



Nick Nagatani assisting Mr. Nishioka at Community Information Day in Los Angeles, February 1972

The Asian American Movement of the 1960s–70s: JACS-AI and Activism Today

Saturday, September 9 • 11 a.m.–2:30 p.m. • FREE

Join us for an interactive program that will look at the long history of Japanese American activism in Little Tokyo through the lens of an innovative project: Japanese American Community Services-Asian Involvement (JACS-AI).

JACS-AI was a pivotal social services agency established in 1963 with funds from the shuttered Shonien children's home, founded in 1914 by Rokuichi Kusumoto to meet the child care needs of Japanese immigrant families. The JACS-AI office became a center for the Asian American Movement of the 1960s and '70s, focusing on "serve the people" programs carried out by hundreds of volunteers. Issues addressed included Issei and immigrant rights, women's rights, drug abuse, healthcare, and war. Although the very idea of social protest was new to the Nikkei community at that time, the legacy of JACS-AI remains relevant today.

Light refreshments will be provided. This program is free, but **RSVPs are required at janm.org**.
Check website for complete schedule.

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