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Asian Pacific Islander

2021

Organizing Leaders

A COLLECTION OF "I AM" POEMS

"Our Story"

IN 2020, A GROUP OF SEIU ASIAN PACIFIC ISLANDER (API) LEADERS WORKED WITH OUR INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP TO GET A COMMITMENT TO DEVELOP AND INVEST IN OUR FUTURE API ORGANIZING LEADERS.

THROUGH A PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CENTER FOR ORGANIZER DEVELOPMENT AND SUPPORT FROM LOCAL LEADERS WHO NOMINATED THESE LEADERS, WE CREATED THE FIRST API ORGANIZING LEADER PROGRAM IN 2021.

WE ARE PROUD TO PRESENT THE 25 API LEADERS WHO COMPLETED 6 MONTHS IN THEIR COHORT TOGETHER, AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE LABOR MOVEMENT AND OUR COMMUNITIES.



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I AM THE DESCENDANTS OF
GRANDPARENTS KIM, KILBORN AND OAK BOON
AND BILL AND DESSIE GLANCY
AND PARENTS BILL AND HAEJA GLANCY

I AM THE SMELL OF
MONDU AND SOUP, KIMCHI
AND RAMEN WITH CHEESE AND EGGS

I AM THE SOUND OF
LAUGHS OUT LOUD
AND OCEAN COMING INTO THE SHORE

I BELIEVE KARMA –
YOU ARE WHAT YOU EAT

I AM TASHA GLANCY SHE/HER –
TASHA TASHIE TASHA.



I AM THE DESCENDANTS OF
MY PARENTS: USHA AND ASHOK BABARIA
WHO IMMIGRATED TO THE US
IN THE 60S AND 70S, RESPECTIVELY.

I AM THE SMELL OF
CHOLE
AND MASALA POORI
OR MELTED BUTTER

I AM THE SOUND OF
INTENSE LAUGHTER,
90S HIP HOP,
AND THE CRACKLING OF TEMPERED SPICES

I BELIEVE IN THE POWER OF
OUR YOUNG FOLKS SPEAKING TRUTH TO POWER,
HOLDING US ALL ACCOUNTABLE TO CREATING A BETTER WORLD

I AM SEJAL ASHOK BABARIA.
MY PRONOUNS ARE SHE/HER/HERS.
I GO BY SEJAL.



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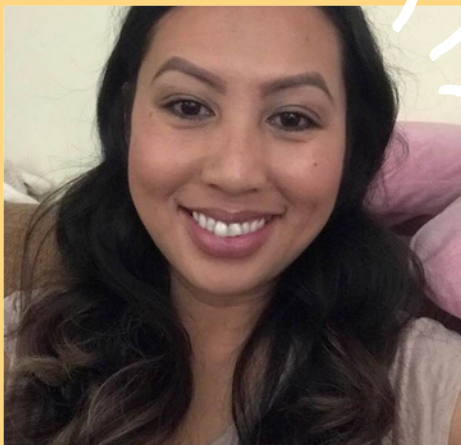
I AM THE DESCENDANT OF THE HER CLAN
FROM A GROUP OF MOUNTAIN PEOPLE CALL HMONG
WHOSE NAMES HAVE BEEN LOST
TO THE CHANGING SEASONS AND WAR

I AM THE SMELL OF RICE AND BOIL CHICKEN
WITH HERBS I'VE YET TO LEARN

I AM THE SOUND OF DISNEY AND KOREAN POP MUSIC
IN WHICH MY TWO DAUGHTERS RISE AND FALL ASLEEP TO



I BELIEVE IN CREATING A NEW NARRATIVE
IN THIS PLACE FULL OF INEQUITY
AND BELIEVING MY CHILDREN
AND GRANDCHILDREN
CONTINUING TO SOW SEEDS OF EQUALITY



I AM SHE, HER
AND MY NAME IS UA-
IT MEANS TO DO.
MY MOTHER BELIEVED
I WOULD DO GREAT THINGS
IN THE MIDST OF UNCERTAINTY

I AM THE DESCENDANTS OF
ALBERTO AND MARUJA GUZMAN
A LAWYER AND PHARMACIST

I AM THE SMELL OF
A VERY FAMILIAR AND
COMMON FILIPINO
PORK ADOBO DISH

I AM THE SOUND OF
RETRO 80'S MUSIC

I BELIEVE THAT
A TEAM WORK MAKES A DREAM WORK

I AM HE, HIM, HIS AND
MY SEIU BAPTISMAL NAME IS
GUZZIE

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I AM THE DESCENDANTS OF
THE LIN AND OUYANG FAMILY –
FAMILIES WITH BIG BRANCHES
AND LONG HISTORIES
THAT I DON'T KNOW

