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Asian Pacific American Heritage Month 2020



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LOS ANGELES—This Asian Pacific American Heritage Month (APAHM) reaches us at time of acute racial and ethnic awareness. This APAHM comes as a reminder that despite the rise of anti-Asian racism coloring these last few months, this is not new and history will always attest to our resistance and our fight for justice.

On the 30th Anniversary of the month, <u>Asian Pacific Fund</u> and <u>AAPI Data</u> have partnered together to create #GiveInMay, a coordinated giving campaign to support the work of Asian American and Pacific Islander nonprofits.

Given all that is happening to our communities right now, from the spike in hate incidents to the economic struggles of many in our community, the need to boost philanthropy to support the work of Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) nonprofits is more urgent than ever. While the impact of the coronavirus (COVID-19) has been devastating for our AAPI communities, it has also created an opportunity for us to come together during this time of crisis.

Our <u>Give In May</u> page is live and open for donations.

The <u>Stop AAPI Hate center</u> has received 1,716 incidents to date and continues to garner publicity in the <u>media</u>. With the data, A3PCON with Chinese for Affirmative action and San Francisco State University's Asian American Studies Dept. are working with local, state and federal policy makers to find ways to address the widespread incidents of hate against our communities and seek opportunities to prevent future events.

U.S. Rep. Jimmy Gomez and Asian American Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander (AANHPI) Organizations Urge AANHPI Communities to Complete the 2020 CENSUS



U.S. Representative Jimmy Gomez (CA-34) and Asian American Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander (AANHPI) community members discussed the importance of completing the 2020 Census

A3PCON joined U.S. Rep. Jimmy Gomez (CA-34) and members of the Asian American Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander Census 2020 Collaborative in reemphasizing the importance of filling out the 2020 Census in the face of low census response rates in Los Angeles County. The current overall response rate of 44.4% in Los Angeles County to the 2020 Census is below the California average of 48.7%.

Organizations that are part of our AANHPI Census 2020 Collaborative in Los Angeles include Asian Americans Advancing Justice – Asian Law Caucus, Asian Americans Advancing Justice – Los Angeles, API Equality – Los Angeles, API Forward Movement, Asian Youth Center, Center for Asian Americans United for Self Empowerment, Chinatown Service Center, Empowering Pacific Islander Communities (EPIC), Filipino Migrant Center, Khmer Girls in Action, Korean American Coalition, Korean American Federation of Los Angeles, Korean Resource Center, Koreatown Immigrant Workers Alliance, Koreatown Youth and Community Center, Little Tokyo Service Center, Pilipino Workers Center, South Asian Network, Thai Community Development Center, United Cambodian Community, and Visual Communications.

"The Census – an important democratic process enshrined in the Constitution – only occurs once every ten years, and there are no do-overs. Millions of dollars in federal funding to our communities hang in the balance, and it's critically important that everyone is counted and every voice is heard. I'd like to extend my appreciation to A3PCON for holding their virtual 2020 Census press conference and thank them for underscoring the necessity to increase self-response rates in the AANHPI community and across Los Angeles County," said U.S. Rep. Jimmy Gomez.

"We see now, more than ever, during this pandemic, how important it is for our communities, many of which are designated as hard to count, to be properly counted so that we have access to all the public health and social services resources we need. To those who have not yet responded to the census, it is not too late to respond by mail, online or by phone." said Ruthann Chou, Program Manager, Asian Pacific Policy & Planning Council.

## **UPCOMING NEWS:**

A3PCON will join Congresswoman Judy Chu at a virtual townhall meeting on May 5, 2020 to address AAPI discrimination. RSVP at the link in the image below.



