

Email from the Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum
“Rock Solid: Some Things Never Change”
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Over our 30 years, the Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum has worked with 5 Presidents and 16 sessions of Congress. Over our 30 years, APIAHF has connected Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander communities to the White House, Capitol Hill and the Supreme Court. We have harnessed the power of our communities to bring your concerns to these halls of power, the highest in the nation. We have equipped our communities to raise their voices, to make their votes count, and to make the policies of our nation more responsive to our needs. We have listened deeply to our communities and use our voice to advance policies that serve diverse health needs.

None of this has changed.

Our democracy is still strong. We live in one of the world’s oldest and largest democracies which undergoes a cherished regular transition of power. We also have the cherished right to protest and peaceful assembly. We as a nation will continue to make progress if we continue organizing, engaging, and working with all communities of color and progressive whites to lift up all our voices and concerns to the highest decision makers in the nation.

Our values and policy priorities remain unchanged. Our organizational values of respect, fairness, equity and health justice for all will continue to guide our work. Our enduring policy agenda has always been about coverage for all, language access as a quality of care issue, disaggregated data to inform policy, and resources to assure services to our communities.

We will continue the important fight for health equity with the strength of unity and a commitment to compassion. As advocates for health equity, we will continue to fight for affordable health coverage for all people. We will work with even more rigor, strategy and energy to build stronger, healthier, and more inclusive communities across the country.

Onward

We deeply thank Secretary Clinton for her inspired leadership and her commitment to all people, especially women and girls. We plan to work with President-elect Trump’s transition team and will push our collective agenda under the new Administration, because that is our role as the clear, strong consumer voice in the nation’s capital on health issues affecting Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders.

While the road may be steeper now, this is the same path to justice that we have always traversed. Together.



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