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CA Asian Pacific Islander Legislative Caucus Leads Passage of Key Affordable Housing Bills

SACRAMENTO – The California Asian Pacific Islander (API) Legislative Caucus issued the following statement after the Legislature approved a package of bills that will deliver critical housing relief for Californians:

“Having access to affordable housing is critical to having thriving communities. The Legislature has taken a historic step to address this statewide crisis that California families are experiencing,” said Assemblymember Rob Bonta (D-Oakland), Chair of the California Asian Pacific Islander (API) Legislative Caucus. “The API Legislative Caucus made it a priority to take action on affordable housing at the beginning of this year. Our members unanimously supported the housing bond and the creation of a permanent funding source to build more affordable housing. I am proud that our members, especially our Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee Chair David Chiu, led the negotiations to ensure our communities had a key voice in the decision-making process and will benefit from this accomplishment.”

“California is a large and diverse state, but one thing we all share is that we’re living through the worst housing crisis in our state’s history,” said Assemblymember David Chiu (D-San Francisco), Chair of the Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee and member of the Asian Pacific Islander Legislative Caucus. “With these historic bills we begin to take on the affordable housing crisis that threatens our state’s economic prosperity, deepens inequality, and increases homelessness. My deep thanks goes to Speaker Anthony Rendon for making housing a top priority, and to my API Legislative Caucus colleagues for championing this issue and ensuring diverse perspectives were represented. I also appreciate the engagement and leadership of Governor Brown and his incredible team. Our work is not done, but we’re making a down payment for our children’s future, for people struggling to pay the rent or the mortgage or even to have a roof at all, and for our teachers and firefighters who can’t afford a home in the cities they serve.”

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.

Website of the California API Legislative Caucus: <http://apicaucus.legislature.ca.gov>

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