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A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Community, Partners, and Allies -

Thank you for your continued commitment and partnership to building healthy communities and belonging in California. 2022 was a year of rebuilding and moving our communities towards recovery from COVID-19 and the on-going anti-Asian hate.



The Commission kicked off the year continuing close collaboration with the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to implement California's Stop the Hate and Transformative Grant Programs, and the California State Library to implement California's Ethnic Media Outreach Grant Program.

We expanded our capacity in multiple ways. Commission staff grew from a team of one to a team of three, where I was joined by Maria Renee Zapata and Jamari Robinson earlier this year. Appointing offices filled all 13 Commissioner positions, and we elected a new Vice Chair, Serena Kirk and Secretary, Lance Toma. Additionally, Commission meetings expanded from Public Hearings to quarterly Full Commission Business meetings. We established four new key committees - Economic and Workforce Development Committee, Health Access, Higher Education Equity and Public Affairs.

The Commission's advocacy efforts, with the support of partners, advocates and allies, led the State Legislature and Governor's Office to establish the California Asian American Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) Student Achievement Programs (SAPs). The California AANHPI SAPs will allow eligible colleges and universities to provide culturally responsive student support services to underserved AANHPI students at eligible California Community Colleges and California State Universities.

After a busy season of collaborations on state programs and policies, the Commission ended the year traveling up and down California conducting seven listening sessions with community partners to inform the work ahead.

Looking ahead, partnerships with community-based organizations and state entities will continue as we collectively push California forward to become a place of belonging for ALL Californians.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nkajia Yang'.

Nkajia Yang
Executive Director

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ABOUT US



MISSION:

To elevate the political, economic, and social issues of Asians and Pacific Islanders by contributing to and strengthening how state government addresses the needs, issues, and concerns of the diverse and complex Asian American Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) communities.

THE FUNCTIONS:

- Advise the Governor and Legislature on how to respond most effectively to views, needs, and concerns of the state's APIA communities,
- Assist the state in being an effective liaison and conducting outreach with APIA communities through information dissemination about APIA communities concerning public and private programs beneficial to their interests,
- Examine issues of access and cultural language sensitivity by state agencies, departments, and commissions,
- Provide assistance to policymakers and state agencies in identifying APIA communities' needs and issues and develop appropriate responses and programs, and
- Educate the public about hate crimes against APIA communities.

EXPANDED INFRASTRUCTURE

CAPIAA's staff expanded from a team of one to a team of three. Executive Director Nkauj Iab Yang was joined by Maria Renee Zapata, Staff Analyst, in February, and Jamari Robinson, Higher Education Program Analyst, in March of 2022.

CAPIAA began conducting quarterly Full Commission Business Meetings and formed necessary Committees to allow staff and Commissioners to gather information on key needs, challenges, and opportunities, as well as make recommendations to the full Commission.

Governance Committees



Policy Committees

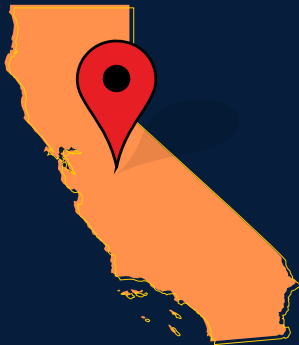


Public Affairs Committee



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

FIRST-EVER LISTENING TOUR



7 Regions -

- Central Valley
- Inland Empire
- Los Angeles & Orange County
- Sacramento Valley
- San Diego
- San Francisco & East Bay Area
- Santa Clara

Rising themes -

Stop ICE Transfers

Asian American Studies Now

Language Access

Need accurate and detailed AANHPI health & education data collection & reporting

AANHPI experience increased hate incidents and violence, including in public parks, work place, & at school

Invest in community-based organizations to provide services needed.

Access to culturally & linguistically appropriate mental health services

Housing

Solidarity & Belonging

Note - A brief report is forthcoming in January 2023.



