



## CALIFORNIA ASIAN & PACIFIC ISLANDER LEGISLATIVE CAUCUS

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### **ASIAN & PACIFIC ISLANDER LEGISLATIVE CAUCUS ANNOUNCES LEADERSHIP TRANSITION**

SACRAMENTO – The Asian & Pacific Islander (API) Legislative Caucus elected Assemblymember Das Williams (D- Carpinteria) to serve as its new chair, starting September 1, 2014. Previously, Assemblymember Williams served as the vice chair for the API Legislative Caucus, and he will be the first Indonesian Dutch American to serve in the position.

“I have dedicated my whole life to the empowerment of the Asian & Pacific Islander American (APIA) community, and it has been an honor to work alongside the dedicated Members of the Caucus to address this community’s needs,” stated Assemblymember Paul Fong (D-San Jose), chair emeritus of the API Legislative Caucus, “Assemblymember Williams has played a vital role in the success of the API Legislative Caucus these past two years as vice chair. I am confident that his leadership will truly elevate the work of the Caucus.”

The API Legislative Caucus was established in 2001 with the mission of representing and advocating for the diverse interests of California’s Asian & Pacific Islander American (APIA) community. Additionally, the Caucus seeks to increase APIA participation and representation in all levels of government.

“I would like to thank Assemblymember Fong for his tireless leadership on behalf of the APIA community. I am humbled to receive the support of my Members to chair the API Legislative Caucus,” stated Assemblymember Williams. “Making up over 16 percent of California’s population and growing exponentially, APIAs are invested in the state policies being developed in the California State Legislature, especially in the areas of education, health, and civil rights. My immediate priority is to ensure that APIAs have a seat at the table when decisions are being made on these policies.”

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