I AM THE SMELL OF
POTSTICKERS AND CILANTRO
THAT MY FAMILY MAKES,
SLIGHTLY OVERCOOKED



I AM THE SOUND OF
A FULL HOUSE WAKING UP

I BELIEVE THAT
WE HAVE TO MAKE
THE MORAL ARC OF THE UNIVERSE
BEND TOWARDS JUSTICE

I AM ADA LIN,
SHE/HER PRONOUNS

I AM THE DESCENDANTS OF THE BRAGA, RANOLA, PILAPIL, DIAZ AND DIONISIO CLAN.

I AM THE SMELL OF GARLIC FRIED RICE, KARE-KARE, SINIGANG, PALABOK AND SHANGHAI LUMPIA

I AM THE SOUND OF CLASSIC ROCK, PUNK, SKA, GRUNGE AND ROCK AND ROLL WITH A TWIST OF THE ECLECTIC ALTERNATIVE FUNK THROWN AND ANYONE WITH MIND BLOWING VOCALS THAT PENETRATE MY SOULS' EYE WHEN IT IS NEEDED.



I BELIEVE IN BEING OPEN TO THE GOODNESS OF PEOPLE. I BELIEVE WE ALL HAVE A PURPOSE IN LIFE THAT WE EITHER HAVE FOUND OR WE ARE STILL SEARCHING FOR. I BELIEVE IN COMMUNICATION AND CIVIL DEBATES. I BELIEVE IN CHANNELING THE NEGATIVITY INSIDE ME AND TURNING IT TO SOMETHING POSITIVE. I BELIEVE THAT LIFE AND LIVING IS A NEVER- ENDING LEARNING PROCESS, THEREFORE, THERE'S ALWAYS ROOM TO LEARN NEW IDEAS AND WAYS OF DOING THINGS. I BELIEVE IN ALWAYS FIGHTING FOR THE UNDERDOG. I BELIEVE WE ALL HAVE A VOICE, AND WE NEED TO LEARN TO USE IT WELL AND EFFICIENTLY. I BELIEVE IN WOMEN EMPOWERING THEMSELVES THROUGH BOOK AND STREET SMARTS AS WELL AS ANY SELF-DEFENSE CLASS THEY WANT TO TAKE. I BELIEVE IN WORKING TOGETHER FOR THE BETTERMENT OF ALL LABOR WORKERS.

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I AM AGNES BRAGA.

I WAS BORN WITH MY NAME THAT IS WHAT I WANT TO BE CALLED



I AM THE DESCENDANT OF LAND OWNERS, FARMERS, ENGINEERS OF IMBO-ABRASALDO CLAN.
WE ARE FROM THE BEAUTIFUL ISLANDS OF VISAYA, PHILIPPINES.

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I AM THE SMELL OF TAHO IN THE MORNING
AND THE FISHBALL IN THE AFTERNOON
IN THE STREET OF MUNTILUPA CITY,
MY HOMETOWN.

THE SMELL OF SAMPAGUITA IN SUNDAYS AT CHURCH.

I AM THE SOUND OF THE HUSTLE AND BUSTLE OF MANILA,
WHERE I WAS BORN AND RAISED.

THE SOUND OF THE HONKING JEEPNEY DRIVER,
STUCK IN TRAFFIC,
AND THE NOISE OF THE TRICYCLE.

THE SOUND OF THE STREET BAND IN PHILIPPINES IN THE 90S
AND THE SOUND OF REGGAE I'VE FIRST HEARD IN THE US AND FELL IN LOVE WITH.



I BELIEVE IN LOVE, HOPE, PEACE AND LOYALTY.

I BELIEVE IN GOD THE SOURCE OF EVERYTHING.

I BELIEVE THAT LIFE IS LIKE A MIRROR,
WHAT YOU GIVE IS WHAT YOU WILL RECEIVED. .

