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10/21: Stop AAPI Hate to Share New Data on Anti-Asian Hate and 2020 Election

Stop AAPI Hate to present new data about the spread of anti-Asian rhetoric; briefing on anti-Asian American hate and the 2020 election will feature

October 19, 2020 — On Oct. 21 at 2 p.m. E.T./11 a.m. P.T., Stop AAPI Hate, a national coalition aimed at addressing anti-Asian discrimination amid the pandemic, will hold a press briefing to release a report on how the rise in anti-Asian American rhetoric and policies as we approach the 2020 election are leading to a heightened risk for the Asian American community. During the briefing, the coalition will present new data on the spread of anti-Asian American rhetoric by elected officials on social media and reflections from direct service providers on the impact of anti-Asian policies on the Asian American community.

Asian Americans are the fastest-growing electorate of all racial groups. Eleven million Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPIs) are eligible to vote in this upcoming election and are expected to make up [nearly 5%](#) of the nation's eligible voters. Racial discrimination is among the top concerns for [Asian American voters](#), and racial and ethnic inequality is among the major concerns of [all voters](#).

At the same time, the weeks leading up to the election are dangerous for the Asian American community. Since the start of the pandemic, Stop AAPI Hate has documented thousands of attacks against Asian Americans. Now, elected officials are increasingly looking to score political points by spreading anti-Chinese rhetoric – in speeches, on social media and in public debates – while enacting anti-Chinese and anti-immigrant policies. This rising hostility toward Asian Americans leads to racist attacks on Asian Americans and widespread fear throughout the community.

During the briefing, Stop AAPI Hate will share a new report analyzing anti-Asian rhetoric and policies in the months preceding the 2020 presidential election that, combined, offer a view into a political strategy to employ racist rhetoric in order to enact xenophobic policies and justify their need. Speakers will also include people who have been targeted by attacks, as well as community providers of immigration services, who will share the on-the-ground impact of anti-Chinese policies and rhetoric on the communities they serve.

What: Briefing on Anti-Asian American rhetoric and policies leading up to the 2020 election, with presentation of new data on the spread of racist rhetoric on social media

When: 11 a.m. PT on October 21, 2020

Where: Please email stopaapihate@fenton.com to request the Zoom link

Who:

- Manjusha Kulkarni, Executive Director of Asian Pacific Policy and Planning Council
- Cynthia Choi, Co-Executive Director of Chinese for Affirmative Action
- Russell Jeung, Ph.D., Chair and Professor of Asian American Studies at San Francisco State University
- Melissa Borja, Ph.D., Assistant Professor in the Department of American Culture at University of Michigan
- Jose Ng, Immigrant Rights Manager at Chinese for Affirmative Action

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The [Stop AAPI Hate](#) reporting center was founded by the Asian Pacific Policy and Planning Council (A3PCON), Chinese for Affirmative Action (CAA) and San Francisco State University's Asian American Studies Department.

The [Asian Pacific Policy and Planning Council](#) (A3PCON) is a coalition of more than forty community-based organizations that serve and represent the 1.5 million Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in the greater Los Angeles area, with a particular focus on low-income, immigrant, refugee and other vulnerable populations.

[Chinese for Affirmative Action](#) (CAA) was founded in 1969 to protect the civil and political rights of Chinese Americans and to advance multiracial democracy in the United States. Today, CAA is a progressive voice in and on behalf of the broader Asian American and Pacific Islander community. We advocate for systemic change that protects immigrant rights, promotes language diversity, and remedies racial and social injustice.

[SF State Asian American Studies](#) (AAS) is the oldest and largest such academic program in the nation. Founded after the 1968-69 Black Student Union and Third World Liberation Front student strike, it maintains the strike's values of student activism, social justice, and community self-determination.