

*Have You Eaten Yet? We All Eat.*

# APALA'S 7 PRINCIPLES

## FOR COLLECTIVE LIBERATION + ORGANIZING STRONGER COMMUNITIES

Many people in Asian American and Pacific Islander communities show care by offering food and asking if you have eaten yet.

At APALA, we believe that it is up to **ALL OF US** to make sure **WE ALL EAT**.

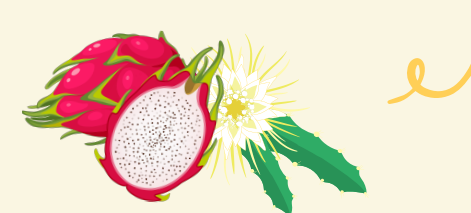
It is our collective responsibility to care for one another.

### 1 WORKER POWER



In order to fight the capitalist system, workers must have the power to organize for what they need. Regardless of immigration or work status, industry size or number of hours worked, job title or contractor status, we believe all workers are the backbones of our communities.

### 2 PEOPLE POWER



We have the ability and knowledge to solve our own local issues. We build strong communities by protecting our democracy, public resources, and community members from corporate greed. Together we can hold our government and employers responsible for distributing comprehensive health care, nutritious and culturally appropriate foods, strong public schools, effective transit systems, safe housing and public spaces, a dependable postal service and a planet that we can call home for many more generations.

### 3 RACIAL JUSTICE



We cannot achieve economic justice without racial justice. We must destroy the model minority myth by organizing poor and working class AAPI communities and oppose anti-blackness so that all people can live freely. We join Black and indigenous communities to form a more powerful movement toward abolition and ending white supremacy.

Learn more about us  
at [apalnet.org](http://apalnet.org)

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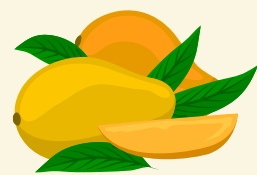
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## 4 COMMUNITY & CHOSEN FAMILY

We organize so that all of us can build homes with the people we choose, and for our families and communities to have access to the resources they need. Regardless of immigration status, sexuality, or gender, we all deserve to be together and live safely in the languages, customs, and pronouns that we use. We believe in a world without borders or limits to whom we can build caring families and communities with.



## 5 HOME & SOVEREIGNTY

We acknowledge that many of us are on land stolen from indigenous people, and at the same time, many of us have been removed and disconnected from our homes and cultures by military force, climate change, and corporate greed. For this reason, we work towards a just transition for our planet that prioritizes indigenous sovereignty and access to good health, housing, and stability for poor and working people across the globe.



## 6 GENDER JUSTICE

We value the leadership and visions of women, queer, nonbinary, and trans people. AAPI, immigrant, undocumented, and women of color, including domestic workers, nail salon workers, and sex workers are on the forefront of new labor organizing. Queer, nonbinary and trans people are on the forefront of challenging dominant norms under the patriarchy.



## 7 INTERGENERATIONAL MOVEMENT BUILDING

Liberation movements are larger than any one person. It happens across generations and thus it is crucial that we build with both young people and elders. We are never done learning and value the knowledge, perspectives, and contributions of our ancestors, elders, peers, youth, and future generations.