I AM SHE, HER AND HERS.

I AM NADIALYN ABRASALDO.

ALSO KNOWN AS NADIA.

I AM THE DESCENDANT OF
SHUK KING YIM AND CHUN SANG KUNG.
MY PARENTS ARE FROM SOUTHERN CHINA
IN TOWNS NAMED TAI-SAN AND SHON SHUI.

I AM THE SMELL OF
VEGGIE STIR FRY, MISO SOUP,
AND MISO BLACK COD.

I AM THE SOUND OF YIRUMA,
THE PIANIST FROM SOUTH KOREA.
I AM ALSO THE SOUND OF REGGAE MUSIC
FROM BOB MARLEY TO TRIBAL SEEDS,
HEAVY METAL SOUND FROM METALLICA TO GUNS & ROSES.
INFLUENCES FROM MY YOUNGER BROTHER NEVER DIES.

I DO ENJOY MOMENTS OF SILENCE.
I PRACTICE MEDITATION.
I BELIEVE IN KARMA.
I BELIEVE IN JUSTICE.
I BELIEVE IN THE TRUTHS.
I BELIEVE IN A HIGHER BEING.
JUST BECAUSE I AM NOT BEING WATCHED BY YOU
AND EVERYONE ELSE IN THE ROOM
DOESN'T MEAN GOD ISN'T WATCHING.

I AM ANDREW KUNG.
MY PRONOUNS ARE HE/HIM/HIS.
I AM A CULTURAL MOSAIC--
THE MIX OF ETHNIC GROUPS, LANGUAGES, AND CULTURES THAT COEXIST WITHIN SOCIETY.

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I AM THE DESCENDANTS OF
THE NGUYEN & THE VO,
AN IMMIGRANT FAMILY
MIGRATED FROM VIETNAM
24 YEARS AGO

I AM THE SMELL OF
FRESHLY COOKED
WHITE JASMINE RICE

I AM THE SOUND OF
SUNRISE ALTERNATIVE ROCK,
AND SUNSET WAVES

I BELIEVE
WHO I MEET IN THIS LIFE WAS A PART OF MY LAST LIFE,
AND APPRECIATE ALL THINGS
THAT ARE HAPPENING IN THIS LIFE
WHETHER BAD OR GOOD
BECAUSE ALL OF THEM ARE LESSONS
TO TEACH ME TO BE BETTER.

MY NAME IS KATELYN ZAMORA,
MY PRONOUNS IS SHE/HER

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I AM THE DESCENDANTS OF
BENJAMIN AND FE,
FELIX, ENGRACIA,
JACINTA AND MAXIMILLIANO



I AM THE SMELL OF
RICE AND TINAPANG BANGUS

I AM THE SOUND OF
HARANA AND KARAOKE MUSIC



I BELIEVE IN
OUR COLLECTIVE POWER TO
LEAVE THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE



I AM SHE, HER.
I AM CECILLE CENETA ISIDRO



I AM THE DESCENDANTS OF
THE PEOPLE FROM THE HILLS OF
SOUTHERN CHINA.

I AM THE DESCENDANTS OF
VIETNAM WAR REFUGEES FROM LAOS.

I AM THE DESCENDANTS OF
LIAJ CIB LIS AND ZOOV KUAM XYOOJ.

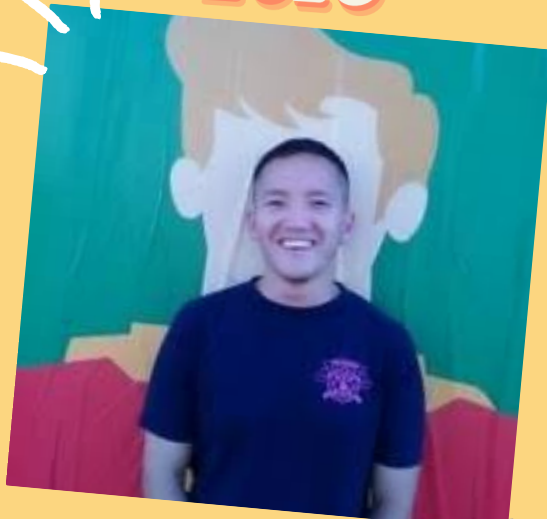
I AM THE SMELL OF
BOILED CHICARRON AND PUMPKIN VINES.

