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PRESS ADVISORY

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Supervisor Keith Carson Hosts Asian and Pacific Islander American Boys and Men Forum

Oakland, CA – In the national conversation about criminal justice, immigration, and education, the needs of Asian and Pacific Islander American boys and men are often left out. In cities such as Oakland, AAPI youth have had very high arrest rates: Samoans with 140 per 1000—the highest rate in the city--Cambodians with 63 per 1000, and Laotians with 52 per 1000.¹ For the first time in Alameda County, Supervisor Keith Carson, with the Asian Community Collaborative (ACC) and other elected officials, will convene a forum to discuss the needs unique to API boys and men on Thursday, April 14, from 5:30 to 8:00pm at the Elihu Harris State Building. Leaders in local community activism and philanthropy will come together to craft a strategy on how to address these challenges.

The event will have remarks by the elected officials, including Supervisor Keith Carson, Supervisor Wilma Chan, and Assemblymember Rob Bonta. There will be a panel discussion featuring key community leaders and young people to share their experiences and raise awareness of challenges API boys and men face. The panel will highlight the issue areas of immigration, migration, education, criminal justice, deportation, and mental health. Several key community leaders, including Sherry Hirota, Chief Executive Officer of Asian Health Services, and Eddy Zheng, Co-Chair of the Asian Prisoner Support Committee, will be facilitating the event and panel discussion.

Attendees are encouraged to RSVP to this free event at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/asian-and-pacific-islander-american-boys-men-forum-tickets-23834961010>. Please join us for this important discussion on April 14.

- WHAT:** Asian and Pacific Islander American Boys and Men Forum
- WHEN:** Thursday, April 14, from 5:30-8:00pm
- WHERE:** Elihu Harris State Building, Auditorium, 1515 Clay Street, Oakland, CA
- WHO:** Alameda County Supervisor Keith Carson, Supervisor Wilma Chan, Assemblymember Rob Bonta, Asian Community Collaborative
- WHY:** To raise awareness of and identify strategies to overcome the challenges API boys and men face

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Alameda County Supervisor Keith Carson represents the Fifth District, which includes Albany, Berkeley, Emeryville, Piedmont, and parts of Oakland (North Oakland, Rockridge, Grand Lake, Fruitvale, and Dimond District neighborhoods). For more information about District 5 and Supervisor Keith Carson, please call (510) 272-6695 or visit <http://www.acgov.org/board/district5>

¹ API Youth Violence Prevention Center (2007). Under the Microscope: Asian and Pacific Islander Youth in Oakland - Needs, Issues, Solutions. Oakland: National Center for Crime & Delinquency.

ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER AMERICAN BOYS AND MEN FORUM

THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 2016
5:30PM-8:00PM

ELIHU HARRIS STATE BUILDING, AUDITORIUM, 1515 CLAY STREET, OAKLAND

This forum will focus on some important issues impacting the Asian and Pacific Islander American community such as: health care, education, incarceration, re-entry and strategies to strengthen our community.

Community leaders, key government officials and experts will be there to talk about how we come together to improve outcomes in our communities and quality of life for API Boys and Men.

This is a **FREE** event. Refreshments will be served and some direct services will be available.

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