

# Japanese American Citizens League

The Seattle Progressive Citizens League was organized in 1922 to fight anti-Japanese legislation appearing at that time. Because similar groups were being organized in California and Oregon, local leaders agreed that a national organization of these kind should be formed. The name Japanese American Citizens League was chosen for this new organization, and because of the prominent organizing role played by Seattle leaders James Sakamoto, Clarence Aoki, and George Imamura, the First National Convention of JACL was held in Seattle in 1930.



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1930. JACL members in front of the Seattle Progressive Citizens League building.



4th National Japanese American Citizens League Convention, 1934, Seattle, Wash.



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