I AM THE SOUND OF
COUNTRY MUSIC AND
PEACE AT MY FARM.

I BELIEVE THAT
EVERYONE SHOULD HAVE ACCESS
TO PURSUE AFFORDABLE,
IF NOT FREE,
HIGHER EDUCATION.

I AM MOUA POR XIONG
AND MY PRONOUNS ARE
HE, HIS AND HIM.

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I AM THE DESCENDANTS OF
ZULY + SHARBAT KHAN

I AM THE SMELL OF
BODEGA SANDWICHES &
MY MOTHER'S COOKING

I AM THE SOUND OF
HIP HOP & PASHTO MUSIC



I BELIEVE
THE CHILDREN ARE OUR FUTURE,
& WE SHOULD INVEST IN THEM HEAVILY

I AM ZAMIR KHAN,
& I AM JUST A KID FROM QUEENS,

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I AM THE DESCENDANTS OF
BENGALI DUTTA CLAN
FROM EASTERN INDIA



I AM THE SMELL OF
POLAU AND CURRY



I AM THE SOUND OF
SITAR AND TABLA



I BELIEVE IN
KARMA AND THE COSMIC LAW OF
HARMONY

MY NAME IS BOBBY DUTTA,
AND MY PRONOUNS ARE HE, HIM, HIS.



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I AM THE DESCENDANTS OF THE ONGPIN CLAN. PEOPLE OF THE PHILIPPINES, WHO MIGRATED FROM CHINA TO MINE GOLD OF WHO BECAME ARTISANS AND REVOLUTIONARIES.



I AM THE SMELL OF CRISPY PATA, MY GRANDMOTHER'S SINIGANG AND FRESHLY STEAMED GAI LAN.



I AM THE SOUND OF 2000' PUNK ROCK BANDS AND BACH'S CELLO SUITE NO. 1 PRELUDE IN G MAJOR STRUMMING ON A GUITAR.



I BELIEVE IN

SPEAKING UP FOR PEOPLE WHO FELT INVISIBLE AND

EMPOWERING THEM TO FIND THEIR VOICE.

LEADERSHIP SOMETIME MEANS STANDING ALONE

FOR WHAT YOU BELIEVE IN.



I AM ROY ONGPIN HE, HIM, HIS.

I AM THE DESCENDANTS OF
THE NGUYEN DYNASTY.



I AM THE SMELL OF
BUN BO HUE (SWEET & SPICY).

I AM THE SOUND OF
POP CULTURE HIP HOP
AND COUNTRY MUSIC.



I BELIEVE IN
BUILDING A COMMUNITY
THAT REFLECTS HOW YOU WANT
TO LIVE YOUR LIFE.

I AM A SHE/HER AND
MY FULL NAME IS
NATALIE THAO NGAN NGUYEN WOODRUFF,
YOU CAN JUST CALL ME NATALIE.



I AM THE DESCENDANTS OF
STEVE AND THERESA, OF GLORIA AND JESUS
WHO MIGRATED TO THE US IN THE 1980S

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I AM THE SMELL OF
ADOBO ON AN AVERAGE DAY,
OF SINIGANG ON A COLD DAY,
OF HALO-HALO ON A HOT DAY.

I AM THE SOUND OF
POP MUSIC,
MOSTLY AMERICAN POP MUSIC
AND PINOY POP OR OPM

I BELIEVE IN
THE CORE VALUES OF JUSTICE, FAIRNESS,
TRUTH AND KINDNESS
THAT UPHOLD HUMAN DIGNITY.

I DEEPLY BELIEVE IN
EDMUND BURKE'S QUOTE,
"ALL THAT IS NECESSARY FOR THE TRIUMPH OF EVIL
IS THAT GOOD MEN DO NOTHING"

I AM MICHAEL BARREIRO,
PRONOUNS HE/HIM,
AND YOU CAN CALL ME MICHAEL



I AM DESCENDANTS OF
YOSHIWO WATANABE, MABLE WATANABE,
LARRY WATANABE AND LAURA BARAJAS



I AM THE SMELL OF
FAMILY POTLUCK GATHERINGS
AT MY GRANDPARENTS' HOUSE
ON COLD WINTERS
IN CHICAGO



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I AM THE SOUNDS OF
THE BUDDHIST TEMPLE CELEBRATIONS
DURING CHICAGO SUMMERS

I BELIEVE IN
EQUALITY AND FAIRNESS



I AM ERIKA WATANABE
SHE/HER





I AM THE DESCENDANTS OF
PEOPLE FROM THE HIGHEST PLACE ON EARTH,
THE ROOF OF THE WORLD,
TIBET

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I AM THE SMELL OF
TSAMPA, TIBETAN BARLEY,
OUR STAPLE FOOD,
ORGANIC AND NUTRITIOUS.

