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**Asian Pacific Legislative Caucus Chair Statement on House
Republican Leader Kevin McCarthy's Anti-Chinese Sentiment**

SACRAMENTO, CA-- Assemblymember David Chiu (D-San Francisco), Chair of the California Asian Pacific Islander Legislative Caucus, today issued the following statement on House Republican Leader Kevin McCarthy's post on the coronavirus.

"I was stunned to learn about House Republican Leader Kevin McCarthy's attempt to distract from the Trump Administration's incompetence by stoking anti-Chinese sentiment and wrongly associating the coronavirus with being Chinese. Racism affects real people, and this couldn't be more obvious in our state, as recent incidents of hate crimes, discrimination and xenophobia against Asian community members have increased. This virus is neither the 'Chinese coronavirus' nor the 'Wuhan virus' -- it is the coronavirus or COVID-19. Language matters. Mr. McCarthy needs to apologize and get it right."

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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>