



Committee of 100 has helped unite the Chinese American community for more than 30 years.

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.

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 U.S. and Greater China. The Members of Committee of 100 are united by their Chinese heritage and shared vision of an inclusive America and belief of respecting differences while seeking common ground.

Our work is tuned to these key audiences:

Policy Makers

Committee of 100 facilitates sustained engagement among federal, state, and local political leaders, with the goal of providing perspective, insights and representation of the Chinese American community. Our initiatives focus on U.S.-China relations, anti-Asian hate, and diversity and inclusion in the U.S.

- Surveys of the Chinese American community
- Policy research
- Education on legislative topics
- Guidance to policy makers

Civic Partners

We partner with local governments, chambers of commerce, academic institutions and minority community groups to support regional and national priorities that underscore Committee of 100’s dual mission. These relationships allow our organization to build content, messaging and action that directly impacts, informs and influences our audiences.

- Young Leader Mentorship and Cultivation
- Chambers of Commerce
- Academic Institutions
- Fellow Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) groups
- Non-AAPI minority groups in the Jewish American, African American, Latino American, Native American, and Arab American communities

Business Leaders

Last year, Committee of 100 partnered with 22 corporate partners that funded our work, enjoyed access to briefings with Committee leadership and invitations to exclusive events, conference calls and off-the-record conversations.

- Annual Conference & Gala Dinner
- Invitation-only Salon Dinners

The Public

We promote the full inclusion of Chinese Americans throughout society and support positive U.S.-China relations through events, programming and research. Our position as thought leaders can be seen through a host of activities designed to educate, inform and inspire the public at large.

- Statements, research and programs designed to help combat Anti-AAPI Hate
- Relevant research and surveys focused on the views of the Chinese American and at large AAPI community
- Educational webinars that inform the public on key macro challenges such as COVID 19 variants or the reporting of hate crimes directed at the AAPI community

Examples of Our Work:

Research & Thought Leadership

- “State of Chinese Americans” Survey
- “State by State Analysis of AAPI Curriculum” White Paper
- “Racial Disparities against Chinese/Asians in Espionage Prosecutions” White Paper
- “Racial Profiling of Chinese American Scientists and Academics” White Paper

Public Policy Education

- Diplomatic Language Guide for U.S.-China Relations
- Anti-Asian Hate Glossary
- Community Based Approaches to Prevent Hate Crimes Initiative

Events & Convenings

- Annual Conference & Gala
- “From Foundations to Frontiers” Lecture Series
- “Asian American Career Ceilings” Speaker Series
- “U.S.-China 2050” Speaker Series
- Fireside Chats

Investment in Future Leaders

- Next Generation Leaders Program
- Committee of 100 Scholars Program

Legal Defense Fund

Funding initiative to defend the constitutional and civil rights of Chinese Americans through litigation, legal education, research and legal funding assistance.

In these pivotal times, we invite you to collaborate with Committee of 100, supporting the full inclusion of Chinese Americans in American society, and for the importance of stable and peaceful U.S.-China relations.

Please contact info@committee100.org to further discuss opportunities.

