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Asian Resource Center of San Antonio

NEWSLETTER

ARCSA's vision is to develop a physical Asian Resource Center that will celebrate and showcase the rich and diverse Asian culture and heritage, creating a gathering place of choice dedicated to fostering unity and promoting cross-cultural understanding and appreciation.

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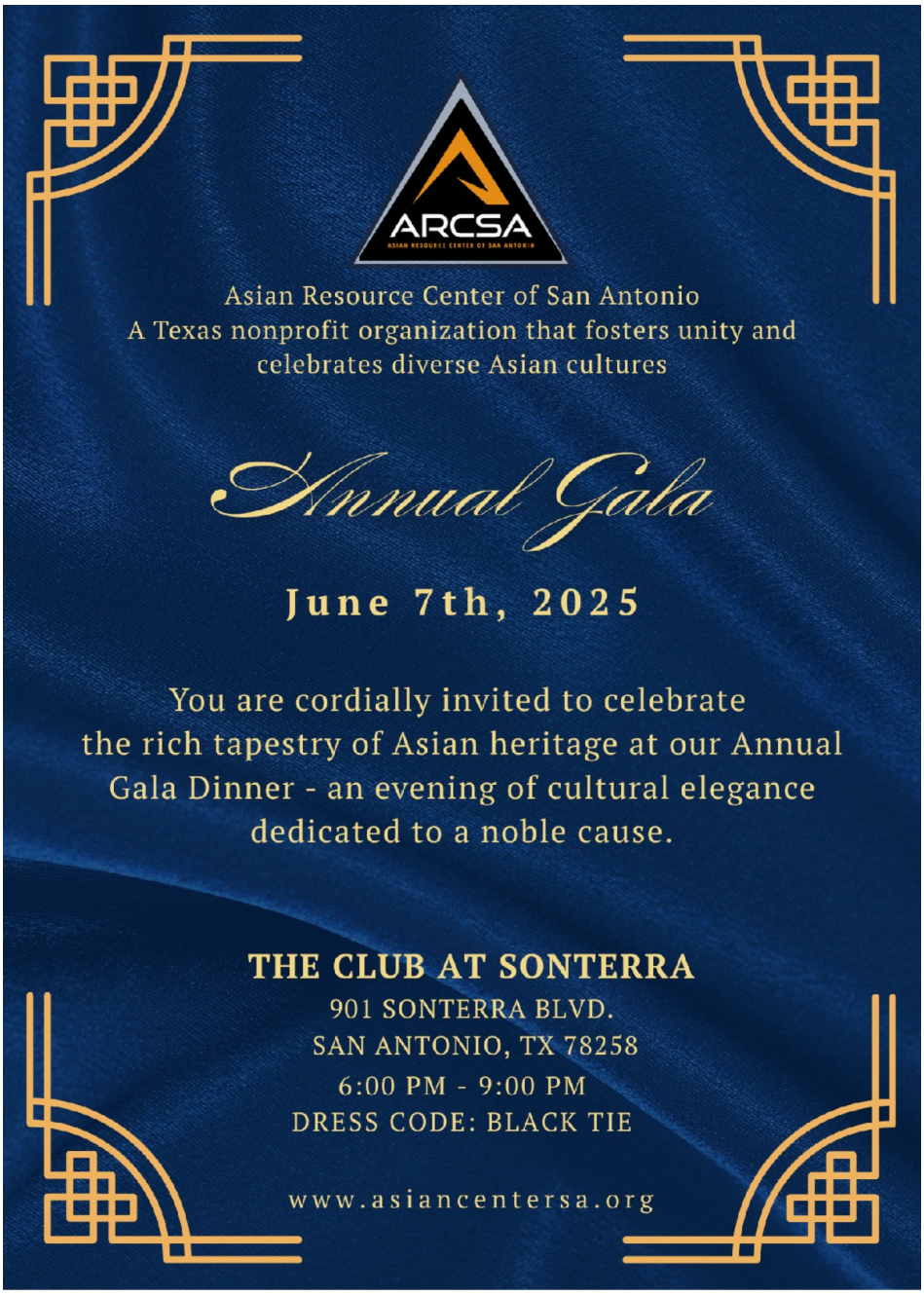
Annual ARCSA Gala on June 7th



Our Annual ARCSA Gala is just around the corner—next Saturday!Be a part of this

special evening filled with inspiration, culture, and community spirit. **All proceeds from the Gala will go toward building the future Asian Resource Center of San Antonio**—a vision that took a major step forward with our land dedication on May 19th. **This project is happening, and your support will help bring it to life! Click here to get your tickets now! Let's build something remarkable—together.**

Annual Gala Committee

- Elisa Chan - Co-Chair
- Sophear Wilson - Co-Chair
- Suhail Arastu
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Land Dedication & Blessing Ceremony

A Historic First Step for the Asian Resource Center of San Antonio.

On May 19, 2025, the Asian Resource Center of San Antonio (ARCSA) hosted a deeply meaningful Land Dedication and Blessing Ceremony at the future site of our community center. **This event marked the ceremonial beginning of a vision long in the making** — a permanent home for connection, celebration, and support for our city's Asian communities.

In a rare and powerful gathering, nine religious leaders representing **Buddhism, Catholicism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism, Sikhism, and Native American spirituality** offered blessings for the land and its future.

We were honored by the presence of San Antonio Mayor Ron Nirenberg and Bexar County Judge Peter Sakai, who shared words of encouragement and emphasized the importance of cultural representation and community empowerment.

The ceremony began with a Native American Four Directions Invocation,

“This center will be more than a building. It will be a place of belonging, bridging cultures and generations.”
— Mayor Ron Nirenberg

“Today’s blessing brings together the diversity and spirit of unity that defines San Antonio. ARCSA will be a cornerstone for years to come.”
— County Judge Peter Sakai

honoring the sacredness of the earth. A moving salt ceremony, led by a Korean American Christian pastor, closed the event - symbolizing peace, harmony, and preservation of community values.

2025 Asian Festival

San Antonio Asian Festival 2025 Celebrates Diversity at Civic Park

On Saturday, May 24, 2025, Civic Park at Hemisfair came alive with color, rhythm, and flavor as the Asian Resource Center of San Antonio hosted its annual Asian Festival. Thousands gathered to enjoy cultural performances, traditional dances, martial arts, and music representing a wide range of Asian communities.

Visitors explored vibrant food stalls, artisan crafts, and educational exhibits, all set against the scenic backdrop of downtown's newest green space. With free admission for kids and affordable tickets for adults, the event emphasized community and cultural connection.

2025 Asian Festival Committee

- Christina Lew - Chair
- Elva Adams
- Panadda Aguilar
- Nicolette Ardiente
- Evelyn B. Crow
- Sharleen Daube
- Camile De Los Reyes
- Michael Hu
- Rene'e Park
- Eric Vasquez
- Aparna Vohra
- Anna Wong
- Yen Yan

The festival continues to be a celebration of San Antonio's growing diversity and a testament to the Asian Resource Center's mission of unity through culture.

Get Out and Vote!

San Antonio's future is in your hands—make your voice heard! The runoff election for Mayor and four City Council seats is underway, and **every vote truly counts**. **Early voting runs from May 27 through June 3, with Election Day on June 7**.

These leaders **will serve four-year terms** and help shape the direction of our city. Don't miss this chance to have a say in who represents your values and priorities. Head to the polls and be part of the change!

For more information on the City of San Antonio runoff election, please **click here.**

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