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District 11 Meet the Candidate Week 13: How will you reach the Asian community in District 11?

I love bringing the District 11 Chinese community together for every event on the Lunar calendar. In February, I organized a [Lunar New Year Lantern Festival](#) (元宵节) in the historic Geneva Car barn with more than 600 RSVPs, and in April, a [Qingming](#) Kite Flying event in McLaren Park to cherish our ancestors.

Our district also has thriving Filipino and Pacific Islander communities and businesses, and I'm stoked about [Chow Fun](#), an Asian restaurant tour through Excelsior and OMI led by Filipino American leader Al Perez — hope you'll join us for the kickoff this Saturday, May 25, at 11 a.m.!

Language access is critical. For 中文 (Chinese,) I'm reaching residents via **Chinese media** ([Sing Tao](#), [World Journal](#)), Wechat, and other channels, and talking in 中文 (Chinese) in person at doors, small businesses, and events. And I will do Tagalog and other AAPI language translations too.

District 11 is the most Asian supervisor district, but often feels neglected. I'm excited to reach and champion our Asian and all communities, in whatever place or language.