

JAPANESE AMERICAN CITIZENS LEAGUE
49th JACL National Convention
National Council Meeting
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
July 19, 2018

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE JAPANESE AMERICAN
CITIZENS LEAGUE RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NATIONAL
YOUNG PROFESSIONALS CAUCUS STANDING COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, the increased participation of young professional members, comprised of self-identifying individuals generally encompassing recent college graduates and young adults under the age of forty, is crucial to the sustainability of the Japanese American Citizens League;

WHEREAS, the programming needs of young professionals, including skills, leadership, career development and mentorship, are different than those currently offered by the JACL's existing youth and leadership development programs;

WHEREAS, the Young Professionals Caucus (YPC) would serve as a platform for young professional members of the JACL to engage and grow their targeted demographic in the JACL through peer-driven programming and prioritizing mobilization on issues-based advocacy efforts of the National JACL of particular concern to young professionals;

WHEREAS, the establishment of additional programming and organizational space targeting young professionals would serve as a generational bridge between youth and adult members of the organization and establish a sustainable pipeline for leadership development and succession for the JACL;

WHEREAS, young professional JACL members have convened in-person meetings at JACL National Conventions in 2016 in Las Vegas and in 2017 in Washington, D.C. with the intent of establishing a Young Professionals Caucus to be formally recognized as a national standing committee of the JACL;

WHEREAS, since the 2016 JACL National Convention, the informal YPC has established an e-mail listserv, social media accounts and other communications channels as well as held periodic conference calls with young professional representatives from JACL districts across the nation with the purpose of establishing the YPC as a national standing committee of the JACL;

WHEREAS, the 2017-2018 JACL National Strategic Plan specifically supports the establishment of the YPC, as listed in objective number five of the Strategic Plan section regarding Students and Young Professionals: "5. Create a Young Professionals Caucus to better engage younger JACL members who have aged out of the Youth membership category, providing additional opportunities within the National organization and strengthening the pipeline for leadership succession";

WHEREAS, the YPC submitted an initial proposal at the February 3, 2018 National Board meeting requesting the establishment of the YPC as a national standing committee pursuant to Article XI, Section 2.d. of the JACL National Bylaws regarding the establishment of National Standing Committees, which was revised and resubmitted at the April 28, 2018 National Board meeting; and

WHEREAS, the JACL National Board unanimously voted to support the proposal submitted by young professional members to establish the Young Professionals Caucus as a national standing committee on Saturday, April 28, 2018.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the National Council of the Japanese American Citizens League that the Young Professionals Caucus is established as a national standing committee comprised of an appointed committee chair and one appointed representative from each district in accordance with Article XI, Section 2.d. of the JACL National Bylaws; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that program expenditures incurred by the Young Professionals Caucus programs and activities be designated under the purview of the Youth and Professional Development line item of the JACL National Biennial Budget, subject to the review and adoption of the budget.

Sponsored by: JACL National Board

Dated: 5/20/2018

Approved by: Haruka Roudebush

Title: V.P. of 1,000 Club, Membership and Services

Signed: 
Signature

Please check one:

Fiscal Impact Statement attached

No Fiscal Impact (meaning that the resolution does not call for any action that will be carried out by JACL staff, or incur any costs to JACL)