Background on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders

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Rapid Population Growth

### 2000-2010

- **Asian**: 45%
- **Latino**: 43%
- **NHPI**: 41%
- **Black**: 12%
- **White**: 1%

### 2010-2016

- **Asian**: 21%
- **Latino**: 14%
- **NHPI**: 14%
- **Black**: 6%
- **White**: 0.3%

*Calculations from U.S. Census and American Community Survey*
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Purchasing Power

in millions

- 1990: 113
- 2000: 274
- 2010: 599
- 2020: 1100
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Wealth Generation

Net worth relative to Whites

Source: St. Louis Federal Reserve
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Business Formation

Total
- 2002: 1,103,587
- 2007: 1,549,559
- 2012: 1,917,902

Over $1 million
- 2002: 49,636
- 2007: 78,086
- 2012: 104,621

Source: U.S. Census Brueau
So What’s the Problem?

#1: Differences in outcomes across communities

Good data is essential to any solution
Bachelor’s Degree or Higher (Asian Am)

- Taiwanese: 75%
- Asian Indian: 74%
- Mongolian: 59%
- Sri Lankan: 57%
- Malaysian: 55%
- Korean: 54%
- Pakistani: 53%
- Chinese: 53%
- Japanese: 50%
- Filipino: 48%
- Bangladeshi: 48%
- Indonesian: 48%
- Thai: 44%
- Nepalese: 43%
- Vietnamese: 27%
- Burmese: 25%
- Hmong: 17%
- Cambodian: 17%
- Laotian: 14%
- Bhutanese: 11%

Source: Analysis of 2015 American Community Survey Microdata
Bachelor's Degree or Higher (Pacific Islanders)

- Melanesian: 19%
- Native Hawaiian: 17%
- Guamanian: 16%
- Fijian: 15%
- Samoan: 14%
- Tongan: 11%

Source: Analysis of 2015 American Community Survey Microdata
Limited English Proficiency

Bhutanese: 78%
Burmese: 77%
Vietnamese: 60%
Thai: 58%
Nepalese: 57%
Chinese: 57%
Korean: 56%
Cambodian: 54%
Japanese: 53%
Mongolian: 51%
Taiwanese: 49%
Laotian: 48%
Bangladeshi: 48%
Indonesian: 44%
Hmong: 43%
Malaysian: 42%
Filipino: 34%
Pakistani: 33%
Sri Lankan: 30%
Asian Indian: 27%

Source: Analysis of 2015 American Community Survey Microdata
No Health Insurance

Source: Analysis of 2015 American Community Survey Microdata
So What’s the Problem?

#2: Growth in numbers are not adequately reflected in civic participation

Need more investments in our communities
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Racial Gaps in Voting

2016 Election

White: 65
Black: 59
Asian Am: 49
Latino: 48
Pacific Islander: 48

### Contacting Public Officials

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Source: 2016 National Asian Am Survey
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Attending Public Meetings

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Source: 2016 National Asian Am Survey
Record Gains in Voting (new voters)

- 2004: 723,000
- 2008: 589,000
- 2012: 547,000
- 2016: 1,139,000

Asian Share in Congressional Districts

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Calculations from Current Population Survey (Voting) and American Community Survey
Important Part of Immigrant Vote

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**Share of Registered Voters Who Are Foreign Born**

**National**

- White: 25%
- Latino: 30%
- Asian: 11%
- Black: 1%
- All other: 1%

**California**

- White: 20%
- Latino: 44%
- Asian: 33%
- Black: 2%
- All other: 1%

Key Issue: Immigration
Shift in Immigrant Flows

2015
Asian: 36%
Latino: 31%
Persons Obtaining Legal Permanent Resident Status by Region

People obtaining legal permanent resident status by broad class of admission and region of birth (2015)

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Source: *Categories accounting for less than 1% of region total are omitted.
Growth In Undocumented By Region Of Origin 2000-2015

- Asia: 3.5x
- Central America: 3.0x
- Africa: 2.6x
- Caribbean: 1.9x
- South America: 1.4x
- Mexico: 1.2x

Source: US Immigration and Naturalization Service, 2000
Center for Migration Studies, 2015
Asian undocumented by country of origin

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Source: Center for Migration Studies, 2015
Other Key Issues

- Education affordability
- Health care and elder care (sandwich generation)
- Environment
- Gun violence
- Workplace discrimination
- School bullying
- Visibility and influence
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