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## Center for Asian American Media Announces Retirement of Executive Director Stephen Gong

### Search Begins for Next Leader of Asian American Media Non-Profit



**September 25, 2024, San Francisco, CA** — Stephen Gong, Executive Director of Center for Asian American Media (CAAM), will be retiring at the end of 2024, and the San Francisco-based non-profit organization is embarking on a search for its next leader. Gong has served for over 18 years at the helm of the organization, which funds and produces programs for public media—including documentaries for broadcast on PBS, provides training for emerging storytellers, and produces CAAMFest—the annual festival of Asian American film, music, and food in the San Francisco Bay Area—as well as advocates for the representation of the full spectrum of the Asian American population in the media.

“Over my nearly two decades at CAAM, I’m proud to have seen Asian American stories grow in both prominence and nuance,” says CAAM Executive Director Stephen Gong. “I’m truly honored to have been part of this movement and to hand off the stewardship of this dedicated organization to its next leader.”

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Gong, at the time a representative of the National Endowment for the Arts, was present at the first-ever Asian American producers conference at the U.C. Berkeley campus in 1980, out of which grew the organization which later became CAAM. Before joining as Executive Director, he also served on the CAAM Board.

Best known in the San Francisco Bay Area for CAAMFest, the Center for Asian American Media is also rooted in a four decades-long partnership with public media, funding and producing documentaries that illuminate diverse Asian American experiences, and providing training and support for emerging filmmakers to help create film and television programming that reflects the makeup of the United States population. CAAM co-produced programs include the popular PBS *Asian Americans*—a five-part series exploring the centuries-long legacy of the United States' fastest growing racial group.

CAAM's Board of Directors will be leading the search for the organization's next executive leader, working with the search firm Koya Partners to recruit industry leaders.

"We are honored to work alongside Stephen Gong for so many years, and excited to bring his spirit of tireless advocacy to the next chapter of CAAM's story," says Dipti Ghosh, CAAM Board Co-Chair. "The next leader of CAAM is poised to harmonize its powerful national influence with its deep roots of local community presentations through impactful storytelling."

Gong will serve as Executive Director until a successor is hired. More details about CAAM's Executive Director role can be found at the [Koya Partners website](#).

### **About CAAM**

For over 40 years, the Center for Asian American Media (CAAM) has been dedicated to presenting stories that convey the richness and diversity of Asian American experiences to the broadest audience possible. As a nonprofit organization, CAAM funds, produces, distributes, and exhibits works in film, television, and digital media. For more information about CAAM visit: [caamedia.org](http://caamedia.org).

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