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Dear A3PCON Community Members,

We hope this newsletter reaches you in safety and health. A week ago, A3PCON released a statement condemning the murders of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery and the importance of **Stopping The Contagion Of Racism**. The list of Black people murdered and brutalized by the hands of police since that statement has grown.

We are committed to being in solidarity with Black community and Black people. We have

signed on to a **collective memorandum** sent to Mayor Garcetti demanding and outlining changes on the City level that directly address anti-Black racism as well as police violence. Additionally, A3PCON with the other community-based organizations demand that the Los Angeles City budget includes substantial investment in over-policed, high needs areas and fully fund a stand-alone Office of Racial Equity. In the coming months, we will be working in collaboration with these groups to ensure implementation of significant policy changes that are needed at the city as well as the county level.

For now, we encourage members of the AAPI community to join us in uplifting the

messages of reform whether it be through peaceful protest or contributions to organizations seeking progressive policy change. Toward that end, we have compiled a short list of <u>organizations</u> to donate to. This is a pivotal moment in our country's history. We are proud as AAPIs to push back against racism in all of its forms and particularly against anti-Blackness, which has dogged our community for decades. And we are elevate the of our member organizations who are also speaking out for the Black community and against police violence. Their solidarity statements are linked below. It is only when we come together for justice and advocate for meaningful, necessary change that we will be able to realize the America we have sought and fought so hard for - an America in which all of us can live free and thrive. Manjusha P. Kulkarni

Executive Director

Pacific Asian Consortium in Employment (PACE)

To read statements by our partner organizations, follow the links

below:

South Asian Network (SAN)

National Parks Conservation Association (NPCA)

Koreatown Youth + Community Center (KYCC)

Empowering Pacific Islander Communities (EPIC)

Leadership Education for Asian Pacifics (LEAP)

Asian Pacific Islander Equality - Los Angeles (APIE-LA)

Korean American Coalition (KAC)

<u>Asian Youth Center (AYC)</u>

APAIT

Thai Community Development Center (Thai CDC)

<u>Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Los Angeles (AAAJ-LA)</u>

<u>Little Tokyo Service Center (LTSC)</u>

National Asian Pacific American Families Against Substance Abuse (NAPAFASA)

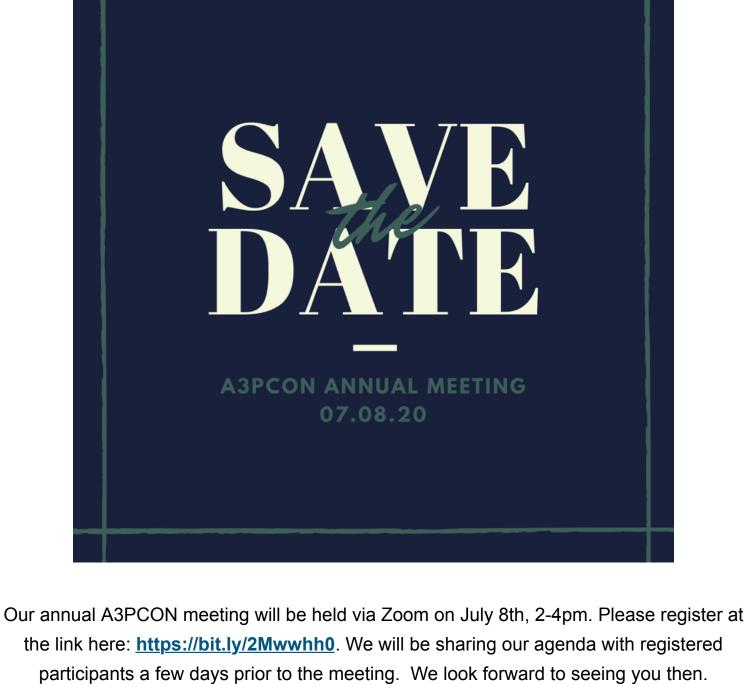
Faith And Community Empowerment (FACE)

<u>Asian Pacific Islander Forward Movement (APIFM)</u>

Asian American Studies Center at University of California Los Angeles

A3PCON Annual Meeting on Wednesday, July 8

UPCOMING EVENTS:



Paycheck Protection Program Webinar



A3PCON Announces Public Health Task Force

The A3PCON Public Health Task Force will have its inaugural meeting 6/12/20 Friday at

1pm to 3pm. Please **join us** to help determine the goals of this Task Force. We have

invited a special guest, Joann Lee from the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles, to

present the latest information concerning language access tools for community members

who do not speak English well, given the reality that many of the government's COVID-19

resources have only been available in English. In addition, this meeting will provide

A3PCON members an opportunity to help guide the future direction of the Task Force

(funding, accessibility of testing and contact tracing, etc.), as Asian Pacific Islanders head

down the road to recovery in the coming years.

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