HIGHER EDUCATION EQUITY COMMITTEE

Committee Chair: Dr. Cirian Villavicencio

Vice Chair: Kirin Macapugay

Rajan Gill

Dr. Darshana Patel

Through the #APIEquityBudget, CAPIAA was allocated \$1.5 million to increase higher education attainment of underserved AANHPI students. CAPIAA formed the Higher Education Equity Committee, created an Advisory Body made up of educators, advocates, and students, and hired on Jamari Robinson, Higher Education Program Analyst. Together, this committee led the advocacy to instate the California AANHPI Student Achievement Programs at the California State University and California Community College systems. Read more on page 10.

Advisory Body Members:

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Dr. Timothy Fong

Kaileykielle Hoga

Dr. Vikash Reddy

Dr. Yoshiko Takahashi

Leila Tamale

Dr. Robert Teranishi

Dr. Rowena Tomaneng

Our Higher Education Equity Committee held four public meetings throughout the year to discuss needs and challenges in higher education attainment, development of higher education policy and budget priorities, education data equity, and CA AANHPI Student Achievement program and implementation.

CA AANHPI STRATEGY SUMMIT

Supported AAPI Data to host a California AANHPI Strategy Summit on May 16, 2022 to advance effective policy change in California, convening leaders from community organizations, state government, and research institutions to discuss policy recommendations based on research, lived experience, and community needs.

AAPI DATA

Commission on Asian & Pacific Islander American Affairs

AAPI EQUITY ALLIANCE

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CA AANHPI STRATEGY SUMMIT

Data, Narrative, and Action to advance the needs of our communities

MONDAY, MAY 16
12:00 PM - 2:30 PM (PT)

RSVP: bit.ly/ca-summit2022

FEATURING LEADERS FROM COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS, STATE GOVERNMENT, PHILANTHROPY, AND RESEARCHERS

Educational attainment by detailed Asian origin

Origin	Less than high school	High school	Some college	Bachelor's degree	Post graduate degree
Taiwanese	0%	8%	11%	37%	43%
Asian Indian	8%	17%	9%	32%	43%
Malaysian	1%	9%	22%	40%	29%
Bangladeshi	12%	11%	15%	31%	30%
Korean	0%	14%	19%	40%	21%
Mongolian	0%	3%	35%	36%	22%
Pakistani	15%	12%	10%	31%	26%
Chinese	15%	14%	15%	31%	25%
Japanese	4%	16%	26%	36%	18%
Sri Lankan	5%	12%	29%	27%	27%
All combinations of Asian	13%	12%	21%	37%	18%
Nepalese	11%	12%	25%	30%	22%
Burmese	17%	10%	21%	37%	15%
Thai	12%	14%	24%	33%	18%
Indonesian	8%	17%	26%	34%	16%
Filipino	8%	14%	30%	41%	9%
Other Asian	14%	18%	24%	25%	19%
Vietnamese	24%	18%	24%	24%	9%
Hmong	22%	24%	31%	17%	5%
Cambodian	29%	22%	28%	16%	5%
Laotian	29%	25%	28%	15%	5%
Bhutanese	32%	20%	35%	8%	5%

Karthick Theban

Mental and Physical Burden on Caregivers by Race

About 1 in 9 Asian caregivers and 1 in 20 NHPI caregivers cited mental and physical problem from providing care.

Race	Burden (%)
AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKA NATIVE, NH	22%
WHITE, NOT HISPANIC	16%
HISPANIC	12%
ASIAN, NOT HISPANIC	11%
AFRICAN AMERICAN, NOT HISPANIC	11%
NATIVE HAWAIIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER, NH	9%

Source: California Health Interview Survey Pooled 2019-2020 Data

AAPI DATA

Howard Shih

BUDGET & POLICY ADVOCACY



BUDGET PRIORITY

CA AANHPI Student Achievement Programs

On-going investment to University of California, California State University and California Community College campuses that are Asian American, Native American, Pacific Islander Serving Institution (AANAPISI) - eligible to provide the following services:

- Culturally responsive learning communities.
- Advising and counseling services.
- Mental health counseling and awareness services.
- Career development, career readiness, and employment services.
- Supplemental instruction and tutoring, such as English language development and support.
- Asian American, Pacific Islander studies courses and curriculum development.
- Leadership development, internships, and mentorships.

POLICY PRIORITIES

Advancing Asian American Communities

Lunar New Year Holiday - AB 2596, authored by Assemblymember Evan Low, recognizes Lunar New Year as a state holiday. Bill was signed by Gov. Newsom on September 29, 2022.

