THE KOREAN AMERICAN COALITION OF LOS ANGELES

2017 ANNUAL REPORT
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MESSAGE FROM KAC

How do we, as an organization create meaningful impact and empower the community we serve in the most thoughtful and effective way? That was the question we carried into 2017. With an entirely new staff and leadership, we wanted to be intentional about how we steward and advance the Korean American Coalition’s 34 year old mission to empower, educate, and embrace the largest Korean diaspora outside of Asia, here in Los Angeles.

Many of the needs in the Korean American community are often hidden behind a facade created by cultural nuance and easily overlooked because of the all too common, and outdated, model minority myth. This year, our biggest test as an organization came in the form of an error on a sample ballot for a Congressional race that took place in the heart of our community. A number of sample ballots labeled candidates in a different order than on the official ballot. At first glance, it may not look like much, as native English speakers would simply use the official ballot to vote, and those familiar with the voting process could contact the County to address the issue. However, the sample ballots that were affected were Korean-language sample ballots. The majority of those who received them are limited-English proficient and heavily reliant on their sample ballot to vote. This error created an additional barrier in an already painstaking process, which led to confusion, frustration, and lack of trust in the election process, ultimately discouraging Korean American citizens from exercising their right to vote.

KAC’s role in galvanizing our community to vote is as old as our mission. It stems from the foundational belief that our vote is a tangible extension of our community’s voice. Therefore, we mobilized our community members, door-knocked to find evidence of the misprinted Korean-language sample ballots that would have led citizens to vote for the wrong candidate, and held Los Angeles County accountable for lack of transparency and ownership of the issue. KAC’s action led to the County’s formal statement quantifying for public record that 777 Korean American voters may have been affected and the adherence of our recommendations to remedy the wrong impacting our voters. We led the charge because our community’s voice matters.

KAC was at the forefront on many issues affecting our community this year and we are pleased to share with you our progress in this report. As we enter into the 35th year of KAC’s rich journey, our commitment to empowering the Korean American community is as fervent as ever.

On behalf of those we serve, thank you for standing with us. Our work is possible because of the remarkable donors, partners, and volunteers, like you.

Together, we are the Korean American Coalition.

Sincerely,

Joon Bang
KAC Executive Director

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2017 KAC TIMELINE

JANUARY

1/19: KAC holds Open House.

1/18: KAC takes part in ADA Seminar with UDLA, KAYP, and ADA.

1/21: KAC MUN attends the Edison MUN conference and wins 2 awards.

1/31: KAC represents the Korean American community at the LA City Hall Lunar New Year celebration, hosted by LA City Councilmembers David Ryu and Gil Cedillo.

FEBRUARY

2/2: KAC issues statement and opposes President Trump’s Executive Order on immigration.

2/3: KAC joins CAIR, California Rising Collective, CWS, CLUE LA, El Rescate, ICSC, LCLA PAC, SEIU California, and SEIU-USWW at the #WeAreAllAmerica Solidarity peaceful protest.

2/6: KAC makes a statement regarding an assault on a Korean American senior citizen, which led to a KAC and LAPD joint press conference to address the issue.

2/10: KAC joins the Rapid Raids Response Coalition, a cohort of immigrants’ rights and civil rights groups in LA to stand against ICE raids on LA’s immigrant community.

2/13: KAC endorses Proposition H.

2/15: KAC holds a voter registration drive with OCA-GLA outside a citizenship ceremony.

2/20: KAC nominees for the Manhee Koju Foundation Life Grant are awarded.

2/23: LA City Mayor Eric Garcetti, LA City Attorney Mike Feuer, and LA City Council President Herb Wesson speak out in support of a letter, signed on by KAC, against ICE agents identifying themselves as police officers.

2/28: KAC joins the Americans with Disabilities ACT Coalition, which includes UDLA, the Wilshire Center Business Improvement District, Fundacion Jalisco, the offices of LA City Council President Herb Wesson, LA City Councilmember David Ryu, LA County Supervisor Hilda Solis, and CA State Assemblymember Miguel Santiago, to support immigrant small business owners with education and resources.

MARCH

3/1: KAC provides education on ballot measures and voter registration drives ahead of the LA City election at senior centers and apartments across Koreatown.

