

False Statements About 76ers Arena Proposal

Misinformation from Asian Americans United (AAU)	Facts from 76 Devcorp
<p>The Sixers approach to community engagement has not been inclusive.</p> <p>“Those meetings lacked interpreters.” – Wei Chen, civic engagement director of AAU as quoted in by Antoinette Lee for KYW 1060 AM on 12/10/22.</p> <p>“They do not have any language material, or even give a chance for the community members to ask questions.” – Wei Chen, civic engagement director of AAU as quoted in by Antoinette Lee for KYW 1060 AM on 12/10/22.</p>	<p>Since the day we announced the project, we have had a website available in English and Chinese.</p> <p>All of our presentations and leave behinds, including the one we used when we met with AAU, are in English and Chinese.</p> <p>We also have made sure to have someone who can interpret is present at meetings whenever that is needed.</p>
<p>Chinatown will have 19,000 people walking through the community 275 nights a year.</p> <p>“They built their business model on having 275 events a year.” – Debbie Wei, , co-founder of AAU during recorded presentation (1:22) entitled, “76ers Arena Info Session” published on SPOCPhilly Instagram on 11/14/22</p> <p>“So, what that means is Chinatown will have 19,000 people 275 nights a year walking through the community” – Debbie Wei, co-founder of AAU during recorded presentation (1:42) entitled, “76ers Arena Info Session” published on SPOCPhilly Instagram on 11/14/22</p>	<p>We have never used this number or said this. We are estimating the arena will host events 150 nights a year.</p> <p>Additionally, the arena’s capacity is expected to be 18,000 – 18,500. The arena is next to, not in Chinatown and will sit on top of the busiest transit hub in the country, so there will not be 19,000 people coming through the community and there will definitely not be events 275 nights a year.</p>
<p>The Sixers aren’t sharing information with the community.</p> <p>“We [AAU] are working on presenting information in the community since no one else is presenting the information.” – Debbie Wei, co-founder of AAU during recorded presentation (:02) entitled, “76ers Arena Info</p>	<p>When we announced the project, we placed ads promoting a website about the project in English and Chinese.</p> <p>To date, the Sixers’ development team has conducted more than 30 and small group information sharing meetings and countless conversations with constituencies representing adjacent neighborhoods</p>

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including businesses, residents and neighborhood organizations. Those groups have included AAU, the Chinese Benevolent Association, PCCCOU, PCDC, the Asian American Chamber of Commerce, and numerous businesses.

The goal of those meetings have been to open lines of communication, share information about the project, receive feedback and listen to ideas and concerns, and suggestions for how we can get more information out about the project in coordination with those organizations we’re working with.

We have just started to attend larger community meetings – which we think will be more effective now that we’ve opened lines of communication with more leaders within the community – but we have never withheld information and have spent a lot of time on outreach.