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Tamon Norimoto Receives Human Relations Award

Tamon Norimoto will receive the Santa Clara County Human Relations Award on February 26, 2009. Norimoto is the Development Director for Asian Americans for Community Involvement (AACI). He will be honored for his leadership and volunteer work with South Bay First Thursdays.

Each year the Santa Clara County Human Relations Commission and the Office of Human Relations hold a Human Relations Awards Breakfast to honor the work of outstanding individuals and community organizations. This year's breakfast will be held at the Wyndham Hotel in San Jose at 7:30 A.M. County Supervisor George Shirakawa selected Norimoto to receive this award.

"I am honored to receive this award," said Norimoto. "South Bay First Thursdays is an innovative civic engagement program, and I am pleased to work with an exceptional team of volunteers."

South Bay First Thursdays provides a forum for early-to-mid career professionals from the nonprofit, corporate, and government sectors who are interested in learning more about the Asian Pacific Islander community. Volunteers organize a monthly dinner to discuss an issue or event important to the Asian Pacific Islander community. Meetings typically include a one-hour panel discussion with experts on the given topic, plus facilitated dinner discussion groups.

Tamon serves as lead organizer of South Bay First Thursdays. He was instrumental in created a partnership between South Bay First Thursdays and AACI, the largest community-based organization focused on the health and well-being of Asian Americans in Santa Clara County. AACI currently serves as South Bay First Thursdays' fiscal sponsor, while South Bay First Thursdays organizers continue to create and develop programming.

For further information about South Bay First Thursdays, please visit www.firstthursdays.org. For further information about AACI, please visit www.aaci.org. Information about both groups is also available by calling (408) 975-2730.

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