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AAPILC Supports the Relaunch of the White House Initiative on Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders

SACRAMENTO, CA — The California Asian American & Pacific Islander Legislative Caucus (AAPILC) is proud to support the relaunch of the White House Initiative on the Asian American, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders (WHIAANHPI).

The 2020 U.S. Census continues to confirm AAPIs as the fastest growing racial group in the nation. Over the past three decades, the AAPI population has nearly tripled with a majority of that growth occurring in California. However, the growth in AAPIs is not just a west coast phenomenon and has impacted states like North Dakota, Texas, and North Carolina.

WHIAANHPI will be a critical leader and voice for the AAPI community in our nation's highest office. With the leadership of Secretary of Health and Human Services Xavier Becerra and USTR Ambassador Katherine Tai, WHIAANHPI will be able to advance equity, justice, and opportunity for all AANHPI communities.

In a joint statement by the Chair and Vice-Chair of the AAPI Legislative Caucus, **Senator Richard Pan (D-Sacramento)** and **Assemblymember Evan Low (D-Silicon Valley)** praise the White House's decision to relaunch WHIAANHPI.

“Thank you President Biden for relaunching WHIAANHPI and for being a consistent leader for the AAPI community. Early on you stood with us against hate and passed the Hate Crimes Act. Now, you are ensuring a national voice for all AAPIs,” said **Senator Richard Pan (D-Sacramento)** and **Assemblymember Evan Low (D-Silicon Valley)**. “California is home to over six million AAPIs and has one of the largest AAPI Legislative delegations in the nation.

WHIAANHPI has been a valuable partner and we look forward to continuing our efforts to address and advance the needs of the AAPI community.”

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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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