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#### **APA VOICE REDISTRICTING TASK FORCE LAUNCHES**

14 Leading APA Civic Engagement Groups Form Task Force to Ensure
FAIR AND EQUAL ACCESS TO POWER

WHAT: Congressional and state lines are redrawn every 10 years based on the the decennial census. Asian Pacific Americans now make up 14% of New York City. Our voices must be heard to ensure a fair and equal opportunity for a representative democracy.

WHEN and WHERE: Monday, March 22, 2021, 11:00 a.m. - noon

Steps, ELMHURST PUBLIC LIBRARY, 86-07 Broadway, Queens

WHO: Role of APA VOICE Redistricting Task Force in 2020 Redistricting Cycle:

John Park, Executive Director, MinKwon Center for Community Action

**Accomplishments in 2010 Redistricting Cycle**:

Liz OuYang, Coordinator, APA VOICE Redistricting Task Force

### Perspectives from new and seasoned groups involved in redistricting:

Rehan Mehmood, Director of Health Services, South Asian Council for Social Services and Mae Lee, Executive Director, Chinese Progressive Association

### "Cracked" Neighborhoods:

Farzana Linda, Associate Director of Programs, Advocacy and Organizing, CHHAYA Community Development Corporation

Kevin Cho, Assistant Director, Korean Community Services

John Albert, Executive Director, Taking Our Seat

### **Brooklyn:**

Mon Yuck Yu, Executive Vice-President and Chief of Staff, Academy of Medical and Public Health Services

Karen Zhou, Executive Director, Homecrest

#### Bronx:

Mohamed Q. Amin, Executive Director, Caribbean Equality Project

### **Educational Campaign:**

Thomas Yu, Co-Executive Director, Asian Americans for Equality

Brianna Cea, Executive Vice-President, OCA-NY Asian Pacific American Advocates

## <u>Participation in Independent Redistricting Commission Hearings:</u>

Howard Wong, Civic Engagement Manager, Chinese American Planning Council

**<u>Legislative Campaign</u>**: Tirtho Dutha, Program Coordinator, SHETU

**Coalition Building on Redistricting**: Sandra Choi, Civic Participation

Manager, MinKwon Center for Community Action