3/2: KAC holds the “March with KAC” voter registration mixer.

3/3 to 3/5: KAC MUN attends the Berkeley MUN Conference, the biggest MUN conference of the year, and wins 8 awards!

3/15: KAC applauds arrest and community engagement by LAPD Olympic Division regarding assault of a young Korean American woman.

3/24: KAC holds press conference and issues statement on sample ballot error in the 34th Congressional District primary election only affecting Korean-language sample ballots.

3/25: “They’re (LA County Registrar) not quantifying the problem to begin with, and that’s a problem,” Bang said. “It’s disappointing because of the importance of this race and that this mistake is only affecting the Korean American community.”

- LA Times

3/27: “I believe a political awakening is occurring in the Korean American community all over the nation, but especially here in L.A.” said Joon Bang, the KAC’s executive director. “Our community is evolving and it’s beginning with understanding the power of their vote.”

- LA Times

3/28: KAC Executive Director gives testimony before the LA County Board of Supervisors regarding the erroneous Korean language sample ballots for the 34th Congressional District, requests transparency and remedies for impacted voters.

3/29: LA County Registrar/City Clerk quantifies for public record; “…777 voters may have been impacted…” and provides remedies for Korean American voters.
2017 KAC TIMELINE

APRIL

4/2: KAC MUN students compete with over 300 students at USC for their final MUN conference of the year and win 2 awards.

4/2: “We normally get about 60 calls a month regarding immigration issues and since Trump was elected we’ve had an average of about 150 calls per month,” Bang said. He said once a domestically abused Korean woman in Los Angeles refused to go to the police because she was afraid of being deported. “It’s all fear-related, from people with or without status, to those with a visa or in the process of applying for citizenship,” Bang said.

4/2 - AsAm News

4/10: KAC holds press conference and issues statement regarding an Airbnb host’s racial discrimination against a Korean American guest.

4/11: Joon Bang, executive director of the L.A.-based Korean American Coalition, said his nonpartisan group has been working on registering voters and mobilizing seniors to participate in elections. Bang said he thinks participation for the Korean American community transcends the 36th Congressional District contest. “I think what we’ve seen in the past few years is there’s been a groundswell of interest from Korean Americans wanting to be more politically engaged and active,” he said.

-KPCC

4/13: KAC partners with CA Assemblymember Miguel Santiago, LA City Attorney Mike Feuer, LA City Council President Herb Wesson, and the LAPD in a forum to educate the community regarding recent ICE raids and provides resources for community immigration needs.

4/14: KAC goes on KCRW radio show “The Mixer” hosted by Steve Chiotakis to discuss concerns about North Korea’s nuclear and missile testing. KAC Executive Director went on air to describe how this escalation of fear affects the Korean community in LA.

4/18: KAC acknowledges Airbnb host for making a formal apology regarding her racially charged language regarding people of Asian descent and discrimination against a Korean American guest.

4/26: KAC MUN students meet with Thai Consul-General to learn more about Thailand’s domestic and international issues.

4/26: LA City Council President Herb Wesson invites KAC’s Executive Director as one of 18 guests to his residence to dialogue about race issues in LA.

4/27: KAC partners with the Los Angeles Asian Pacific Film Festival to screen “Wet Sand: Voices from LA.”

4/27: KAC Executive Director takes part in “Remembering Saigu at UCI Law” event as a panelist.

4/28: KAC Executive Director, civil rights activist Connie Rice, ADL’s Amanda Susskind, and LAPD Chief Commanding Officer Robert Arcos present statement of unity to commemorate the 25th year of the LA Riots before LA City Council.

4/29: KAC joins UDLA and the community in “Hands Across LA.”
**2017 KAC TIMELINE**

**MAY**

5/5: KAC issues statement opposing the passage of the AHCA in the US House of Representatives that is poised to further disadvantage all people in need of affordable healthcare.

5/6: KAC begins May voter registration campaign and mobilizes 5 community organizations and student volunteers, registering over 80 new voters.

5/9: KAC and AAAJ issue joint statement for continued vigilance in distribution of sample ballots in the 34th Congressional District election.