Education Equity

Cal Grant Reform - AB 1746, authored by Assemblymember Jose Medina, would have expanded accessibility towards Cal Grant by removing eligibility barriers and allowing the grant to be adjusted for inflation. The 2023-24 California Budget enacted the Cal Grant Reform proposed in AB 1746.

Health Access

Medi-Cal Community Health Navigator Program - AB 2680, authored by Assemblymember Joaquin Arambula, would have directed grants to eligible community-based organization grantees to conduct outreach, enrollment, retention and utilization services through trusted and trained Community Health Navigators to provide services to vulnerable Californians.

Strengthening Access to Medi-Cal Mental Health for Diverse Communities - SB 1019, authored by Senator Lena Gonzalez, requires Medi-Cal managed care plans to have culturally and linguistically relevant outreach materials to inform Medi-Cal members of their rights to mental health services. Bill was signed by Gov. Newsom on September 30, 2022.

Advancing Health Equity with Data - SB 1033, authored by Dr. Richard Pan, would have amended the Health and Safety Code and the Insurance Code; and clarify that private health plans must develop demographic and health-related data collection for the purposes of eliminating health disparities and inequities.

Immigrant Rights

The VISION ACT - AB 937, authored by Assemblymember Wendy Carillo, would have prevented refugee and immigrants already deemed eligible for release from being funneled by local jails and the state prison system to immigration detention. Prohibiting ICE transfers would close the main pipeline filling immigration detention beds.

Public Safety

Public Transit Ridership Safety - SB 1161, authored by Senator Dave Min, requires the Mineta Transportation Institute at San Jose State University to develop and make available on its website a survey to collect specified survey data to inform efforts to improve the safety of riders and reduce street harassment on public transit. Bill was signed by Gov. Newsom on September 13, 2022.

SPOTLIGHT

CA AANHPI STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

CAPIAA championed the advocacy efforts, supported by the Asian Pacific Americans in Higher Education (APAHE) and 80 other AANHPI advocates and allies, that led to the California Asian American Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) Student Achievement Programs (SAP). On June 30, 2022 the State Legislature and Governor Newsom committed to on-going funding, \$8 million to California Community Colleges, and \$8 million to California State Universities to increase education attainment of underserved AANHPI higher education student population and other underserved students by providing holistic, systemwide, equitable services that are student-centered.

The 2022-2023 California Budget enacted the California Community Colleges and the California State Universities AANHPI Student Achievement Programs.

Under Education Code 79510-79511, the Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) Student Achievement Program is hereby established at the California Community Colleges to provide culturally responsive services to enhance student educational experiences and promote higher education success for low-income, underserved, and first-generation AANHPI students and other underrepresented students.

Under Education Code 89297-89297.1, the Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) Student Achievement Program is hereby established at the California State Universities to provide culturally responsive services to enhance student educational experiences and promote higher education success for low-income, underserved, and first-generation AANHPI students and other underrepresented students.

STATE PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION

In 2021, the Asian American and Pacific Islander Legislative Caucus (AAPILC) championed the #APIEquityBudget, in partnership with CAPIAA, Stop AAPI Hate Coalition, and almost 200 community-based organizations throughout California, securing \$166.5 million.

The 2021-2022 California Budget authorized CAPIAA the responsibility to serve as a consultant, from FY 2021-2024, to the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to provide \$110 million in grants to community-based organizations to provide services to victims and survivors of hate incidents and hate crimes and facilitate hate incident or hate crime prevention and intervention measures; and to the California State Library to provide \$10 million in grants to ethnic media outlets to uplift the services of CDSS' Stop the Hate services.

CALIFORNIA STOP THE HATE & TRANSFORMATIVE GRANT PROGRAM

The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) allocated \$14,269,246 in funding. A total of 80 organizations are awarded for the service period of April 15, 2022 through April 14, 2023.

