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2021-2023 Term-In-Review

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Elections & Campaigns

- Hosted and co-hosted the most mobilizations for Democratic Party-endorsed candidates in Caucus history for 2021-2023 Democratic Party-endorsed candidates:
 - No on the 2021 Gubernatorial Recall
 - Aisha Wahab for State Senate (SD-10)
 - Jay Chen for Congress (CA-45)(weekly phonebanks with Grassroots Dems HQ)
 - Dr. Asif Mahmood for Congress (CA-40)
 - Diedre Thu-Ha Nguyen for Assembly (AD-72)
 - Jocelyn Yow for Eastvale City Council
 - Wisconsin Democratic Party
 - Georgia Senate Runoff for Sen. Warnock
- Hosted AAPI online rally with against the 2021 Gubernatorial Recall in July 2021 with Attorney General Rob Bonta
- Assisted the California Democratic Party in creating disaggregated AAPI lists to conduct outreach to AAPI voters to vote against the recall
- Engaged Caucus membership to translate anti-Recall voter education materials in five AAPI languages
- Redistricting: We increased awareness of plurality and majority AAPI districts post-2021 redistricting
- Hosted AAPI Caucus Open House at the beginning of the 2022 election cycle for AAPI candidates engaging with the Democratic Party
- Established relationships and promoted Party-endorsed campaigns that paid special attention to AAPI voters.
- Tracked statewide list of official Democratic Party-endorsed AAPI candidates for federal, state, and local offices
- Encouraged API candidates to seek official Democratic Party endorsements via the California Democratic Party (CDP) (federal and state elections) or County Democratic Parties (local and municipal elections)
- Encouraged Caucus members and activists to file and run for Democratic County Central Committee elections, Democratic State Central Committee elections
- Hosted AAPI voter registration training with Rising Organizers

Outreach – Community & Voter Engagement

- Participated in conversation with Governor Newsom about AAPI issues
- We established strong partnerships with AAPI Democratic Clubs and allied organizations, including:
 - Pilipino American Los Angeles Democrats (PALAD)
 - CYD API Caucus

- o South Asians for America (SAFA)
 - o Korean American Democratic Club (KADC)
 - o Asian Democrats of Los Angeles County (ADLAC)
 - o Silicon Valley Asian Pacific American Democratic Club (SVAPADC)
 - o Southwest Asian North African Democratic Club of San Francisco (SWANADC)
 - o Pacific Islander Democratic Club of San Mateo County
 - o Muslim Dems & Friends Democratic Club of Alameda County
 - o AAPI Democratic Club of San Diego
 - o Asian Pacific American Democratic Caucus of Alameda County
 - o Filipino American Democratic Caucus (FADC)
 - o College Democrats of America AAPI Caucus
 - o Rising Organizers
 - o Grassroots Dem HQ
- Hosted panel discussions focused on:
 - o The climate of hostility experienced by AAPI women public servants;
 - o Housing;
 - o Mobilizing for the 2022 General Elections and Courting AAPI Voters;
 - o 2022 Election Debrief with AAPI Democratic Club Leaders
 - Live-tweeting of Caucus Events
 - Supported the California Democratic Party's initiatives to increase awareness about the different segments of our diverse communities, including:
 - o three AAPI Heritage Month events;
 - o two Filipino American History Month events (in conjunction with FADC),
 - o a Muslim Salon conversation focusing on the AAPI Muslim experience;
 - o Celebrations of Eid, Ramadan, and Diwali per CDP's request
 - Led two Resolutions adopted by the California Democratic Party
 - o Resolution Affirming that Members of the AAPI Community Are American
 - o Resolution in Support of Afghan Refugees
 - CDP API Caucus Mixer in conjunction with 2022 E-Board- held in Chinatown
 - Promoted and signed-up individuals to participate in CDP Trainings and initiatives
 - Promoted and elevated the Stop AAPI Hate Campaign
 - Hosted a discussion wrap-up of elections at the end of 2022 highlighted AAPI Party-endorsed candidates.
 - Promoted API affiliated community and voter engagement events.
 - Promoted DEM2022 and DEM2023 Programs to help sustain CDP through grassroots action.
 - Informed membership of legislation that is Democratic Party endorsed or relevant to the API community.

Administration

- Held virtual meetings for the API Caucus history throughout 2021-2023 term
- Updated By-Laws to comply with CDP model bylaws
- Renamed the Caucus to the AAPI Caucus
- Held monthly Caucus Executive Board conference calls and zoom meetings to maintain communication, accountability, and conduct business among Caucus officers.
- Hosted in-person Executive Board Member Retreats regionally,
- Created term action items and possible Caucus events/meeting discussion topics via action goals and activities document.
- Created an online membership fee waiver form which was used as an example for other

caucuses.

- Appointed standing committee co-chairs, interviewed members and initially brought on to committees to expand scope of work and to increase Caucus member participation.
- Sent letters of support for candidates seeking clemency.
- Created the APIs for Newsom project within the Caucus
- Increased lifetime and sustaining lifetime memberships of individuals, elected officials, and obtained new members
- Purchased new caucus domain
- Sent out timely newsletters with relevant information
- Maintained a precedent-breaking CDP Caucus balance of at least \$15,000
- Highest-ever CDP AAPI Caucus balance term ending at least \$17,000

Communications

- Ensured that the AAPI Democratic Community was apprised of California Democratic Party initiatives
- Built partnerships with CDP leadership, DNC leadership, DNC AAPI Caucus, AAPI Legislative Caucus and CAPAC to ensure we are abreast of important AAPI issues by the CDP API Caucus
- Maintained CDP API Caucus Facebook Discussion Group
- Partnered with the California Democratic Party to disseminate and uplift issues of relevance to the AAPI community
- Partnered with the California Democratic Party for the first-ever Eid Celebration video
- Made sure a diverse AAPI community was represented in CDP committees, panels, promotional videos and events.
- Actively engaged the media against the Recall
- Sent regular Caucus e-updates, mobilization alerts, and updates to keep Caucus members and DSCC delegates informed (Sign up at www.apicaucus.com).
- Maintained Caucus website (www.apicaucus.com) with updates as an information hub for AAPI activists.
- Hosted California statewide online directory of AAPI Democratic clubs and organizations (accessible on Caucus website (Please send updates to cademparty.apicaucus@gmail.com)).
- Maintained, and posted to the Caucus Facebook page discussion group (www.facebook.com/apicaucus) with Caucus updates.
- Maintained social media accounts: Instagram: @apicaucus and Twitter: @cdpapicaucus.

2021-2023 California Democratic Party Asian Pacific Islander Caucus Leadership Team

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