5/13: KAC Executive Director speaks at the Korean American Grassroots Conference to encourage youth and stress the importance of knowing the history of voter rights and community work.

5/23: KAC MUN students visit the Japanese consulate to learn about Japan’s international and domestic policies.

**JUNE**

6/2: KAC MUN students complete their program with 27 awards and a prestigious Best Club award.

6/13: KAC Executive Director goes live on air (Radio Korea) with David Petre to share the issue of homelessness as it faces the Korean American community in LA.

6/19: The 2017 KAC National College Leadership Conference (NCLC) brings together students from all over the country and 16 speakers to learn about leadership, community advocacy, and Korean American heritage.

6/26: The 2017 Summer College Internship Program (SCIP) begins.

6/28: KAC is honored as a California Nonprofit of the Year - making it the first Korean American organization to ever receive this award.

**JULY**

7/22: KAC Community Outreach Coordinator joins a panel of Korean American speakers at the Seminar for Korean American Youth, hosted by the Unification of Disabled Latin Americans. Speakers spoke with middle and high school students in Los Angeles about topics including Koreatown, leadership, community engagement, family, and college.

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"6/13: "The biggest lesson learned is that, I think, Korean Americans have a voice," KAC ED Bang said. "The Korean American community is a force to be reckoned with here (34th Congressional district election)." -KPCC"
2017 KAC TIMELINE

AUGUST
8/10: KAC amplifies Korean American Elected Officials’ joint letter to President Trump regarding tensions with North Korea.

8/11: KAC celebrates Korean Independence Day with the LA City Council.

8/19: KAC, the City of LA, LA City Council President Herb Wesson, the Latino Coalition of LA, and the William Grant Still Arts Center co-host a widely-attended community art exhibit to promote the City’s EmbraceLA initiative.

8/29: KAC Executive Director and KAC intern Uriel Lee are interviewed by KCRW’s Press Play with Madeleine Brand regarding the Korean American perspective on North Korea’s missile tests.

SEPTEMBER
9/1: KAC calls for President Trump to stand with DREAMers and advocates for the continuation of and support for DACA.

9/5: KAC condemns President Trump’s decision to end DACA.

9/5: KAC Executive Director is interviewed on KBS World Radio’s 60th anniversary special regarding issues affecting the Korean American community in LA.


9/19: KAC Executive Director goes live on KNX Radio to speak on Trump’s address to the UN’s General Assembly.

9/23: KAC receives KASF’s Keith Soon Kim Chair Scholarship.

9/28: KAC holds the Professional Wing(wo)men mixer, bringing together over 50 young professionals for a networking event.

9/30: KAC Executive Director speaks at the UCI LAW-CKA Mentorship Conference to help inspire, mentor, and inform Korean and Korean American leaders across sectors and industries.

OCTOBER
10/2: KAC Community Outreach Coordinator speaks at CA State Senator Anthony Portantino’s Find Your Voice conference.

10/2: KAC staff receives certificates of recognition from the LAPD and the President’s Volunteer Service Awards from UDLA.

10/14: KAC MUN students attend the Cerritos MUN conference, their first state-wide conference of the school year, and win 7 awards of excellence.

10/16: In 7 days, KAC and 16 generous volunteers help 328 low-income community members apply to get on the Housing Authority of the City of LA’s Section 8 wait list and take over 442 phone calls to support applicants over the phone.

10/17: KAC’s 2017 SCIP cohort launches their community advocacy project, a documentary titled, “Invisible Neighbors: Homelessness in Koreatown, Los Angeles,” to bring light to the issue of homelessness in the Korean American community, an attempt that has never before been achieved.

10/25: KAC Executive Director joins community leaders for the Embrace LA dinner hosted by LA City Councilmember Mitch O’Farrell to discuss “Equity in the Time of Resistance.”

10/26: KAC Executive Director becomes co-chair of the LA County Language Accessibility Advisory Committee.

10/27: KAC’s SCIP interns are interviewed by Radio Korea on their documentary, “Invisible Neighbors.”