I AM THE SOUND OF
BHOE RANGZEN,
WHICH TRANSLATES TO FREE TIBET,
TO FREE TIBET
FROM COLONIST AND COMMUNIST
CHINA.



I BELIEVE IN
EVERYONE'S RIGHT TO THE PRESERVATION AND
ADVANCEMENT OF THEIR IDENTITY.

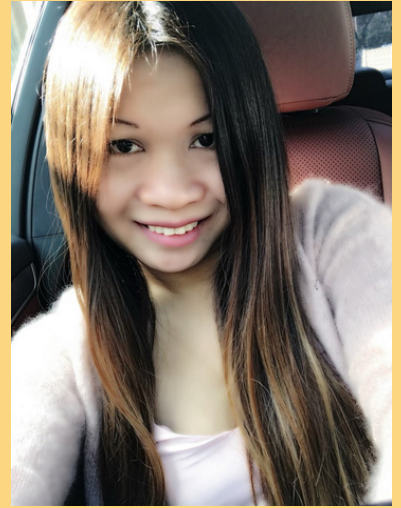


I AM SANGAY.
MY PRONOUNS ARE HE/HIM/HIS

I AM THE DESCENDANTS OF YOUTH SUM AND REN HOY
TWO WONDERFUL PEOPLE IN MY LIFE
WHO SEES NO BOUNDARIES IF ONE WANTS TO IMPROVE THEIR LIVELIHOOD



I AM THE SMELL OF GARLIC AND STEAM CRAB SOUP
AS WE EAT TO CELEBRATE TOGETHERNESS,
I DON'T KNOW ANY MOM AND POP
WHO DOESN'T USE GARLIC IN THEIR COOKING,
NOT TO MENTION A DELICIOUS DUNGENESS CRAB SOUP
WHERE I RECALL SEEING AT EVERY NEW YEAR'S FAMILY GATHERING



I AM THE SOUND OF THE LAUGHTER OF MY KIDS AT HOME
REMINDS THAT NO DIFFICULT TIMES
CAN CHANGE HOW GREAT LIFE IS WITH THEM A PART OF IT



I BELIEVE THAT WE HAVE A COLORFUL LIFE
THERE'S GOOD AND BAD, PLEASANT AND ROUGH,
BUT IT DOESN'T MATTER AS LONG AS WE DON'T LOSE OURSELVES
IN THE PROCESS

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I AM SHE/HER/SOPHEAP; A NAME GIVEN BY MY FATHER/HOY;
THE LAST NAME OF MY MOTHER/SOPH WHICH MY ORGANIZERS CALL ME BY/
SOPHIA USED BY FRIENDS/& PHEAP, A NICKNAME MY PARENTS GAVE ME
I AM SOPHEAP HOY AND I AM VERY HAPPY TO MEET EVERYONE HERE





I AM THE DESCENDANTS OF
THE AU YEUNG FAMILY
THAT IMMIGRATED FROM
GUANGZHOU, CHINA TO THE US, SAN FRANCISCO -
WHERE I WAS BORN AND RAISED.

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I AM THE SMELL OF
PEI DAN SAU YOK JOK
OR CENTURY EGG AND PORK CONGEE.

I AM THE SOUND OF
NEO SOUL
(BASICALLY THE SORT OF JOHN LEGEND MUSIC FEELS).



I BELIEVE THAT
WHEN YOU SHARE YOUR TROUBLES,
IT WILL BE HALVED AND
WHEN YOU SHARE YOUR HAPPINESS,
IT WILL BE DOUBLED.

