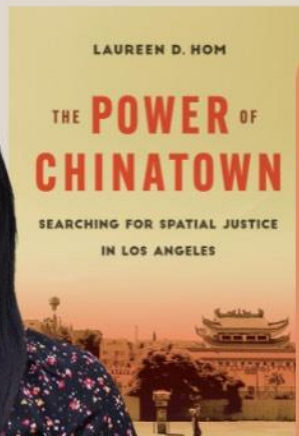


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### Join us for a book talk with **Dr. Lauren Hom**

Saturday, September 28, 2024 at 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM  
Chinatown Branch Library, 639 N. Hill St. Los Angeles, CA



Dr. Lauren Hom is an associate professor in the Department of Urban & Regional Planning at San José State University. Her work examines community development and gentrification in Asian American communities. She is a member of the Chinese Historical Society of Southern California, Chinese American Citizens Alliance - Los Angeles, and the Los Angeles Chinatown Community Land Trust.

Her book, *The Power of Chinatown: Searching for Spatial Justice in Los Angeles* traces how the community has responded to urban development pressures and neighborhood change in LA Chinatown, since the 1970s.

Q&A Moderated by  
**Dr. Wenli Jen**

Dr. Wenli Jen, is the President of Chinese American Citizens Alliance - Los Angeles and CEO of Integral Prudence Solutions, a Southern California-based consulting firm. As a native Angeleno and second-generation Chinese American, she is an educator, consultant, and community leader.





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## Transitions

As we move further into our regular program season, which runs from September through June, we celebrate and acknowledge some transitions. At our September meeting we elected our 2024-2025 board of directors, which included some fresh new voices and talent to augment our experienced team, and adopted amendments to our bylaws in order to update some of the language to meet current practice. We celebrated the end of summer with our August picnic, enjoyed by CHSSC members and friends. We have a schedule of regular monthly programs organized by Susan Dickson. Research, recording, and writing continues on our ongoing Five Chinatowns book and Chinatown Associations projects. In the background, work continues on the organization and preservation of our archives by the Archives Committee, now headed by new board member David Castro. New board member Isaac Chu demonstrated his technological command by assuming Zoom host duties for the September program meeting. Young community interns Shuang Luo and Ying Zhang took on the design of the September newsletter and of this issue as well. New Treasurer Steve Tom is familiarizing himself with the big list of financial and regulatory reporting obligations, which have been commendably handled for years by outgoing Treasurer Franklin Mah. So for the coming year, expect to see some of the newer faces as well as some familiar ones as our transition team rolls up its sleeves. We will continue our advocacy for our history by working with fellow organizations such as the Huntington-USC Institute on California and the West, Metro, the Chinese American Museum, the Chinatown Library, and others. As we enter our 50th year, I would like to begin a series of field trips to historic sites, such as the 1876 San Fernando Tunnel, Chinatowns in places like Santa Barbara, Ventura, San Diego, and in the Inland Empire (Riverside, San Bernardino, Redlands, etc), and even further afield such as to the Summit Tunnels in Donner Pass. If you would like to help, please let me know!

*Eugene Moy*  
*President*

## Board of Directors

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## Mission Statement

The Chinese Historical Society of Southern California was organized in November 1975. The purposes of the Society are:

1. to bring together people with a mutual interest in the important history and historical role of Chinese and Chinese Americans in southern California;
2. to pursue, preserve, and communicate knowledge of this history; and
3. to promote the heritage of the Chinese and Chinese American community in support of a better appreciation of the rich, multicultural society of the United States.



## Teen Council Speaker Bios



**Lauren D. Hom** is an associate professor at San Jose State department of Political Science. She received her PhD in Planning, Policy, and Design with an emphasis in Asian American Studies at the University of California, Irvine. She also received a BA in Anthropology and Art History at University of California, Los Angeles and a Masters in Public Health at the Mailman School of Public Health at Columbia University. Her research interests are at the intersection of urban studies, ethnic studies and policy studies. Her most recent research is on the politics of community development and gentrification in Los Angeles Chinatown. Lauren was an associate professor in the Department of Political Science where she worked in community research in health services and nonprofits serving Asian immigrant communities. She is a third generation Chinese American from San Francisco.



Lauren Hom was invited to present to the Teen Council of the Chinatown Branch Library by the Young Adult Librarian, **Lynn Nguyen**. Lynn is in charge of the library's Teen Council. Most of the teens attend Lincoln High School or Downtown Magnets High School, but this council attracts young people from other parts of L.A., too. Lynn provides a wide range of experiences for the Youth. As part of the Teens Leading Change initiatives, teens have hosted library programs, and produced a podcast and documentary. The council members continue to make a monthly grocery delivery to seniors living in Single Room Occupancy (SRO) housing. The students are involved in activities aimed at uniting the community in advocating for the protection of Chinatown. In addition, students learn the many skills needed to apply for college. Lauren's book talk was funded by the Friends of the Chinatown Library.





