersey
NAKASEC Texas - Texas
Woori Center - Pennsylvania

NATIONAL REACH

Throughout FY26 we traversed the country serving community members and building movement partnerships through rapid response, convenings, coalition gatherings, trainings, conferences, meetings, rallies, marches, and more:



FINANCES

NAKASEC's FY26 revenue totaled $6,293,535* (including fiscally sponsored affiliates), inclusive of foundation grants (91%), government funding (3%), grassroots donations (4%), and other channels (2%). **Expenditures totaled $5,463,653**, allocated as follows: programs (88%), administration (10%), and development (2%). *Note: FY26 revenue includes multi-year grants earmarked for FY27.

STORIES OF IMPACT

Hamkae Center

"Hamkae Center helped me obtain my Driver's Privilege Card, and when I faced serious health challenges, **they helped me enroll in a healthcare program and carried me through a painful time**. Because immigrants like me are now feeling even more overwhelmed and alone, I became a Hamkae Center dues-paying member this year to give back to my community and share about their work with all my neighbors."

"Working with HANA Center has expanded my perspective and deepened my understanding of other people. There is a limit to what one person can do alone, but when people come together, we can share more knowledge and experiences, and make a bigger difference. **The work HANA Center does builds up our whole community."**

HANA CENTER 하나센터

MinKwon Center For Community Action

"I am 82 years old and first came to the U.S. on a visitor's visa in 1988. I was exploited by employers and unauthorized immigration service providers when I sought to apply for status, but I eventually secured a green card. When it came time to renew, I panicked because of all the recent ICE activity. I came to MinKwon and **they helped me understand what was needed, secure a fee waiver, and complete my renewal** this past year, reassuring me all along the way."

"Language barriers, paperwork, and fear of making a mistake as I navigated the naturalization process alone created so much stress and uncertainty for me until I found NAKASEC TX. Through their guidance and support, I became a U.S. citizen! Now they help me with benefit programs, but **they're so much more than just a service provider —they make me feel safe, supported, and understood."**

NAKASEC TX
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WOORI CENTER
BUILDING COMMUNITY POWER

"The Youth Leadership Program showed me firsthand the difference we can make when we work together. Woori Center doesn't just teach civic engagement—**they create opportunities for young people like me to become active participants in building a stronger, more inclusive democracy."**

A LIVABLE LIFE



After centering our organizing around immigration for more than 30 years, the NAKASEC network recognized that this harrowing political moment endangering democracy and scapegoating immigrants calls for us to expand and diversify our base building. In response, we decided to integrate organizing around a universal concern expressed by our community: **affordability.**

Our **A Livable Life For All campaign (ALL4ALL)** aims to reach the "movable middle" and engage those we have not yet reached in Asian American communities. Our affiliates across the country are canvassing their community members with a survey to gain more insight into their top concerns; those we engage are then invited to sign a pledge to stand up against authoritarianism and fight for lives we can afford to live. As our base grows, so does our power, even more so as we work in tandem with multi-sector, multi-racial coalitions.

We know that to achieve a better world, it is important to have a liberated imagination. To imagine together and invite new community members in, we have launched **a nationwide art contest** inviting participants to share what a livable life looks like to them through a piece of original artwork.

JOIN THE FIGHT FOR A LIVABLE LIFE!

Take the survey and pledge by scanning the QR code.

NETWORK GROWTH

HIGHLIGHTING NAKASEC TEXAS

Areas of Houston, Texas with virtually no Korean presence mere decades ago are now home to thousands of Korean residents—parents, grandparents, caregivers, small business owners, and hard workers. As unjust immigration enforcement and the affordability crisis worsen, many Korean American older adults face obstacles to receiving the help they need to live with dignity. Building off previous work, Director Hyunja Norman launched NAKASEC Texas in November 2025 to fill this gap by providing language access in Korean and assistance in navigating public benefits, naturalization, and civic education.





NEW AND FAMILIAR FACES LEAD AFFILIATES

The immigrant justice movement's sustainability depends on creating space for new leaders who can carry on the work of those who came before with fresh perspectives and renewed energy. NAKASEC is proud to introduce two new executive directors to our network:

Yoon Ji Kim was appointed as Executive Director at the MinKwon Center for Community Action in June 2026. Born and raised in Queens, she has served the immigrant community in New York since 2009. She has grown with MinKwon through nearly every level of leadership, from volunteer to associate, and then to Social Services Director, Managing Director, Interim Executive Director, and now Executive Director. Yoon Ji is also the first woman to lead MinKwon in the past decade.



Mitchell Yangson, Hamkae Center's Executive Director appointed in May 2026, brings a wealth of experience organizing pan-Asian American communities in Virginia. As the former Director of the Asian American Pacific Islander Civic Engagement Collaborative of New Virginia Majority, he oversaw community education, public policy advocacy, and civic engagement programs centering immigrant communities.



CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

IL, NY, PA, AND TX PRIMARIES

7,144
DOORS KNOCKED

29,536
PHONES CALLED

77,753
TEXTS SENT

20,100
BILINGUAL MAILERS SENT

75,000+
ASIAN AMERICAN VOTERS REACHED

In addition to getting out the vote for the 2026 primaries, NAKASEC affiliates ensure our community members have access to interpretation at the polls and know their rights to vote without fear or intimidation.



RAPID RESPONSE

HOW WE HELPED FREE WILL KIM

NAKASEC runs a 24/7 emergency immigration hotline in Korean and English, and our 100 hotline volunteers have served as invaluable resources for those impacted by immigration enforcement. One phone call we received was from the family of **Will Kim**, a PhD student who was detained at the San Francisco airport upon returning from a family wedding in South Korea.

NAKASEC swung into action, helping coordinate legal resources, mental health support, and media coverage to advocate for Will's release. Our community showed up for Will: writing him encouraging letters, joining his court hearings, and visiting him at the detention center to treat him to a Coke and a bag of Cheetos from a vending machine (the best we were allowed to do).

After 100+ days in detention, Will was freed on November 15, 2025. He is back in his PhD program in Veterinary Pathobiology, comforted by the company of his dogs at home.

Just as we responded to Will's case, the NAKASEC network has continued to mobilize community members across the country to protect each other from unlawful immigration enforcement.



POLICY UPDATES

FLOODING THE PHONES

Throughout the year NAKASEC organizes volunteers and community members nationwide to join group phone calling sessions and flood the lines at elected officials' offices. Through these sessions we educate our community on current policy and empower them to voice their concerns and demands to our representatives. Issues last year included opposition to harmful policies such as the SAVE Act, DHS funding, and demanding the release of community members detained by ICE.

426
Phone calls

62
Calling sessions

HANDS OFF THE 14TH!



NAKASEC and affiliates MinKwon Center and Hamkae Center joined partner organizations in front of the Supreme Court during oral arguments for Trump v. Barbara on April 1. Demanding that birthright citizenship be upheld, we beat of our drums in rhythm with Bruce Springsteen's "Born in the USA" blaring from nearby speakers. Three months later, SCOTUS ruled to uphold the 14th Amendment, and while the Court made the right decision, we will continue to organize until we have Citizenship for All.





IL: "THROW SALT ON ICE!"

Before Illinois lawmakers on Asian American Advocacy Day, HANA Center demanded support for a bill package called SALT (Safety and Action of Liberation Together) alongside the Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights. SALT was passed by the Illinois General Assembly on October 31, 2025, barring civil arrests by ICE at state court houses and hospitals, expanded protections at schools, and closing loopholes in the TRUST Act to limit police collaboration with ICE.





PA: WELCOMING POLICIES

As a member of the Pennsylvania Immigration Coalition, Woori Center organized Asian Americans to successfully advocate for the passage of Montgomery County's 2026 Welcoming Policy, barring municipal government from collaboration with ICE unless legally bound. This local support made the community's demands clear: safety for the 100,000+ immigrants who make Montgomery County strong. We will continue to organize youth leaders to win a local Welcoming Schools policy to keep ICE off school campuses.

NY: RENT FREEZE

In New York, MinKwon Center organized housing tenants to advocate for a rent freeze. On June 25, 2026, New York City's Rent Guideline Board voted to freeze rents on one- and two-year leases for 1 million+ apartments. While we celebrate this progress, the affordability crisis continues to plague immigrant communities. MinKwon Center is building off this momentum to demand that the New York City government commission a study on landlord overcompensation and roll back rent prices.





VA: REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE

As a founding member of Virginians for Reproductive Freedom, Hamkae Center advocated for the inclusion of a ballot measure to codify reproductive rights in the state constitution for the 2026 general election. To help raise awareness among Asian Americans on the importance of access to reproductive healthcare, our community-led committee collected poetry, essays, and artwork from youth, healthcare professionals, and other community members to create and distribute Our Stories, Our Futures: A Community Zine on Reproductive Justice.

WOORI UJIMA

Woori Ujima ("Our Collective Work and Responsibility" in Korean and Swahili) is the name of the UndocuBlack Network and NAKASEC's groundbreaking project to cultivate deep and authentic relationships between Black and Asian immigrants, and show the positive force of cross-racial power building toward the liberation of all peoples.

THREADS OF RESILIENCE

NAKASEC and UndocuBlack hosted two Woori Ujima convenings in Detroit and New York City, where over 100 Black and Asian immigrants came together to share knowledge, develop skills through trainings, build relationships, and learn about the connectivity of our struggles.

When oppressive forces try to hold us down, our greatest resistance is spreading joy. Through sharing delicious food, teaming up to play cultural games, and putting on a heritage-inspired fashion show, we let our lights shine.

We were also honored to welcome guest speakers from partner organizations including Red Canary Song, the African Bureau for Immigration and Social Affairs, a member of the Black Panther Party, and others.







