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TMRW: After Torrance Video and ‘Kung Flu’ Comments, Advocates to Release New Data on Anti-AAPI Hate in CA and Demand State Action

In a press briefing tomorrow, Stop AAPI Hate and CA elected officials to release new data and respond to lack of funding in state budget to stop anti-AAPI racism

June 30, 2020 — Tomorrow, **July 1 at 9:30 a.m. PT, Stop AAPI Hate**, the leading aggregator of incidents against Asian Americans during the pandemic, joined by **CA Assemblymember Al Muratsuchi (D-Torrance)** and **Assemblymember and Chair of Asian Pacific Islander Legislative Caucus David Chiu (D-San Francisco)**, will share new data on the hundreds of the incidents of discrimination and harassment against Asian Americans in California since the COVID-19 pandemic began.

Discrimination and harassment of Asian Americans in California has drawn national attention recently after a [series of videos](#) in Torrance, California featured a woman using graphic racist language against Asian Americans. **The videos have received millions of views, and reflect**

just a handful of over 832 incidents that have been reported to Stop AAPI Hate in CA over the past 12 weeks. Anti-Asian American harassment has also been further stoked by President Trump's repeated use of the term "Kung Flu" in recent rallies.

Nonetheless, California's state budget, voted on last Friday, excluded specific funding for initiatives advocated for by the Asian American community in California. Governor Newsom has left the millions of Asian Americans in California in the dark about what accountability and action they can expect.

During a zoom briefing tomorrow, Stop AAPI Hate will release new analysis of 832 incidents targeting Asian Americans in CA over the past 12 weeks – including sharing the number of physical assaults and potential civil rights violations. Stop AAPI Hate leadership will be joined by CA Assemblymember Al Muratsuchi and Chair of Asian Pacific Islander Legislative Caucus David Chiu to make specific and urgent policy demands of the CA state legislature.

What: Briefing on Anti-Asian American discrimination and harassment in California with new data analysis

When: 9:30 a.m. PT on July 1, 2020

Where: Please email stopaapihate@fenton.com to request the zoom link

Who:

- Assemblymember Muratsuchi (D-Torrance)
- Assemblymember and Chair of API Leg Caucus David Chiu (D-San Francisco)
- Manjusha Kulkarni, Executive Director of Asian Pacific Policy and Planning Council
- Cynthia Choi, Co-Executive Director of Chinese for Affirmative Action
- Russell Jeung, Ph.D., Chair and Professor of Asian American Studies at San Francisco State University
- Impacted community members

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The [Stop AAPI Hate](#) reporting center was founded by the Asian Pacific Policy and Planning Council (A3PCON), Chinese for Affirmative Action (CAA) and San Francisco State University's Asian American Studies Department.

The [Asian Pacific Policy and Planning Council](#) (A3PCON) is a coalition of more than forty community-based organizations that serve and represent the 1.5 million Asian Americans and Pacific

Islanders in the greater Los Angeles area, with a particular focus on low-income, immigrant, refugee and other vulnerable populations.

[Chinese for Affirmative Action](#) (CAA) was founded in 1969 to protect the civil and political rights of Chinese Americans and to advance multiracial democracy in the United States. Today, CAA is a progressive voice in and on behalf of the broader Asian American and Pacific Islander community. We advocate for systemic change that protects immigrant rights, promotes language diversity, and remedies racial and social injustice.

[SF State Asian American Studies](#) (AAS) is the oldest and largest such academic program in the nation. Founded after the 1968-69 Black Student Union and Third World Liberation Front student strike, it maintains the strike's values of student activism, social justice, and community self-determination.