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AAPILC Congratulates David Chiu on Becoming San Francisco's First AAPI City Attorney

SACRAMENTO, CA -- The California Asian American & Pacific Islander Legislative Caucus (AAPILC) congratulates its former Chair, David Chiu, on being sworn into his new role as San Francisco City Attorney.

His appointment will make history, as Chiu will become San Francisco's first AAPI city attorney since the position was established over 120 years ago. Chiu is no stranger to breaking barriers and paving a path for more AAPI leaders. In 2014, he started serving as the first Asian American to represent eastern San Francisco in the Legislature. Prior to joining the Legislature, Chiu was the first AAPI President of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors. His historic career has been built on a legacy of fighting for the underserved, particularly within the AAPI community.

Diversity in leadership is critical to understanding different viewpoints and creating a California for all based on a variety of perspectives. We look forward to working with City Attorney Chiu in his new role, where he will continue to advance efforts for equity and justice for all.

"AAPIs have been in San Francisco since the early 1800s, and the first city attorney was appointed in the late 1800s. Over 120 years later, we are proud to congratulate David Chiu on becoming San Francisco's first AAPI city attorney. We appreciate your leadership and for uplifting the voices of the AAPI Community," said **Senator Richard Pan (D-Sacramento), Chair of the AAPI Legislative Caucus**. "I also want to thank Mayor London Breed for this historic appointment. This appointment continues to demonstrate California's belief that there is strength in our diversity."

"I've been proud to stand shoulder to shoulder with David Chiu during our time in the Legislature, as we have fought to give a stronger voice to Asian American and Pacific Islanders across California," said **Assemblymember Evan Low, Vice Chair of the AAPI Legislative Caucus**. "It is not a coincidence that an AAPI hate crime David witnessed in college motivated him to become an activist and public servant. We are living in a volatile

time as hate crimes targeting the AAPI community have spiked. David Chiu will absolutely help San Francisco become a more inclusive, equitable, and just city.”

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The California Asian American & Pacific Islander Legislative Caucus represents and advocates for the interests of the diverse AAPI communities throughout California. It seeks to increase AAPI participation and representation in all levels of government.

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