The PBKNY Diversity & Inclusion Committee Presents – Asian Americans and the Labor Movement: A (Work)Force to be Reckoned With



Join the PBKNY Diversity & Inclusion Committee on Monday, May 23rd at 7PM EDT for a moderated discussion with three exceptional panelists who have contributed and still contribute to America's labor movement. They will discuss their rich and unique backgrounds, the current issues faced by the AAPI workforce today, and insights into the future based on their roles in labor and employment.

We look forward to hearing from the following panelists:



Alex Hing recently retired from UNITE HERE after 51 years. Although he served in Union positions in San Francisco and New York City, he was a full-time hotel worker throughout his career beginning as a dishwasher and janitor and finishing as a sous chef in luxury hotels. In San Francisco, he was on the negotiating and strike committees for the historic four-week citywide strike of 36 hotels in 1980 and involved in the successful ten-year campaign to democratize Local 2 for the mainly immigrant and women rank and file members. In New York, he was on the Local 6 Executive Board and a Trustee. Mr. Hing is also a founding member of the Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance having represented the International Union for 30 years on the APALA Executive Board. He has also been a teacher of tai chi chuan for

nearly 30 years teaching and competing internationally.



Since July 22, 2021, **Peter Sung Ohr** has served as the Deputy General Counsel of the NLRB, assisting the General Counsel develop and implement national labor policies in enforcing the NLRA. On January 25, 2021, President Biden designated Peter to serve as Acting General Counsel of the NLRB, a position he held until his current appointment.

Peter served as the Regional Director of the NLRB's Chicago Regional Office from December 2011 to January 2021, the first Regional Director of Asian heritage in the history of the NLRB. He served as a Deputy Assistant General Counsel in Washington, D.C. and was previously stationed in the NLRB's Honolulu office. Peter attended Cerritos Community College, received his B.A. from the University of California-Riverside; J.D. from Pepperdine School of Law; and M.B.A. from Hawaii Pacific University.

Peter is licensed to practice law in the District of Columbia, Hawaii, and Illinois, a Fellow of The College of Labor and Employment Lawyers, and a former Government Fellow of the ABA's Labor and Employment Section. He previously served on the Washington, D.C., Court of Appeals Committee on Admission and as a Bar Examiner for the State of Hawaii Supreme Court.



Kent Y. Hirozawa was nominated by President Barack Obama and confirmed by the Senate for a term as Member of the National Labor Relations Board. He served as a member of the NLRB until his term expired in 2016. Prior to his service as a Board member, Mr. Hirozawa was Chief Counsel to former NLRB Chairman Mark Gaston Pearce. During his seven years at the Board, Mr. Hirozawa participated in numerous decisions that have had a significant impact on labor law, including major decisions concerning bannering, picketing, union organizing, independent contractors, joint employers, mandatory collective-action waivers, employee use of e-mail and social media, and the right of student assistants at private universities to form unions. He also

participated in the modernization and streamlining of the Board's procedural rules in election cases. After his term as a Board member expired, Mr. Hirozawa was a visiting scholar at New York University School of Law, and he taught labor law at the City University of New York School of Law.

Before his service at the Board, Mr. Hirozawa was a partner in Gladstein, Reif & Meginniss for more than twenty years. He served as counsel to many unions and employee benefit funds, and represented them in proceedings in federal and state court and before the NLRB, the New York Public Employment Relations Board, and other federal and state agencies. He also represented many individuals and groups of workers in wage-and-hour, civil rights, professional discipline, and other litigation.

Mr. Hirozawa received his B.A. from Yale University and his J.D. from New York University School of Law. He is fluent in Spanish. Mr. Hirozawa is admitted in New York State, the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York, the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York, the U.S. District Court for the Western District of New York, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, and the Supreme Court of the United States.