

# Lifting Up Asian American and Pacific Islander Staff Voices



## Ines Trinh

Berkeley Arts Magnet  
Elementary  
4th Grade Teacher

**Favorite Music:** Anything  
90s  
Rhythm & Blues

**Favorite Food:** Italian

**Favorite Movie:** Insecure

**Ideal Dinner Guests:** Yuri  
Kochiyama, Ali Wong,  
Favianna  
Rodriguez



"My family escaped Vietnam in the late 70s and were shipwrecked in a refugee camp in Palau Bidong in Malaysia where I was born. A month later, we arrived in Berkeley.

The six of us lived in a one bedroom apartment across from Ashby Bart. It was a tight space, but I loved every tiny nook of that cramped apartment building.

"It's important for people to know Asians are not a monolith; Asians have a long diverse history in this country."

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