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REID MEETS WITH LAS VEGAS NATIONAL ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN WOMEN'S FORUM

NEVADA Senator Harry Reid met on Oct. 16 with members of the Las Vegas Chapter of the National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum (NAPAWF), the only national, multi-issue Asian Pacific American women's organization in the country. The special event was held to discuss issues that are important to the Asian American community, particularly the need to end to human trafficking and making healthcare more affordable.

The Forum's mission is to build a movement to advance social justice and human rights for Asian Pacific American women and girls.

"The Asian American community is very important to Nevada and I appreciate the opportunity to speak to you today," Reid said. "Human trafficking is a serious crime that has a particularly strong impact on our state. It is important that those who have been trafficked into the United States are treated as victims and not as criminals."

"We also must cut health insurance costs and improve healthcare quality. Korean Americans, Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders are twice as likely

to be uninsured than white Americans. That statistic is unacceptable; access must be expanded and we must stop denying health care to legal immigrant children."

The distinguished participants included UNLV Associate Professor Kathleen Ja Sook Bergquist; Marie Mortera and Hetty Chang of KVBC Channel 3; AIG Financial Advisor Hwayeon Lee; UNLV Program Manager for Women's Research CENTER Diana Thu-Thao Rhodes; Lloyd Minndie of the Injured Police Officers Fund; Attorneys Bernadette Rigo, Maricar Magana, Tina Yan; and UNLV Boyd School of Law students Barbara McDonald and Mia Ji.



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White says Vera lost confidence

LOS ANGELES—Ultimate Fighting Championship (UFC) President Dana White had nothing good to say about Filipino-American Mixed Martial Arts fighter Brandon "The Truth" Vera during the post-fight press conference following UFC 89.

"Brandon Vera, it's like he lost something in that year off," White said. "I don't know what it was. He doesn't have that killer instinct, he doesn't go

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Brandon Vera

A API voters mobilize to impact Nevada election results

Unprecedented coalition encourages early voting, phonebanks, canvassing, and voter protection

LAS VEGAS—The nonpartisan coalition One Nevada, in partnership with APALA-NV and APIAVote, continues its GOTV campaign by encouraging early voting, phone banking infrequent registered AAPI voters daily, and canvassing highly concentrated AAPI neighborhoods to increase the AAPI vote. With Nevada's 5 electoral votes in the air, a once emerging AAPI community, comprising about 102,000 eligible voters, is now Nevada's key electorate.

Increasing community power through voting

"Now is the time to exercise our power as a community. One Nevada has been working in Clark County since 2000, and unlike campaigns, we are here for the long haul, helping to build and empower communities to have strong involvement and infrastructure for the future," said APIAVote board member Gloria Caoile.

"This is our third presidential cycle, and we are

building off a momentum that has outlived campaigns, and we hope to work with the community and political parties so that AAPIs in Nevada are at the voting booths," said Rozita V. Lee, APALA-NV Chapter president. "Efforts here in Nevada have really united AAPIs. It makes me really proud to be part of such grassroots efforts," said Lee.

Voter registration efforts

One Nevada kicked off this election campaign

with new voter registration efforts. Starting from a list of tens of thousands of AAPI households, One Nevada plowed through hundreds of bad numbers, and made contact with 22,000 AAPI households. In addition, One Nevada was able to update the very outdated list, for future election work.

"Since the registration deadline has passed, we have moved on to early voting and targeting infrequent voters. But we are really energized by our progress in registering new AAPI voters," said Lee. Over the registration period, we made 22,000 phone calls, and registered close to 1,000 new AAPI voters, which is quite a milestone," said Lee.

Reaching infrequent voters & encouraging early voting

Now the focus is on getting infrequent voters to vote and to get voters to vote early as well.

"With Nevada being such a 24-hour town, and not a typical 9-5 kind of work culture, we want to encourage our AAPIs to vote early if they can," said Lee.

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