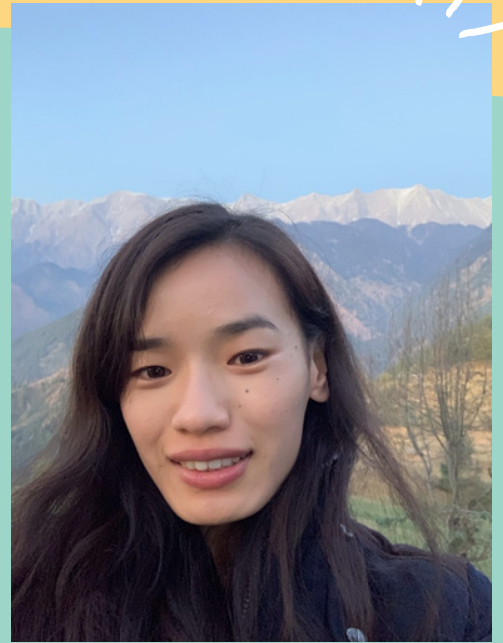


I AM SHE/HER PRONOUNS,
BARBARA JIANG,
BARBIE, AND SOMETIMES BARB.

I AM THE DESCENDANTS OF
NOMADS AND DISPLACED REFUGEES OF WAR.

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I AM THE SMELL OF
THENTHUK, MOKTHUK, AND THUKPA.



I AM THE SOUND OF
OM MAD MI PADME HUM
(TIBETAN BUDDHIST MANTRA),
INDIE POP, AND RAP BATTLE.



I BELIEVE IN
A WORLD FREE OF PREJUDICES
WHERE WE WILL BURN DOWN TO REBUILD.

I AM SHE/HER;
TENZIN GAKYI,
TENZIN, GAKYI.



I AM THE DESCENDANTS OF
CHINESE-TAIWANESE,
AND CHINESE-CAMBODIAN,
IMMIGRANTS, REFUGEES, AND ACADEMICS.



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I AM THE SMELL OF
TAIWANESE BEEF NOODLE SOUP.

I AM THE SOUND
OF 90S MUSIC.
BEASTIES BOYS
AND RADIOHEAD ABSORBED FROM MY BROTHERS.



I BELIEVE
RACE IS THE MODALITY
THROUGH WHICH CLASS IS EXPERIENCED.

I AM TIM TIA,
张勤真
HE/HIM PRONOUNS.



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I AM A DESCENDANT OF
MALAY AND AETAS

I AM THE SMELL OF
KALDERETANG BAKA, ADOBO, PANCIT
AND LUMPIANG SHANGHAI



I AM THE SOUND OF POP,
LOVE SONGS
COZ I AM A ROMANTIC PERSON



I BELIEVE IN LEADING BY EXAMPLE,
BEING HONEST AND TRANSPARENT TO
BE AN EXCELLENT LEADER.



I AM A HE, HIM, HIS
AND MY NAME IS REXIE C DIZON,
AKA (ALSO KNOWN AS)

REX

I AM THE DESCENDANTS OF
MY STRONG IMMIGRANT MOTHER
WHO HOPPED ON A PLANE LESS THAN A DAY
OF FINDING OUT SHE WAS FLYING TO AMERICA.
A DESCENDANT OF COOKS FROM PAMPANGA.



I AM THE SMELL OF
SINIGANG AND
FROZEN FRENCH BREAD PIZZA

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I AM THE SOUND OF
80'S BALLADS, JUST THE CHORUSES,
AND HYPHY MUSIC

I BELIEVE THAT
MINDS ARE MALLEABLE AND
THAT WE CAN PROGRESS,

I AM EIDREF LAXA
HE HIM HIS





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I AM THE DESCENDANT OF TRADITIONAL CHINESE DOCTORS IN TAIWAN, A BICYCLE FACTORY OWNER, A DIPLOMAT TO INDIA, A POET, AN OPERA-LIKE SINGER, A POWERFUL BUDDHIST GRANDMOTHER, A SHAKESPEAREAN PROFESSOR, AND AN INTERNATIONAL AMERICAN SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT.



I AM THE SMELL OF KHAUB POOB, THE TRADITIONAL HMONG RED CURRY CHICKEN LEMON GRASS FLAVORED SOUP, SERVED OVER RICE VERMICELLI NOODLES, AND GARNISHED WITH GREEN ONION, CILANTRO, AND LOTS OF LIME, THAT MY HMONG FRIENDS TAUGHT ME HOW TO COOK, THAT I IN TURN, TAUGHT MY TAIWANESE AND NEZ PERCE FAMILY MEMBERS HOW TO COOK.