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## WHERE YOU STAND: CHINATOWN 1880-1939 (你所處的位置: 唐人街 1880 年至 1939 年)

### EXHIBIT TOUR

The Chinese Historical Society of Southern California cordially invites you to a tour of the Where You Stand: Chinatown 1880-1939 exhibit. This celebrated exhibit is installed in the Union Station Waiting Room Gallery and features historic photographs, oral history recordings, and augmented reality where visitors can see artifact materials superimposed within locations around Union Station. Through the use of photography and cutting-edge technology, audiences can explore the homes and businesses of thousands of Chinese residents in the late 19th to early 20th century Los Angeles.

Don't miss this opportunity to see this temporary exhibit!

Date: Saturday, October 19, 2024

Time: Meet at 1:00 pm in the Waiting Room at Union Station.

Union Station  
800 N. Alameda St.  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RSVP: [info@chssc.org](mailto:info@chssc.org)





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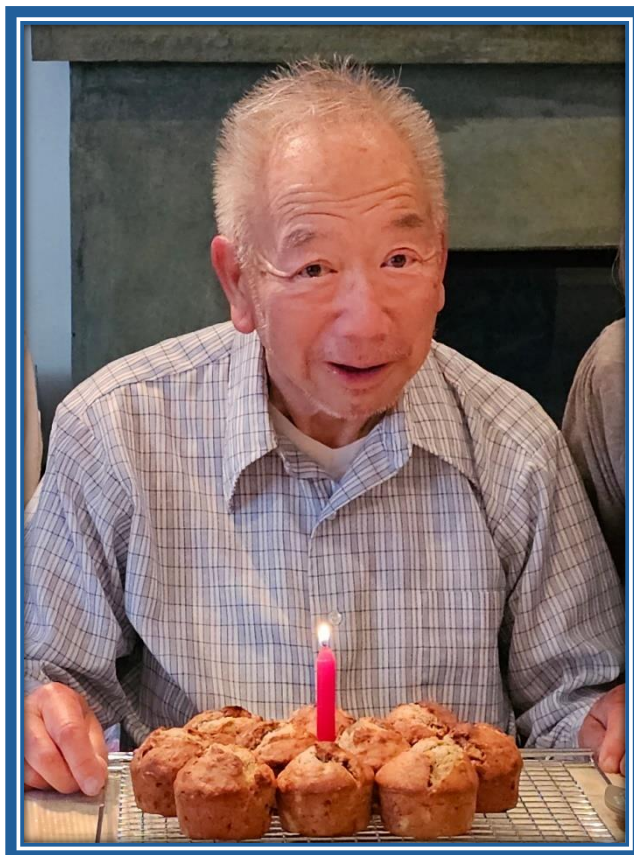
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## In Loving Memory of Albert Chang

Albert Chang was born in China in 1941. When he was five, his father was dispatched to Buenos Aires as a foreign service officer at the Republic of China Embassy. Seven years later, the family relocated to New York City. Albert graduated high school as a valedictorian and the class President. He then went on to Harvard College and University of Rochester Medical School.

He trained as a pediatrician and public health doctor specializing in maternal and child health. He was on the School of Public Health faculty at the University of California at Berkeley, the University of California at Los Angeles, and California State University at San Diego, for more than 30 years. After retirement, he served as a pediatric consultant for troubled youths at the Los Angeles County Juvenile Hall. He did volunteer work at the Venice Family Clinic for the homeless. He was President and Program Chair of the Harvard Club of Southern California from 2003 to 2020. He organized lectures and trips to the Pacific Asia Museum, the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, and Los Angeles Chinatown. He served on the Board of Directors at the Chinese Historical Society of Southern California. He organized programs for the China Society of Southern California.

Albert succumbed to Parkinson's in his sleep at home peacefully and without pain on August 28, 2024. He is survived by Yvonne, his wife of 53 years, sons Jeffrey and Nick, one brother, two sisters, and many nieces and nephews.







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CHSSC Picnic Seating



Grill master Isaac Chu



So many choices!



Members behind cake donated by Phoenix Bakery

Our yearly picnic provides us the welcome opportunity to come together face to face. Over 70 people attended. This year the weather cooperated so everyone could chat outside under the huge blue tarp. Since many people brought homemade dishes, there was a wide variety of choices beyond the restaurant fare purchased by CHSSC. Fun was had by all.

A big thank you! to the planning team: Susan Dickson, Gordon Hom, Anita Lee, Tennyson Kwok, Steve Tom, Willie Lew, Harry Du Young, Will Tham, Susan Sing, Robert Chong, and Isaac Chu. Others also pitched in toward an amazingly efficient set up and clean up.



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## Hungry Ghost Festival



Pauletta's Display



Pauletta Pierce



Music Performance



Crowd and Booths

For the first time in Chinatown, the Los Angeles Hungry Ghost Festival was presented at Alpine Rec Center on August 24 by artist-scholar Micah Huang and Wayland Tam, president of The East Wind Foundation for Youth, with help from Pauletta Pierce, Hao Huang, and Emma Gies. The community was treated to lion dance, kung fu, fan dance, traditional music, monkey king, and shadow puppet performances, plus a youth interview of community "elders" Frank Wong and Eugene Moy. Other family activities included arts and crafts, a bounce house, a scavenger hunt on the lawn, plus an ancestral altar installation by Pauletta Pierce.





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## **Donations for October**

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### ***In Memory of Albert Chang***

*Yuriko Riki Ito*