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## **CA Asian Pacific Islander Legislative Caucus Statement on Passage of California State Budget**

**Sacramento** – Assemblymember Rob Bonta, Chair of the California Asian Pacific Islander (API) Legislative Caucus, issued the following statement upon passage of 2018-2019 California State Budget.

“The 2018-2019 state budget provides critical resources important for our communities to thrive and prosper. The budget contains provisions prioritized by the Asian Pacific Islander Legislative Caucus including housing and homelessness relief, funding for our public higher education institutions, and increased census outreach. Our Caucus applauds these investments that will provide relief for our homeless population and low-income tenants, increase access for our students at our public universities and boost funding for culturally and linguistically appropriate outreach for the 2020 Census to ensure our communities are counted.”

“The California State Legislature also approved an extension of the Film Tax Credit to protect tens of thousands of California jobs. The Asian Pacific Islander Legislative Caucus is proud to have played a key role by working with lead author Assemblymember Ian Calderon to improve diversity and inclusion in the film industry through this legislation. The film industry and the stories they tell must reflect the diversity of our state and nation. We hope and believe this legislation will create accountability and support for underrepresented communities in this industry.”

“While there are important issues that were not included in this budget, we understand that this budget moves us closer to our values as Californians. We applaud the hard work of the members of the Budget Conference Committee led by API Legislative Caucus Vice-Chair, Assemblymember Phil Ting.”

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

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