



ASIAN PACIFIC POLICY & PLANNING COUNCIL

Dear A3PCON members,

On January 26th, the Biden Administration issued a memorandum "[Condemning and Combating Racism, Xenophobia, and Intolerance Against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in the United States](#)". While the work of building safety, equity and measures to repair the impact of four years of anti-AAPI rhetoric and policies is just beginning, it is welcomed relief that one of the first measures of the Biden administration is to condemn discrimination against the AAPI community.

Stop AAPI Hate Policy Recommendations for the Biden Administration

While we await details on the execution of the memorandum, [Stop AAPI Hate](#), the nation's leading aggregator of COVID-19-related hate against Asian Americans which was co-founded by A3PCON, CAA and SFSU, has received over 2800 incident reports from 47 states and the District of Columbia in the past nine months. These incidents include verbal harassment, discrimination and physical assaults. Yesterday, Stop AAPI Hate issued policy recommendations for the Biden administration to combat hate against the AAPI community. The press release can be found [HERE](#).



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AANHPI COVID-19 Taskforce Letter to LACBoS

In proactive efforts to ensure the unique needs of the AANHPI communities are recognized and addressed, A3PCON and the Los Angeles County Asian American and Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander COVID-19 Taskforce sent a [letter](#) to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Board of Supervisors to focus much needed attention on the distribution of the vaccine to Los Angeles County's AANHPI communities. Given the barriers to administering the vaccine to hard-to-reach AANHPI community members, the AANHPI COVID-19 Taskforce created a map to identify potential community COVID-19 vaccine sites for elderly AANHPIs, which can found here: <https://bit.ly/3bCu5IM>.



UPCOMING EVENTS

With the new administration and the increased production of the COVID-19 vaccine, it feels as though a changing reality is forthcoming. Though, the impact that four years of targeted discrimination has had on our communities particularly in housing, health and in job opportunity and economic well-being, this will be a longer fight. Join A3PCON and Stop AAPI Hate in a two-part webinar series on what recent data tells us about discrimination against AAPI communities, our legal protections and obligations enforced by DFEH and everyday strategies for reducing and preventing bias.

Register for the webinar [HERE](#).

UNDERSTANDING AND PREVENTING ANTI-ASIAN BIAS



A two-part webinar series presented by the California Department of Fair Employment and Housing and Stop AAPI Hate

- **For Employers, Housing Providers, Business Owners, and State-Funded Organizations**

REGISTER

Thursday, February 4, 2021 / 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

TOPICS: Know Your Legal Obligations, Strategies for Bias Prevention and Conflict Resolution, and Recent Data on Increased Anti-Asian Bias in California

- **For Employees, Tenants, Consumers, Community Members, and Social Service Organizations**

REGISTER

Thursday, February 18, 2021 / 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

TOPICS: Know Your Rights, Strategies for Bias Prevention and Conflict Resolution, and Recent Data on Increased Anti-Asian Bias in California

FREE REGISTRATION • MCLE CREDIT*

*An application requesting 1 hour of MCLE credit (elimination of bias) for this activity is pending approval by the State Bar of California.

Recent data indicate increased violence and discrimination against individuals and communities of Asian descent. The California Department of Fair Employment and Housing (DFEH) and the Stop AAPI Hate coalition – Asian Pacific Policy and Planning Council (A3PCON), Chinese for Affirmative Action (CAA), and San Francisco State University (SFSU) – invite you to a free two-part webinar series to raise awareness about anti-Asian racism and xenophobia in California, everyday strategies for reducing and preventing bias, and legal rights and obligations enforced by DFEH, California's civil rights agency.



What is clear to A3PCON in issuing these policy recommendations and advocating for equitable access to the COVID-19 vaccine, housing and job security, is that we need stronger representation in all levels and branches of government. Too long our communities have been under-served, under-resourced and discriminated against. A3PCON believes that with stronger representation and advocacy for the unique needs of our community, we will become the true democracy we know America can be. Join us in attendance this Friday, January 29th at 5pm PST for a virtual rally on the [State of AAPI Leadership](#).

SAVE THE DATE: 1/29, 5PM PST

State of AAPI Leadership Virtual Rally

Join us to learn more about the state of Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) leadership, presidential appointments, and an opportunity to weigh in on Governor Newsom's appointment of CA's next attorney general.

AAPIs are vastly underrepresented in top leadership roles across the United States no matter how qualified we are.

Hear from our leaders on actions that you can take to help bring change.

With Special Guests



Hon. Judy Chu
Chair, Congressional
Asian Pacific American
Caucus



Hon. Richard Pan
Chair, CA API
Legislative Caucus



Hon. Sheng Thao
President, League of CA
Cities API Caucus; Council
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