I AM THE SOUND OF EVERYTHING, BUT ESPECIALLY A CAPPELLA MUSIC, BUT WITH A BEAT- LIKE BEAT POETRY, SOUL, R & B, LIKE ALICIA KEYS & BEYONCE, HIP HOP, JAZZ, POP, CLASSICAL, AND EVEN COUNTRY-LIKE JOHN DENVER'S "COUNTRY ROAD" SUNG KARAOKE-STYLE FROM PORTLAND, OREGON TO MINNEAPOLIS, MN, TO SEOUL, KOREA.

I BELIEVE IN INTERGENERATIONAL POWER— WITH YOUTH, ELDERS, AND THE MIDDLE-AGED TOGETHER, AND THAT MAKING MEANINGFUL TRANSFORMATIONAL CHANGE FOR OUR COMMUNITY TAKES COURAGE, ESPECIALLY IN THOSE MOMENTS WHEN YOU CAN'T BREATHE. I AM EMILY LI-WEN WANG AND I USE SHE/HER PRONOUNS. MY NAME MEANS PRETTY FLOWER IN TAIWANESE, AND IN ENGLISH, MY PARENTS NAMED ME AFTER EMILY DICKENSON, THE POET.



YOU MAY CALL ME EMILY OR LI-WEN.

I AM THE DESCENDANT OF WORLD WAR 2 WARRIORS AND SURVIVORS OF SPANISH CONQUISTADORS,
OF A WOMAN WHO WOVE A PARACHUTE INTO HER BRIDAL GOWN,
OF A TEACHER WHO MARRIED A LAWYER WHO SPOKE TRUTH TO POWER,
RED-TAGGED BY AN AUTHORITARIAN,
MURDERED BY A GOVERNMENT OF THUGS.

I AM THE SMELL OF BEEF STEW, MARINATED PORK,
BUT ALSO OF FISH,
IN THE ISLAND OF THE SUN RAVAGED BY STORMS,
FROM THE FUTURE..
WHICH IS ASIA

I AM THE SOUND OF THE OCEAN BREEZE,
THE EARLY MORNING ROOSTERS CROWING,
BUT ALSO OF CRACKLING AUTUMN LEAVES,
AND OF WHITE SNOW FALLING ON MY BROWN SKIN.

I BELIEVE IN MYSELF,
I BELIEVE IN ALL OF YOU,
I BELIEVE IN ALL OF US,
THAT WE CAN,
INDIVIDUALLY AND TOGETHER,
THAT WE CAN BE ANYTHING
WHEREVER,
WHENEVER,
WE WANT TO BE.

I AM A SHE,
A HER,
A SISTER, A DAUGHTER, A MOTHER.
MY NAME IS NIÑA.



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I AM THE DESCENDANTS OF
KING OF ANCIENT SILLA DYNASTY
FROM SOUTHERN PART OF
KOREAN PENINSULA



I AM THE SMELL OF
LILAC AND
SMELL OF KIMCHI AND
BULGOGI FROM MY MOTHER'S KITCHEN



I AM THE SOUND OF
RAIN THAT DELIVERED FOR FREE,
AS PURE AS CAN BE



I BELIEVE IN
FAITH AND KINDNESS

I AM YEON PARK,
SHE HER HERS

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I AM THE DESCENDANTS OF
FLORDELITO NAVARRA AND CAROL CRUZ
WHO MIGRATED HERE
FROM THE PHILIPPINES
IN THE 60'S.



I AM THE SMELL OF
CHICKEN ADOBO.



I AM THE SOUND OF
OLD SKUL R&B AND
UNDERGROUND HIP-HOP.



I BELIEVE THAT EVERYONE WAS BORN GOOD AND
WITH A PURE HEART AND
IT'S JUST THEIR EXPERIENCES THAT CHANGE THEM.
BUT THOSE OF US WHO STILL GIVE OFF LIGHT AND
ARE SHINING BRIGHT,
LET US BE THE LIGHT
IN SOMEONE'S DARKNESS.

