

## The Dean Campaign, AAPI4Dean, APA for Progress

I first was activated to grassroots organizing through the Howard Dean campaign in 2004. It was my first time getting involved in grassroots organizing. We had “houseparties” with letter-writing and call-ins.



The spirit and initiative of the Dean community was so energizing. Fellow patriots paid for our tickets to the Iowa "Perfect Storm" in January 2004.

Because of the activity, I helped organize Asian Pacific Islander elected officials to meet with Howard Dean during his visit to San Francisco. Pictured include: Esther Lee, Vinay Patel, Norman Yee, Henry Chang Jr. Stephanie Ong, Howard Dean, Fiona Ma, Butch Wing Jr. David Kakishiba, and more (if you know names, please let me know!). YouTube of speech: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3xLtrA2-hNg>



Photo credit: Monica S. Flores, March 23, 2004 San Francisco

Out of Curtis Chin's indefatigable organizing, we grew our grassroots team and built an organization called Asian Pacific Americans for Progress.





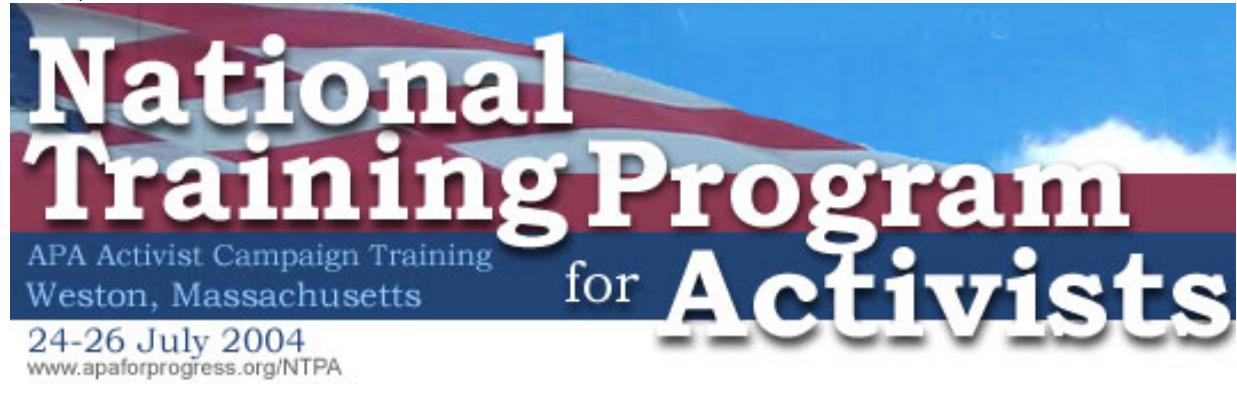
Rep. Mike Honda addressing our inaugural meeting.







Our organizers hosted a National Training Program for Activists at Regis College in Boston MA July 24-26, 2004.



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*Our First 250 Charter Members are Students, Individuals, and Honorable Members who have Contributed to our Growth.*

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Meeting at the Democrats United Dinner in 2004.



Thank you Howard Dean!

