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In the Loop

Dear A3PCON friends,

June was Immigrant Heritage, Refugee Awareness and PRIDE Month. Many of us can trace our lineage in America to immigrants and refugees within the last two centuries. According to data from the Pew Research Center, [Asian Americans are the fastest-growing racial or ethnic group in the U.S.](#) From 2000 to 2019, Asian communities grew 81%, with Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders increasing in population 70% and 61%, respectively.

Meant to honor the journey that many of us, our parents, or our ancestors had in coming to this country, we can think of no better way to do so, than to share the ways we have been working to advocate for and improve the lives of our AAPI communities.

[Template Resolution](#)

On July 1, 2021, [Stop AAPI Hate](#), in partnership with law firm [Davis Polk](#), released a [template resolution](#) as a guide and framework for community leaders and elected officials on how to respond to the rise in hate incidents and hate crimes targeting Asian and Pacific Islander communities during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Although resolutions are often non-binding, they can help start meaningful conversations within local communities — conversations that can lead to the structural change needed to confront our communities' decades-long experiences with racial discrimination and xenophobia. They also have strong bipartisan support. The 50-state survey of anti-racism resolutions introduced in [all 50 states](#), and at [all levels of government](#), suggests a 91% passage rate in Democratic and Republican-controlled bodies.

What surprises us is that 38 states — including AAPI strongholds like New York and Nevada — have not passed state resolutions in condemnation of anti-AAPI hate. It is our hope that community leaders throughout the United States will use our template resolution to hold their elected officials accountable and elected officials to take a first step in the direction of racial justice.

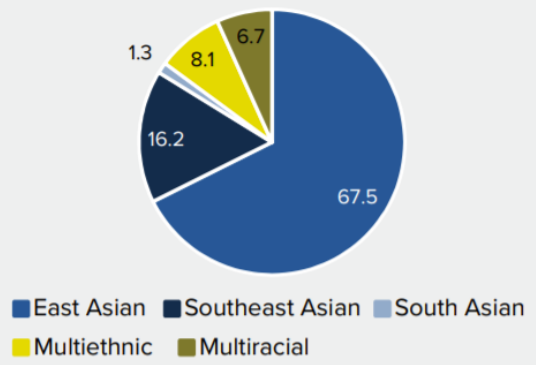
If you would like to learn more about both resources — our template resolution and survey — please take a look at our [one-page explainer](#) and [social toolkit](#).

[Stop AAPI Hate](#)

In May 2021, Stop AAPI Hate release our first ever [Women's report](#). Findings revealed that Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) women and girls are prime

race/ethnicity, gender, immigration status, and socioeconomic class, among many other factors. According to the [Asian Pacific Institute on Gender-Based Violence](#), more than one in five AAPI women experience some form of contact sexual violence (23%) and non-contact unwanted sexual experiences (21%) during their lifetime.

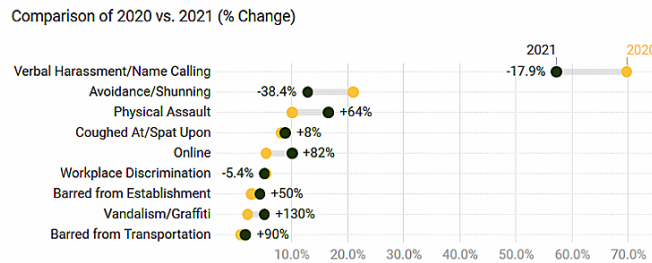
Figure 1: Hate Incidents Reported by Asian American Women, by Subgroups (n = 3,943)



Of the 3,943 Asian American women who reported their experiences to SAH; 67.6 percent were by East Asians, 16.2 percent were by Southeast Asians, 8.1 percent were by Multiethnic Asian women, 6.7 percent were by Multiracial Asian women, 3 and 1.3 percent were by South Asians. Overall, East Asian women were the most likely to report having experienced any form of violence or discrimination, followed by Southeast Asian, Multiracial/Multiethnic Asian, and South Asian women, respectively.

In the [National report](#) released on May 7, 2021, reported incidents rose significantly from 3,795 to 6,603 during March 2021. These new reports include incidents that took place in both 2020 and 2021.

Findings show that Verbal harassment (65.2%) and shunning (18.1%) — i.e., the deliberate avoidance of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders — continue to make up the two largest proportions of the total incidents reported, whereas Physical assaults (12.6%) comprise the third largest category of total reported incidents. Civil rights violations — e.g., workplace discrimination, refusal of service and being barred from transportation — account for 10.3% of the total incidents and Online harassment makes up 7.3% of total incidents.



Understandably, the exponential increase in reports has had a dire impact on AAPI community mental health and wellbeing. In Stop AAPI Hate's [Mental health report](#), released May 27, 2021, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders are experiencing unprecedented and growing health inequity issues brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic and anti-AAPI hate. While racism targeting Asian Americans is not new in U.S. history with exclusionary immigration policies that systemically barred immigration from Asia until 1965, the antagonistic U.S.-China relations and inflammatory political rhetoric about the virus (e.g., “China virus”) exacerbated racism against Asian Americans.

