

AAHOA Political Action Committee (PAC)

AAHOA's Political Action Committee (PAC) allows AAHOA members to make a unified effort to help support national leaders who understand small business owners and the Indian American community. Working together, AAHOA members can influence the quality and nature of laws that affect their interests and ensure that AAHOA is a strong voice in the decision-making process.

ASIAN AMERICAN
HOTEL OWNERS
ASSOCIATION



Why It Matters

The United States Congress is composed of 100 Senators and 435 Representatives. Every other year, approximately one-third of the Senate and all members of the House face a run for re-election. Whether an incumbent or a challenger, all candidates require funding for their campaigns. In fact, the fundraising process continues year round. Members of Congress cannot sell their votes for contributions. However, they do know who contributes to their campaigns, and they know which groups and organizations are politically active.

Every decision made by a Member of Congress can have a great impact on your business and family. For example, Congress determines the rights of immigrants to live and work in the United States, establishes whether or not employers must provide health insurance benefits to their employees, and considers amendments to existing laws including the federal tax code, employment regulations, and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Contributing to candidates through a PAC sends a strong message that an organization has members who care about the decisions being made and who are politically involved.

Together, AAHOA members own more than 22,000 hotels, representing more than 40 percent of the hotel properties in the United States, and create more than 1 million jobs. AAHOA members can pool their resources to ensure that their interests are represented and to protect themselves from legislation which may be detrimental to their businesses.

AAHOA members have substantial financial strength to make a significant change in the political landscape of this country. **We must ensure that AAHOA can fulfill its mission to be a strong, concerned and active political voice.**



How It Works

Federal law provides strict guidelines for the operation of PACs.

1. PAC Donations Must Be Made By Individuals
 - AAHOA's PAC may only accept contributions from an individual, partnership, or a sole proprietorship. Acceptance and use of corporate funds by AAHOA's PAC is strictly prohibited by law.
2. Limits on Monetary and Cash Donations
 - If a contribution is more than \$200, federal law requires that the donor's occupation and employer be provided.
 - AAHOA's PAC may not accept more than \$100 in cash from any one person at one time.
 - Contributions exceeding \$100 must be made by personal check or personal credit card.
 - Anonymous donations must be \$50 or less.
 - AAHOA's PAC may not accept more than \$5,000 per year from a single donor.
3. Compliance with Laws
 - PAC donations are NOT tax deductible.
 - Decisions on contributions to political campaigns are made by the AAHOA Government Affairs and Political Action Committee and the AAHOA Board of Directors.
 - AAHOA's PAC is administered by an outside firm to ensure compliance with all applicable laws and regulations.



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**Help us advocate on your behalf.
Support the AAHOA PAC.**



Should you contribute to the AAHOA PAC?

YES! Many laws can have a significant impact on hotel owners, including immigration initiatives, health care reform, tax laws, and employment regulations. When you contribute to AAHOA's PAC, you help assure AAHOA's involvement in the legislative decision making process. The rules and regulations affecting your business and your pocketbook are determined by elected officials. Your donation to AAHOA's PAC, when combined with that of many others, will allow AAHOA to significantly contribute to important elections on the horizon. **Your contribution is an investment in yourself and your property's future, as well as the continuing recognition, growth and success of AAHOA.**

How much should I contribute?

The amount you contribute is up to you. Any individual can contribute up to \$5,000 per year to a single PAC. But all contributions make a difference. An enormous impact can be made through relatively small contributions. For instance, if each AAHOA member contributed just \$50 this year, AAHOA would have more than \$400,000 to contribute to U.S. Senate and House candidates. **Please forward what you can, no matter how small. Your contribution will help AAHOA maintain its presence as THE voice of the hospitality industry.**



To donate, please see reverse side.

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*Giving Asian American hoteliers a
voice in Washington, D.C.*

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AAHOA Political Action Committee Contribution Card

I understand that the acceptance and use of corporate funds by AAHOA's PAC is strictly prohibited by law. My donation is a personal, partnership, or a sole proprietorship contribution.

Name _____

Member Number _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____ Fax _____

E-mail Address _____

Donation Amount _____ check cash
 credit

If your contribution is more than \$200, Federal Law requires that your occupation and employer be provided: *(Hotel Owner and Self-Employed are sufficient)*

Occupation _____ Employer _____

Please charge \$ _____ of my PAC contribution on the following personal credit card:

Amex Visa Master Card Discover

Card Number _____ Expires _____ Card ID _____

Name _____
(as it appears on card)

Signature _____

Please make all checks payable to the AAHOA Political Action Committee.

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