CONVENING SESSIONS

- **Creating Joy in Times of Uncertainty**
- **Digital Security and Awareness Grounded in Liberation**
- **Storytelling and Narrative Change**
- **Surviving While Undocumented**
- **Collaborative Art-Making & Quilting**
- **Organizing 101**

ADOPTEES FOR JUSTICE

NAKASEC's project Adoptees for Justice organizes support for intercountry adoptees without citizenship through legal support, mutual aid, and advocacy for long-term legislative solutions.

THE PROTECT ADOPTEES AND AMERICAN FAMILIES ACT (PAAF)

In September 2025, the Protect Adoptees and American Families Act (PAAF) was reintroduced in the 119th Congress (H.R. 5492) and (S.2923). The passage of inclusive legislation that secures citizenship for all intercountry adoptees remains Adoptees for Justice's core project, and as this Congress concludes we are restrategizing for the bill's reintroduction in the 121st Congress.

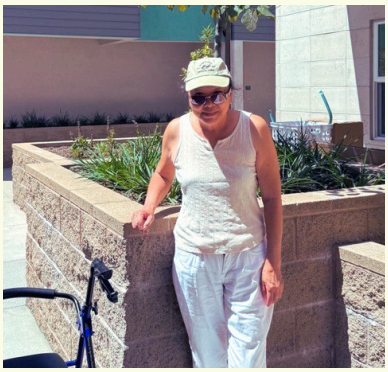
30
House Cosponsors

6
Senate Cosponsors

184
Organizational Supporters and Partners

COMMUNITY IMPACT

Emily, a longtime advocate with A4J, was facing an imminent deportation order. With A4J's support, she retained an attorney and applied for a gubernatorial pardon, a critical step for her case. We launched a public support campaign, and in the fall of 2025, Emily received her pardon, had her green card reinstated, and now lives in new subsidized housing thanks to the benefits made accessible by her status adjustment. This was a huge win for Emily and our community!





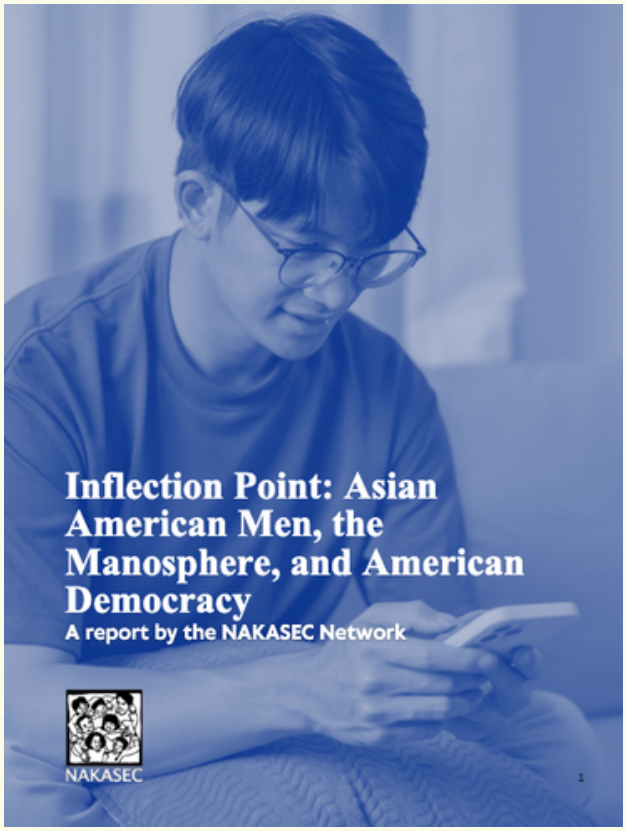
Adoptees without citizenship are usually unaware of their status until adulthood, as was the case with Heidi. With A4J's guidance and support, she navigated the naturalization process and received her rightful American citizenship in June 2026!

She shared, **"This milestone would not have been possible without the unwavering support of Adoptees for Justice, NAKASEC, and HANA Center, and their dedication to justice and belonging."**

INFLECTION POINT

ASIAN AMERICAN MEN AND SOCIAL MEDIA

In September 2025 NAKASEC, in partnership with Dr. Tom Wong of the University of California San Diego, conducted a study on digital media habits, manosphere content exposure, and emotional experiences of Asian American men. The study found an alarming 35% of Asian American men encounter manosphere content even when not searching for it. These findings are a warning sign, but they also are an opportunity to disrupt the pipeline to radical extremism. To counter the radicalization of Asian American men by the manosphere, the NAKASEC network is creating community-centered spaces that foster a sense of belonging for young Asian American men. You can read the full report at **nakasec.org/resources/2025-report.**



THANK YOU TO OUR SUPPORTERS!



NAKASEC is grateful for our generous donors, our dedicated institutional funders, and our community-minded volunteers.

Make a contribution today at **nakasec.org/donate** to become an essential part of our movement in building Asian American power through grassroots organizing for immigrant justice.

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