10/30: KAC and LCLA issue joint statement condemning MLB Commissioner’s response to racist gesture.
2017 KAC TIMELINE

NOVEMBER

11/2: "The consensus," said Joon Bang, executive director of the non-partisan Korean American Coalition in Los Angeles, "is that we find Donald Trump to be a greater threat than Kim Jong-un because he is creating more chaos and uncertainty. That's shocking, right? It's never happened before."
- The Guardian

11/6: KAC is a community partner for Korean Digital Health & Biotech Startups Pitch Night.

11/6: KAC Executive Director attends the 20th Annual OKF Future Leaders Conference to discuss the direction of Korean leadership worldwide.

11/14: KAC takes part in a joint press conference with KIWA, KAFLA, and KRC to call for the Korean American community's diligence following the repeal of DACA.

11/16: The 23rd Annual KAC Legislative Luncheon takes place with 11 elected officials, 32 representatives from 19 offices of elected officials, and over 80 community members attending.

11/20: KAC represents the Korean American community at LA City College's Cultural Diversity Festival Day.

DECEMBER

12/5: KAC Executive Director designated 2018 Los Angeles Impact-Maker to Watch.

12/9: KAC partners with the 10th City Council District Winter Wonderland Bike Giveaway and presents 10 bikes to Korean American youth.

STAY TUNED FOR 2018!
2017 KAC ACTIVITY SNAPSHOT

RAIDS RAPID RESPONSE COALITION

KAC has been working with the Raids Rapid Response Coalition since the beginning of February. On February 23rd, the coalition wrote to elected officials about the issue of ICE posing as LAPD. Later that day, LA City Attorney Mike Feuer, Mayor Eric Garcetti, and Council President Herb Wesson released a statement on this issue and recognized the members of the coalition. KAC’s stance on ICE posing as LAPD was covered by the Korea Times on February 24. On February 22, LA8 covered KAC and the coalition’s position on the recent changes to deportation.

34TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT SPECIAL ELECTION

In 2017, KAC held the County of LA accountable for mistakes that were made only on the Korean language sample ballots in the 34th Congressional District election. KAC held press conferences, released statements, gave testimony at the March 28 LA County Board of Supervisors Public Hearing, and met with Registrar-Recorder/City Clerk Dean Logan and Board Chairman Mark Ridley-Thomas’ staff. Here’s what our advocacy accomplished:

1. An official, quantified number of 777 potentially-impacted voters.
2. The County voter hotline was staffed with Korean-speaking operators to assist voters until Election Day and the phone system was modified to take messages after hours with follow-up responses within 24 hours.
3. Additional signage and notification was provided for poll workers (including Korean-speaking poll workers) to alert voters.
4. The County’s partnership with KAC and Korean-language media to promote voter information and options leading up to Election Day.
AIRBNB

In April, KAC contacted both parties involved in the Airbnb host and guest exchange at the center of a media firestorm highlighting the discriminatory language used by the host. KAC held a press conference with Airbnb user Dyne Suh as a platform to speak out against the discrimination she experienced from Airbnb host Tami Barker. KAC’s Executive Director Joon Bang said, "We don't want to use this opportunity to vilify someone for his/her actions, rather we want to highlight the courage of Ms. Suh for sharing her story and encouraging others to speak up against discrimination." After sending an apology to Ms. Suh, Ms. Barker contacted KAC and provided a copy of her apology. "It takes courage to admit wrong and seek forgiveness in the face of public scrutiny. Given the climate of race relations in the nation, it's up to us now to move forward and perhaps be willing to engage one another in tough conversations to bridge gaps between diverse people and communities," said KAC Executive Director Joon Bang.

KOREAN IMMIGRATION FORUM

KAC, LAPD Olympic Division, the Office of LA City Council President Herb Wesson, and the Office of Assemblymember Miguel Santiago partnered to host an immigration forum at MAGA Methodist Church. LA City Attorney Mike Feuer, Representatives from Council President Wesson and Assemblymember Santiago’s offices, Captain David Kowalski from LAPD Olympic Area, Deputy City Attorney Veronica Soto, Senior Pastor Peter Park of Christian Total Ethos of CA, Alex Cha, Esq., South Korean Consul Sang Wook Park, and Community Development Manager Jong Ran Kim from the Korean Health Education Information and Research (KHEIR) answered the Korean community’s questions and provided information about immigration fraud, immigrant rights, and the immigration process.
2017 KAC ACTIVITY SNAPSHOTST

