



# Confronting Sa-I-Gu: 20 Years After Koreatown Burned

"Sa-I-Gu" means 4-29 in Korean. Twenty years ago on 4-29-1992, the police officers who beat Rodney King were acquitted. On that day, Los Angeles erupted and Koreatown burned. Los Angeles was engulfed in riots and rebellion, killing, looting and protest, righteous anger and racial resentment.

Since then, things have transformed. Demographics have changed. Buildings have been raised. Policing has been reformed. A new generation of leaders has taken the reins. But what have we really learned from Sa-I-Gu? Have we ever made a full accounting?

Activists, community representatives, and academics have joined together in a Consortium to ask such questions. The Consortium will confront Sa-I-Gu and its legacy on April 28, 2012, at the Garden Suites Hotel in Koreatown during a one-day conference.

The event will feature keynote speakers and three panels: (1) Perspectives: Tales from the Frontline; (2) Transformations: Where is Our Community Today?; and (3) Looking Ahead: A Roundtable Discussion. The conference seeks to fully air the many voices within the Korean American community and share multiple perspectives. Join us to commemorate, contest, and critique a date that can never be forgotten.

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**Saturday, April 28, 2012**

**9:00 am - 5:00 pm**

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