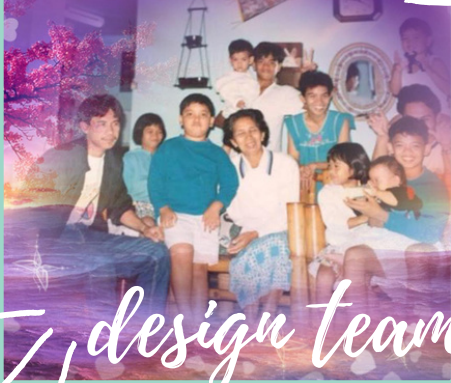


I AM CHRISTINA CALUGCUGAN
MY PRONOUNS ARE SHE/HER



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I AM THE DESCENDANTS OF JOSE ANGELES JR.,
A GUERRILLA FIGHTER WHO FOUGHT
DURING THE JAPANESE INVASION IN THE PHILIPPINES,
WHO WAS A LABOR LEADER AT A LATER TIME
AND EMMA RUBIO, A HOMEMAKER.

I AM THE SMELL OF VINEGAR AND SOY SAUCE AND FRIED FISH,
CHICKEN AND PORK ADOBO AND SINIGANG NA OXTAIL.
I AM ALSO THE SMELL OF SAMPAGUITA (PHIL NATIONAL FLOWER),
DAMA DE NOCHE (FLOWERING PLANT WHO BLOOMS AND GIVE FRAGRANCE DURING
THE NIGHT), AND KALACHUCHI.



I AM THE SOUND OF THE FALLING RAIN
PITTER PATTERING ON MY ROOF AND WINDOW PANE;
THE SOUND OF THE GURGLING STREAMS BEHIND MY PARENTS HOUSE;
THE SOUND OF HARANAS (SERENADE);
THE SOUND OF QUEEN;
THE SOUND OF LOUIS ARMSTRONG SINGING WHAT A BEAUTIFUL WORLD.



I BELIEVE IN EQUALITY FOR ALL, HUMAN RIGHTS FOR ALL.
I BELIEVE IN ALL OF US AND
I BELIEVE IN ALL OF YOU.
WE HAVE TO BE PROUD OF OUR CONTRIBUTION HOW LITTLE IT MAY BE FOR THE
BETTERMENT OF THIS WORLD WHERE WE ALL LIVE IN.

I AM ISABELITA SOMBILLIO.

I AM THE DESCENDANTS OF
MY ANCESTORS FROM
TAISHAN, CHINA
OF FARMERS WHO IMMIGRATED TO AMERICA
TO THEN BECOME A COOK AND A SEAMSTRESS



I AM THE SMELL OF
WONTON NOODLE SOUP
ON ANY COLD EVENING



I AM THE SOUND OF
POP, R&B, EDM, KPOP
& REALLY ANY TYPE OF MUSIC
I CAN DANCE TO



I BELIEVE
THAT EVERYTHING HAPPENS
FOR A REASON



MY NAME IS SUSAN LI,
李碧丽
SHE/HER

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I AM THE DESCENDANTS OF
ADELINA NEMESIO ESTHER GYLES
TERRI AND SILME



I AM THE SMELL OF
CHICKEN ADOBO
LUMPIA SALMON AND
CHICKEN AND DUMPLINGS



I AM THE SOUND OF
POP MUSIC AND R AND B
BUT ALSO LOUD VOICES
LOUD LAUGHS AND LOUD SNEEZES

I BELIEVE IN
WORKERS RIGHTS RACIAL JUSTICE
AND EMPOWERMENT OF US ALL

I AM SHE HER HERS
MY NAME IS LIGAYA DOMINGO
IT MEANS HAPPINESS SUNDAY
MY FAMILY CALLS ME GUYA LEGAUYA BUT
MOST PEOPLE CALL ME LAGUYA

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I AM THE DESCENDANTS OF
A PROUD PEOPLE
HAILING FROM THOUSANDS
OF ISLANDS IN A GREAT SEA



I AM THE SMELL OF
NILAGA SOUP WITH
PERFECTLY COOKED STEAMED RICE



I AM THE SOUND OF
GIANTS AND
DON'T STOP BELIEVIN'



I BELIEVE IN
CHARITY AND KINDNESS

I AM BRADY,
BRADYBOY,
BBOY

"The movement is contagious and the people in it are the ones who pass on the spirit."

Yuri Kochiyama.
Civil Rights Activist
1921-2014