25TH COMMEMORATIVE YEAR OF THE LA RiOTS

For the 25th Commemorative Year of the LA Riots, KAC joined community members at the residence of LA City Council President Herb Wesson to engage in open dialogue about the 1992 LA Riots and race, took part in UC Irvine Korea Law Center's "Remembering Saigu" forum, and stood with legendary civil rights activist Connie Rice, Regional Director of the Anti-Defamation League Amanda Susskind, and Deputy Chief Commanding Officer Robert Arcos to present a Statement of Unity before the LA City Council. KAC also partnered with the 33rd Los Angeles Asian Pacific Film Festival to present "Wet Sand: Voices from LA," with the Unification of Disabled Latin Americans (UDLA) for "Hands Across LA," with the LA City Council for "Hands Across City Hall."

CALIFORNIA NON-PROFIT OF THE YEAR

On June 28, the Korean American Coalition-Los Angeles (KAC) was honored as a Nonprofit of the Year at a celebration of California Nonprofits Day. "This is an humbling honor, and I am especially thankful for Assemblymember Miguel Santiago and his team for partnering with us as we serve our community together. It is an exceptional privilege for the Korean American Coalition to be the first Korean American organization to receive 'Nonprofit of the Year.' This honor symbolizes a milestone for a new chapter in KAC's history," said Joon Bang, Executive Director of KAC.
2017 KAC ACTIVITY SNAPSHOTs

EMBRACE LA: DIVERSITY THROUGH ART

On August 19, KAC, the City of Los Angeles, Council President Herb Wesson, the Latino Coalition of Los Angeles, and the William Grant Still Arts Center co-hosted a community art exhibit at EK Gallery. The exhibit featured works from both established local artists and promising youth artists that centered on the theme of diversity and their vision of Los Angeles as it stands today. With over 200 attendees and leaders like Council President Herb Wesson and Councilmember David Ryu in attendance, the event was a celebration of our city’s diversity, creativity, and unity.

LEADERSHIP SERIES: ENTREPRENEURS

On September 13, KAC co-hosted ‘Leadership Series: Entrepreneurs’ with the Consul General of the Republic of Korea. The more than 200 people in attendance were able to meet, learn from, and engage with three inspiring, successful Korean American business titans like Toni Ko (CEO and Founder of PERVERSE Sunglasses, and Founder of NYX Cosmetics), Brian Lee (CEO and Co-founder of The Honest Company, Founder of ShoeDazzle, and Co-founder of LegalZoom), and Tony Kim (President of Telos Group and Co-founder of Hudson Jeans) and leaders like the Consul General of the Republic of Korea and Councilmember David Ryu.

Aug. 2017 - Celebrating diversity, art, and unity with our community!

Sept. 2017 - Talking entrepreneurship and giving back with Toni, Brian, and Tony!
2017 KAC ACTIVITY SNAPSHOTS

SECTION 8 WAIT LIST APPLICATION ASSISTANCE

In October, KAC helped 328 low-income community members apply to get on the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (HACLA) Section 8 Wait List. KAC Executive Director Joon Bang recounts, "We had over 442 calls and met people from all walks of life. From a Bronze medal veteran who was stationed not too far from where I grew up as a child to a senior citizen who lost touch with her children years ago, the stories we heard were inspiring, at times heartbreaking, and moving."

THE 23RD ANNUAL KAC LEGISLATIVE LUNCHEON

The Legislative Luncheon provides a unique forum for legislators on the city, county, state, and federal levels to engage with Korean American constituents and leaders of the Greater Los Angeles Korean American community. At this year’s Annual KAC Legislative Luncheon, 11 elected officials, 32 representatives from 19 offices of elected officials, and about 80 community members and leaders joined KAC in hearing about and discussing Korean American issues such as immigration, DACA, language access, homelessness, and representation.
KAC SERVICES AND PROGRAMS

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & ADVOCACY
KAC works with government agencies and community coalitions to remove systemic and linguistic barriers to meaningful civic participation, and to enhance the civic representation of the Korean American community, speaking out on salient issues that affect our community.