Five Regional Leads:

- Bay Area / Central Coast: Asian Health Services
- Border Region: Catalyst of San Diego and Imperial Counties
- Los Angeles County: Asian American Pacific Islander Equity Alliance
- Orange County / Inland Empire: Orange County Asian Pacific Islander Community Alliance
- Northern California / San Joaquin / statewide projects: Sierra Health Foundation

For full list of organizations:

https://cdss.ca.gov/Portals/9/CivilRights/FY2021-22_STH_Award_Web%20AccessibleAnnouncement.pdf?ver=2022-03-29-150320-530

Opportunity for larger investments to have a transformative impact in the area of anti-hate services. The CDSS awarded 12 Transformative Grants, total of \$30,338,307, for a service term of three years, from August 1, 2022 through July 31, 2025.

Organizations / Collaboratives include:

- AAPI Equity Alliance
- Asian American Advancing Justice - Asian Law Caucus
- Asian American Advancing Justice - Los Angeles
- Asian Health Services
- Asian Resources, Inc.
- Chinatown Services Center
- Coalition for Community Safety and Justice
- Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights (CHIRLA)
- Council on American Islamic Relations - CA (CAIR)
- OC Asian Pacific Islander Community Alliance (OCAPICA)
- Santa Clara County Asian Law Alliance and Asian Americans for Community Involvement Collaborative
- Translatin@ Coalition

CALIFORNIA STATE LIBRARY ETHNIC MEDIA GRANT PROGRAM



The California State Library awarded \$5,918,055 out of \$10 million in grants to 50 ethnic media outlets and organizations serving communities that are historically vulnerable to hate incidents and hate crimes. Ethnic media outlets will uplift services provided in STH and TG grant programs.

TFY 2022-23, State Library received an additional \$5 million for Ethnic Media Grant Program

For full list of ethnic media outlets:

<https://www.library.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/Press-Release-2022-05-20-Media-Outlets.pdf?2022-05-25>

California Vietnamese Refugee, Cambodian Genocide, and Hmong Cultural Studies Model Curriculum led by Orange County Department of Education



Assembly Bill 167, Chapter 252, Statutes of 2021 amended California Education Code sections 33540.2, 33540.4, 33540.6 and 51226.9, for the development and maintenance of model curricula relating to the Vietnamese American refugee experience, the Cambodian genocide, Hmong history and cultural studies, and Native American studies.

CA Department of Education has contracted with Orange County Department of Education (OCDE), in partnership with Santa Clara County Department of Education (SCCDE) to develop the model curricula

OCDE has been working with professors, PhD students, experts, and community-based organizations to launch.

CAPIAA serves on the Leadership Committee, providing support and connecting OCDE with experts and CBOs in the Vietnamese, Cambodian, and Hmong Californian communities.

For more information:

<https://ocde.us/EducationalServices/CurriculumInstructionandAcademicEnrichment/History/Pages/Model-Curriculum-Project.aspx>

LOOKING AHEAD

Strategic Goals



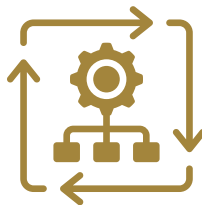
Advance a collective AANHPI vision and agenda by assessing the needs and concerns of California’s AANHPI communities through on-going community engagement and research.



Build and foster strategic partnerships to improve state policy and program implementation to meet the needs of the diverse AANHPI communities.



Amplify the diverse AANHPI narratives to ensure best practices are shared and needs and issues concerning the diverse AANHPI communities are met.



Adequate internal infrastructure and staffing capacity to effectively deliver programs and achieve strategic goals.

Continued Policy Priorities

<p>Belonging of AANHPI communities in California.</p>	<p>Improve state language access for AA & PI communities.</p>	<p>Access & utilization of culturally relevant health services.</p>
<p>Accurate & accessible statewide AANHPI health and education data.</p>	<p>Increase education attainment for underserved AANHPI communities,</p>	<p>Protect immigrant and refugee rights.</p>

FINANCIAL REPORT

Fiscal Year 2021-2022

Expenditures

Additional staff (Staff Services Analyst and Associate Governmental Program Analyst) were hired in the second half of FY 2021-2022. CAPIAA expects to secure office space, enhance communications strategies, conduct research, expand community partnerships, and travel for commission business in FY 2022-2023.

Personnel Expenses	\$279,561
Operating Expenses	\$39,541
Total Expense	\$319,102

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