



## Who is Peter Cheng?

He is the Original founder of the Chinatown  
Partnership Local Development Corporation  
and  
Executive Director of the **Indochina Sino-  
American Community Center**

# Community Organization

- a. Indochina Sino American Community Center
  - i. Focus on immigrant and provides service to help them to improve their English.
  - ii. Connection with local school including Pace University, NYU and other center for Asian American
  - iii. It has different services such as education program, health care, religion/faith and elder program.
  - iv. Fundraise events

# Senior and Housing Issues

- Elderly being abuse by their child with Asian problem. Seniors purchase their own housing for their son to get marry. However, they get kick out of the house because they couldn't get along with their son. Senior use their life time saving for the condo and in heritage their children's name. However, the children neglect them. Peter Cheng wants to do something but we can't find any study. A home care aid from [redacted] observed the senior and reported that, a study [redacted] senior in center 27.5% senior suffer one episode of abuse in a year. They are having a big disadvantage because they are old and they are neglect by the community. There are no union and no gang for them.

# Support group for immigrant parent

- Primary Care- help focus on parent with children. Sometime, the children ignore the parent and not control themselves when they were in the dental's office. The parents can tell you all the bad things about their child can they can't come up with something good about them. The guest speaker is trying to lead them to accept their child.
- Peter Cheng gets money and take these disable children to summer camp. They refuse to try new things such as boating. After on, they become more open because it brings them out. They are willing to try rock climbing. He points up that there is a father's son who loves music so much. He expresses his emotion through music and got accepted into Julliard School. However, he was always shy to look at a camera. There is a picture of the son, first time looking at the camera in Peter Cheng's office.

# Economic Development

- i. Smaller population  
The garment industry, the hand-business, and restaurants employ Chinese
- ii. 9/11 had a huge impact in Chinatown and its economic development
  - 1. Restaurant and garment factory are dying. Many people
  - 2. Merchants can't get in or out because 14<sup>th</sup> street, Canal are frozen for a year. The Brooklyn Bridge exit closes from Chinatown. The roads were taken by the police.

# What led to these changes?

- Job opportunities: home health aides, construction workers. There are still some garment factories remaining.
- Chinatown benefits from New York City's tourism blossoms.
- After 9/11, there is a huge impact in Chinatown. Restaurant and garment factory are dying. 14<sup>th</sup> street, Houston and Canal are frozen for a year. Merchandise can't get in or out. Many people lost jobs. The Brooklyn Bridge exit closes from Chinatown. The roads were taken by the police.
- Community District 2 is two block away from Community District 2. Both communities used to be minority place, but District 2 no longer belong to the minority. The funding is depending on the average income. There are rich people in District 2.
- It is hard for people who don't speak English to get a job. Some people create home made product; some people form transportation. They all hope that life can get better.

# Conclusion:

- a. People don't realize the issue (we have to convince them and educate them (about being abuse) It is important to bring up awareness in the community.
- b. Boost up job opportunities

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- With the decline of the garment industry, as mentioned that a few new sectors provided job opportunities: home health aides, commuter vans, hotels, etc... There are still some garment factories remaining. They can survive through filling quick turnaround orders or through mandated U.S. made orders.
- Chinatown's economy is very much dependent on tourism. As New York City's tourism blossoms, Chinatown benefits from it. However, Chinatown is still shrinking. We lost about 17% of the population in the past decade.