US CITIZENSHIP
As part of enhancing political participation among Korean Americans, KAC provides citizenship application and green card renewal services to applicants at an affordable cost. Since 1983, KAC has assisted more than 40,000 people through the naturalization process and stands as one of the longest continuously running Korean American organizations to provide such services.

VOTER REGISTRATION
KAC currently operates the longest continuously-running civic participation program in the Korean American community. This program is dedicated to empowering the Korean American community by increasing Korean American engagement in the American democratic process.

CITIZENSHIP
KAC stands as one of the longest continuously-running Korean American organizations to provide naturalization services such as assistance with citizenship applications and green card renewals.

IN 2017: 72 CITIZENSHIP APPLICATIONS
IN 2017: 28 GREEN CARD RENEWALS

VOTING
KAC’s voter registration and voter education program empowers the Korean American community to fully exercise their civil rights and make our voices heard.

IN 2017: 15 VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVES & VOTER EDUCATION SESSIONS
IN 2017: 115+ VOTERS REGISTERED
KAC SERVICES AND PROGRAMS

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

MODEL UNITED NATIONS (MUN)
KAC MUN is a civic engagement program for middle / high school students in the Los Angeles County. Acting as delegates from the United Nations (UN) member states, students attend conferences throughout the state to discuss a wide variety of past and current global issues. KAC MUN provides participants with opportunities to practice and learn problem-solving as it can be applied to their own lives, which involves inclusive dialogue, communication, and teamwork.

NATIONAL COLLEGE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (NCLC)
NCLC is the longest continuously-running annual leadership conference for Korean American students. NCLC strives to educate and inspire future generations of Korean Americans and develop leaders among them. Attendees hone their leadership skills by meeting accomplished Korean American professionals, engaging in skill-building exercises, and learning about Korean American and Asian American history and identity.

SUMMER COLLEGE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM (SCIP)
SCIP expands on NCLC by providing students with personal and professional development opportunities. Each summer, KAC places 15-20 interns in government, non-profit, corporate, and media positions for seven weeks. Through community organizing and advocacy training at KAC and a student-driven community-building project, these interns develop crucial leadership skills and experience.
KAC SERVICES AND PROGRAMS

CENSUS INFORMATION CENTER (CIC)

The Census Information Center (CIC) Program is a cooperative venture between the U.S. Census Bureau and organizations such as community-based organizations, colleges, and universities. CICs serve as auxiliary census data distribution centers for the public. Census data is valuable in that it is used for activities such as program planning, advocacy, needs assessment, defining service areas, public policy development, developing new business enterprises, and race/ethnic related research.

KAC is one of the fifty-two non-profit organizations participating in the CIC Program in 22 states (including the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico).

KAC ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION (ADR) CENTER

The KAC ADR Center provides mediation and conflict resolution services to the diverse communities in LA County, with a focus on Korean Americans. Founded in 1997 and in response to the 1992 LA Riots, the Center strives to provide efficient and culturally sensitive means of resolving disputes between parties without recourse to the court system. Mediation is a confidential, voluntary, and informal process where a neutral third party (mediator) assists disputants in reaching a negotiated and mutually accepted agreement. The Center also offers conciliation, which is also a confidential, voluntary, and informal process whereby the neutral third party aids the disputants in reaching a mutually accepted agreement by communicating with each disputant independently.
2017 KAC NEW MEMBERS

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FINANCIAL REVIEW
JANUARY - DECEMBER 2017

2017 REVENUE

INDIVIDUAL & BUSINESS CONTRIBUTIONS
$123,609
NON-GOVERNMENT & FOUNDATION GRANTS
$82,000
PROGRAM FEES
$28,899
FUNDRAISING
$23,790
GOVERNMENT GRANTS
$15,453
TOTAL REVENUE
$273,751

2017 EXPENSES

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES
$183,828
ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION CENTER
$27,042
YOUTH LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT
$55,360
COMMUNITY ADVOCACY
$52,216
SPECIAL COMMUNITY PROJECTS
$49,210
GENERAL/ADMIN/SUPPORT/FUNDRAISING
$68,704
TOTAL EXPENSES
$252,532
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BANKCARD SERVICES
CITY NATIONAL BANK
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