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Healthcare Updates Dr. Ying-Ying Goh Director of Public Health - City of Pasadena

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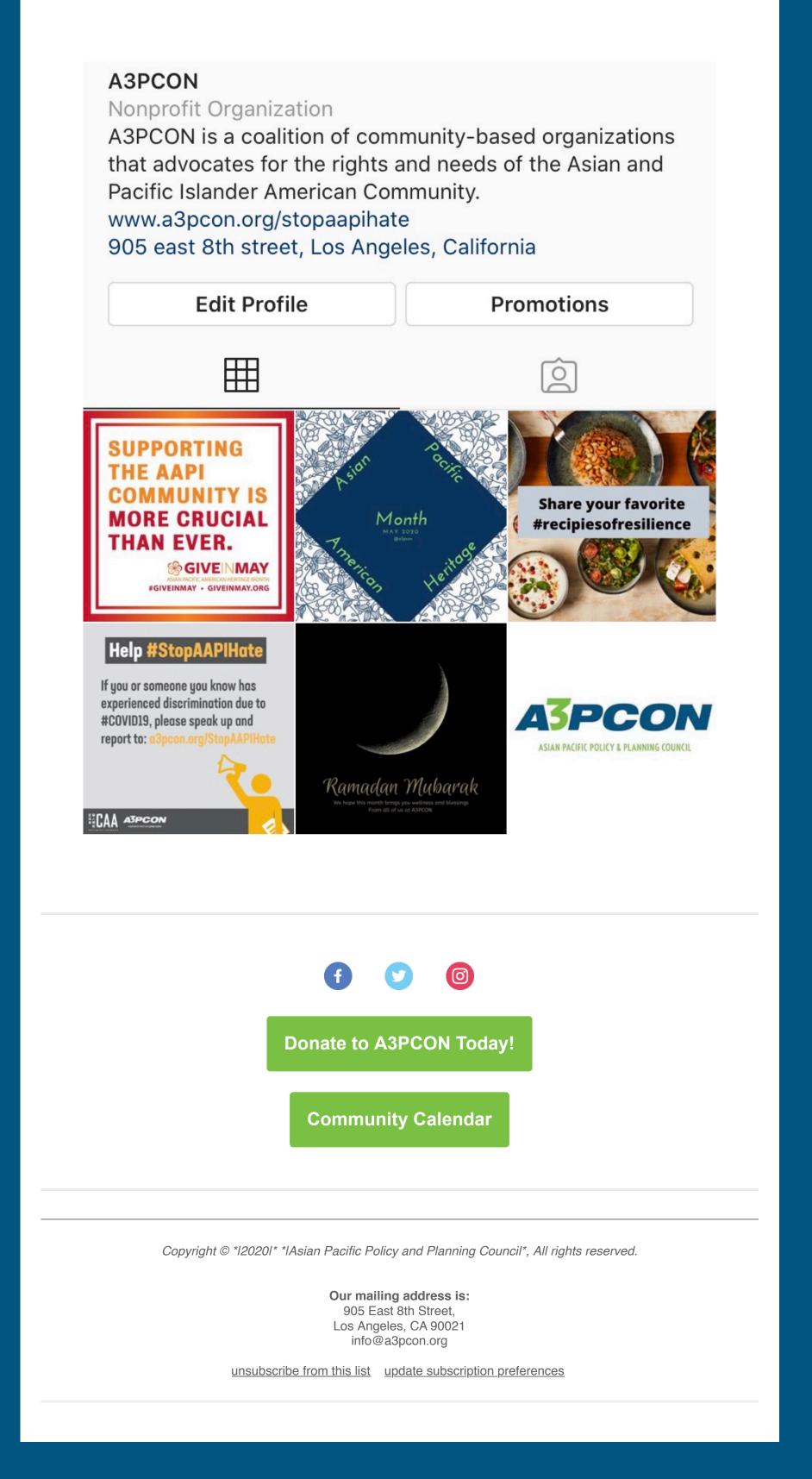
## AAPIs in 2020: History in the Making in the Time of Pandemic

A panel discussion between A3PCON, Korean Community Services, City of Hope and Congresswoman Judy Chu.



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