Health Equity Projects

The CHWOI, CCCEF, and WeVax Projects are part of LAC DPH’s goal to build a community-centered system of care and strengthen the foundational infrastructure needed to deliver seamless, coordinated, community-based services to individuals and communities disproportionately impacted by COVID-19. Our COVID-19 Community Health Workers continue to promote vaccine access in AAPI enclaves,

A3PCON recently renewed our efforts to ensure our AANHPI community members receive the latest information on COVID-19, vaccines and ways to stay safe and healthy, via our third round of CHW grantees.

Redistricting Commission

As many of you know, decennial redistricting efforts are underway at the local and state levels. Redistricting commissions at the city, LAUSD, county, and state levels are collecting information from communities right now, which will inform the maps they will draw. Your participation this summer and fall is critical to ensuring that AAPI communities are heard and represented for the next ten years!

A3PCON is a member of two multiracial redistricting coalitions focused on equitable representation for communities of color. Both coalitions need to hear from our communities, so they can draw maps and advocate for our communities before redistricting commissions.

A3PCON is partnering with AAAJ-LA and ALC to host redistricting workshops, which you can register for [here](#). Save the dates for the next workshop in the series: [Wednesday, July 14, 5:30-7pm \(Metro LA/South Bay/Cerritos\)](#) and [Wednesday, July 21, 5:30-7pm \(San Gabriel Valley\)](#). We will be seeking your input on draft maps we have drawn based on your communities of interest input.

A3PCON is also a member of the People's Bloc, which is hosting workshops every Wednesday from 6-7:30pm on collecting COI data (flyer [here](#)). Language interpretation services are available with five days' notice.

Please share this invitation with your staff and communities!

[Manju Kulkarni appointed to City Ethics Commission](#)

We are delighted to share the news that our Executive Director, Manju Kulkarni, has been appointed to the [Los Angeles County Ethics Commission](#)! Nominated by [City Attorney Mike Feuer](#), the Commission was established by Los Angeles voters in 1990 to help preserve the public trust and foster public confidence in city government and elections. Effective July 1, 2021, Manju will serve a 5 year term in administering City and state laws relating to campaign financing, governmental ethics, lobbying, and contracts.



Her role as Commissioner of Ethics will consist of providing education and advice about how to comply with the laws and why complying is important; processing and providing public access to disclosure statements filed by candidates, committees, officeholders, city officials, lobbying entities, bidders, contractors, and others; conducting audits and confidential enforcement investigations to help ensure compliance; analyzing policy issues, evaluating existing laws, and making legislative recommendations.

[Meet the team!](#)

vaccine equity in our community, and so much more. Get to know a little bit about us beyond the work!



Manju Kulkarni - I'm a loud mouth, opinionated South Asian woman, much to the dismay of my extended family who hoped I would be quiet and demure as South Asian women should be. Luckily, my daughters, ages 18 and 21, have followed in my footsteps and never fail to express their opinions to my husband and me. Summer is my favorite season and I love making and eating ice cream (and especially falooda, a Desi fav) and drinking affogatos since they combine ice cream with strong espresso, a staple of nonprofit EDs.



Norbert Tan - When I'm not working with nonprofit superheroes, I accompany my 13-yo daughter on the piano, belting out Taylor Swift duets. I am looking forward to playing more music this year, as I am a lifelong drummer/percussionist, and perform with various music groups. Along with my wife, who is an amazing school teacher, we serve at the pleasure of our pet menagerie, which includes four cats, one Maltipoo, one desert tortoise, and a myriad of fish. My

favorite summertime drink is Thai Iced Coffee with boba.



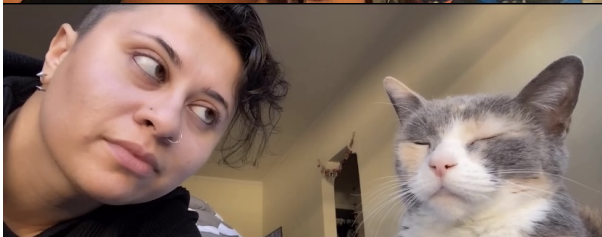
Candice Cho - I'm a type A cleverly disguised as a type B. I like reading multiple books at the same time, June Gloom, team conversations that involve song lyrics, and showing you pictures of my dog, the cutest dog on the planet - after your dog. My favorite summer treat is a mangosteen, and my favorite summer drink is an agua fresca.

Michelle Wong - I am a proud/exhausted mom of two boys aged 4 and 7. I love all things outdoors, hummingbirds and my neighborhood raccoon. I also love the Marvel Universe, and have secret ambitions of becoming the next Black Widow. My favorite summer treat is eating mango on the beach with my two boys and my favorite



the lemons in our backyard!

Eiman Farooqui - I love and live in the theater of life. I'm always looking for the best cup of coffee or chai, a new book recommendation on how communities are built and what drives people, an adventure somewhere new in a forest or city, a good conversation and other easy joys. Summer time for me means endless Rose Falooda ice cream and Espresso sodas with my partner and our 17 year old cat, Iris.



David Rios - My interests include styling outfits, collecting comics, skating, and being outdoors. I love discovering new music (new to me) and watching movies such as Fantastic Planet. I consider myself a homebody, my favorite summer treat is fresas con crema and my favorite drink is horchata!



Alison Lo - I like to fanatically bake, temporarily live in pine forests and thrift second-hand books. I love that L.A. has so many doughnut shops and I am trying to rank my way through all of them, but they are all winners. The summer heat is coming in and I love blueberry-yoghurt gelato to temper it!





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