



# About Us

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## About

Committee of 100 is a non-profit, non-partisan membership organization of prominent Chinese Americans in business, government, academia, science, technology, and the arts. The organization was formed following the aftermath of Tiananmen Square. At the urging of Dr. Henry Kissinger, renowned architect I.M. Pei assembled an exceptional group of Chinese Americans to address the critical issues impacting the Chinese community in America and help foster positive relations between the U.S. and Greater China. This group of luminaries – Yo-Yo Ma, I.M. Pei, Henry S. Tang, Oscar Tang, Chien Shiung Wu, and Shirley Young – became the first generation of Committee of 100 members.

The name “Committee of 100” derives from a blend of inspirations of ‘We the People’ and an ancient Chinese idiom, 老百姓 (lao bai xing) to reflect both American values and Chinese culture. Translated directly, the characters 老百姓 mean ‘old (老) hundred (百) names (姓)’. Figuratively, 老百姓 represents everyone in the community. By adopting the name Committee of 100 (百人會), the Committee of 100 Members aimed to embody the American spirit encapsulated in ‘We the People’ and interweave it with the tapestry of Chinese history.

## Mission

Committee of 100’s dual mission is to promote the full participation of all Chinese Americans in American society and act as a public policy resource for the Chinese-American community, and to advance constructive dialogue and relationships between the peoples and leaders of the United States and Greater China.

## Funding

As a non-profit and non-partisan organization, Committee of 100 is supported by membership dues and donations, voluntary contributions, grants and corporate sponsorships.

## What We Do

Committee of 100 has a rich legacy of harnessing its distinguished membership to address significant and complex issues pertaining to Chinese Americans and U.S.-China relations, domestically and internationally. Committee of 100’s signature programs include educational guest lectures, leadership development training, original research and data insights and high-impact conferences.

## What We Stand For

Committee of 100’s members are American citizens who are proud of our contributions to the United States and our Chinese cultural heritage.

We are an organization of Chinese Americans united by our belief in core American values and the fundamental principles of equality and fairness for all people, regardless of race, religion, national origin, gender, or creed.

We support the full inclusion and advancement of the more than 5 million Chinese Americans in the United States and believe that America is stronger because of its immigrant heritage and diverse citizenry. We firmly reject all forms of prejudice, intolerance, and discrimination.

We believe the well-being of all American citizens is affected by the U.S.-China relationship and we encourage Sino-American dialogue and cooperation whenever possible.

We believe progress occurs when the peoples of the United States and China find common ground and work together to solve the world’s most pressing challenges. We call on both governments and non-governmental parties to behave as responsible stakeholders and collaborate peacefully.

We believe in a deeper mutual knowledge of the unique histories and cultures of the United States and China to foster mutual understanding and benefits. We are committed to supporting exchanges and cooperation between the two countries to this end, not least in the areas of: business, the arts, education, public health, science, and philanthropy.

Committee of 100 endorses the UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights and stands for the rights of all people to live peacefully, speak openly, and worship freely. We therefore call on all governments to embrace the political, religious, ethnic, and cultural diversity of their societies. It is that diversity which has fueled the dynamic, innovative, and resilient America – of which Chinese Americans are an integral part – that we proudly call home.

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