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The Health Trust Partners with Asian Americans for Community Involvement, Public Health Department, and Supervisor Joe Simitian to Prioritize Asian/Pacific Islander (API) Health

The collective group will host an upcoming community meeting as they begin the next phase of the API Health Assessment community engagement process

San Jose, CA – On Thursday, April 18, 2019, Asian Americans for Community Involvement (AACI), in partnership with The Health Trust and the Santa Clara County Public Health Department – will host a community meeting to discuss next steps in the API Health Assessment Implementation Plan. The meeting will be held at the Vietnamese American Community Center, 2072 Lucretia Avenue, San Jose, CA 95122, from 6:00 - 8:30 PM. Santa Clara County Supervisor Joe Simitian will be joining the meeting, as will other key API partners and advocates.

Since Santa Clara County Public Health Department published the API Health Assessment Report in 2017, AACI has conducted focus groups to engage API community members and identify key priorities and recommendations to address the disparities found in the report. The purpose of this community meeting is to share the results of the focus groups, engage key partners, and identify next steps in the implementation planning process.

Community members who represent, work with, or are knowledgeable about the subgroup populations, including advocates, stakeholders, faith leaders, physicians, social workers, mental health counselors, service providers, and educators, are especially encouraged to attend.

Light dinner will be served and RSVP is required. If you have any questions regarding the community event, please contact Edwin Tan from AACI at 951-741-0619.

RSVP here: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/asian-pacific-islander-health-assessment-community-meeting-tickets-59492711301?aff=utm_source%3Ddeb_email%26utm_medium%3Demail%26utm_campaign%3Dnew_event_email&utm_term=eventurl_text

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About Asian Americans for Community Involvement (AACI)
Founded in 1973, AACI is one of the largest community-based organizations advocating for and serving the marginalized and vulnerable ethnic communities in Santa Clara County. Our mission is to strengthen the hope and resilience of our community members by improving their
health, mental health and well-being. Current programs include mental health and primary care health services, health education, HIV/AIDS testing and education, substance abuse treatment, problem gambling treatment, a Center for Survivors of Torture, shelter and services for domestic violence victims, a senior center, youth programs, English classes, and community advocacy. To learn more, please visit aaci.org.

**About the Santa Clara County Public Health Department**
The Santa Clara County Public Health Department focuses on protecting and improving the health of communities through education, promotion of healthy lifestyles, disease and injury prevention, and the promotion of sound health policy.

To learn more about how the Public Health Department serves the people who live, work study and play in Santa Clara County. Please visit our website: sccphd.org, and follow us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/sccpublichealth/.

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The Health Trust is an operating foundation founded in 1996. Our mission is to build health equity in Silicon Valley. We believe everyone should have the opportunity to be healthy - especially the most vulnerable. To that end, we fund community-based organizations and public agencies whose work aligns with our mission, provide direct services, and advocate for policies and initiatives that help advance our mission. To learn more, please visit healthtrust.org.