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### **Assessor's Office Hosts AAPI Month Event**



The Cook County Assessor's Office brought together community leaders for a discussion of history, affordable housing, and advocacy in Chicago's AAPI community as part of its ongoing "[Racial Equity and Real Estate Conversations](#)" series.

The conversation was moderated by **Cook County Assessor Fritz Kaegi** at Maria's Packaged Goods and Community Bar in Bridgeport on May 28.

Panelists included **11<sup>th</sup> Ward Alderwoman Nicole Lee**; **Grace Chan McKibben**, Executive Director of the Coalition for a Better Chinese American Community; **Tommy Choi**, co-founder of Weinberg Choi Residential; and **Kashyap Trivedi**, partner at Trivedi & Khan, PC.

The discussion ranged from the history of the Chinese-American community in Chinatown and Bridgeport – as well as Chicago's first Chinatown in the Loop – to issues of affordability and housing supply across the city and suburbs.

After the discussion, Cleo Aquino, co-founder of Mahjong Chicago LLC, led a demo showing attendees how to play mahjong.

Photos are available to view here: <https://flic.kr/s/aHBqjCVx5U>.