OUR MISSION IS TO
ADVANCE CIVIL AND HUMAN RIGHTS
FOR ASIAN AMERICANS AND
TO BUILD AND PROMOTE
A FAIR AND EQUITABLE
SOCIETY FOR ALL
This year began a new chapter for Asian Americans Advancing Justice | AAJC, as we welcomed a new president and so did Asian Americans. Unfortunately, the year saw repeated battles over immigration, voting rights, the 2020 Census, and racial justice as opinions polarized and directions diverged.

Advancing Justice | AAJC and its partners sought to hold the line throughout 2017 as civil and human rights of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPIs) were attacked repeatedly. Perhaps no area was more under assault than immigration. Advancing Justice | AAJC was on the front lines on Capitol Hill, in the streets, and in the media countering the xenophobic and anti-immigrant narrative portrayed by elements of the administration. We fought for a legislative solution for DREAMers, and defended the current legal immigration system that reunites families, protects refugees, and grants temporary protected status to immigrants from nations suffering natural disasters or humanitarian crises.

When the White House announced its original Muslim Ban, we were at the airports demanding information and sought to assist travelers. We filed briefs and held rallies in opposition to each new iteration of the Muslim Ban. We celebrated as AAPI attorneys and judges were central figures in the legal fight against the Muslim Bans.

During 2017, we fought for the Census Bureau to receive adequate funding for a full and accurate count of the AAPI population. These efforts included letters, testimony, and numerous meetings with lawmakers and stakeholders about the importance of accurate census data. Advancing Justice | AAJC also engaged in aggressive advocacy to prevent a citizenship question from being added to the decennial census.

Hate crimes and incidents rose significantly in 2017, and the Advancing Justice affiliation launched a website to track these incidents and draw attention to them. In collaboration with the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights, the Advancing Justice affiliation developed the ability to receive reports in multiple Asian languages.

While we battled against divisiveness outside our community, we also battled it within the AAPI community on the issue of affirmative action. Asian Americans were being used as a wedge to challenge affirmative action in 2017 with complaints against Harvard, and other elite universities by a growing number of conservative Asian Americans. It was important for Advancing Justice | AAJC to be vocal and visible in advocating for affirmative action policies that have traditionally benefitted all communities of color, including AAPIs.

Advancing Justice | AAJC continued a robust amicus litigation program. Several cases in which we participated involved Asian plaintiffs, and addressed landmark issues related to free speech and immigration.

Lastly, we renewed our representation and efforts in telecommunications, technology, and media diversity where we’ve been involved in the discourse around net neutrality and raised our voices regarding AAPI representation in Hollywood.

As we ended 2017, we will begin 2018—fully engaged and ready to ensure that our communities are visible, represented, and protected. To all of our partners, corporations, foundations, and individual donors, we say thank you. We could not do this work without you. We look forward to our continued partnership as we will advocate strongly for our community now and in the years to come.

Sincerely,

John C. Yang
President and Executive Director

Parkin Lee
Chair, Board of Directors
PROTECTING OUR IMMIGRANT FAMILIES & COMMUNITIES

Advancing Justice | AAJC is a leading authority on immigration policy as it affects the Asian American community. We leverage our position as a leader in the Asian American and broader social justice community to promote fair and just immigration policies that protect family unity, provide access to immigration status and a pathway to citizenship, and promote civil rights protections and due process in enforcement. Our role was particularly crucial in the face of the administration’s anti-immigrant and anti-Muslim rhetoric and policies throughout 2017.

Family Immigration

The family-based immigration system is the backbone of the Asian American community. Over the past year, this system has been under attack by both the administration and Congress. In response, Advancing Justice | AAJC engaged in administrative and legislative advocacy to support positive legislation while fighting against these attacks that would decimate the family-based immigration system. We have taken the lead in educating lawmakers and the media about the merit and benefits of family immigration.

• Supporting the Reuniting Families Act, a bill that would clear the family backlogs, update our family-based immigration laws, lift the family and employment-based visa country caps, and provide much needed enforcement relief to preserve family unity. Advancing Justice | AAJC led coordinated advocacy to endorse the legislation and help secure co-sponsors.

• Opposing the RAISE Act, a bill to end family-based immigration, the diversity visa program, and slash in half the number of permanent residents that the U.S. welcomes each year. Advancing Justice | AAJC opposed this bill by educating Congressional offices, media, and the public about harmful consequences and rhetoric.

• Defunding Enforcement. As this administration ramped up its separation of families by deporting more parents and spouses of U.S. citizens, Advancing Justice | AAJC helped form the Defund Hate coalition to push Congress to reduce funding for enforcement agents and detention beds, and to rein in abusive enforcement practices.

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When the administration announced the termination of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program in September 2017, the government betrayed the trust of nearly 800,000 young DREAMERs who put their faith in America—the only country they have ever called home—to protect them from deportation through the DACA program.

In response, Advancing Justice | AAJC mobilized our communities to speak out against the administration’s termination of DACA. Working with AAPI immigrant advocacy, labor, civil rights, community health, service provider, and undocumented youth groups, we pushed for the swift passage of a clean DREAM Act. We urged Congress to enact a permanent legislative solution that would once and for all protect our DACA recipients and place them on a pathway to citizenship.

In November and December 2017, Advancing Justice | AAJC and our affiliates organized three mobilizations in D.C. in support of a clean DREAM Act and family immigration with nearly 300 immigrant youth and allies from across the country, which included press conferences, meetings with the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus, rallies, civil disobedience, and nearly 100 legislative visits to 80 Congressional offices.

Through our partnership with the Asian Pacific American Legal Resource Center and the National Korean American Service and Education Consortium (NAKASEC), we assisted 250 individuals with completing naturalization applications and provided assistance in applying for fee waivers, removing the financial barriers to the naturalization process.

“I am very excited because my purpose is to vote,” said Mr. Jon. “I have never voted.” Mr. Jon, a lawful permanent resident for four decades and at 93 years young, decided to attend a citizenship workshop after a growing sense of not wanting to remain invisible any longer and an overwhelming desire to vote in this next election.
Executive Orders: Muslim Ban

Standing together with Arab, Middle Eastern, Muslim, and South Asian communities and remembering the history of Japanese American incarceration and the Chinese Exclusion Act, Advancing Justice | AAJC strongly opposed the administration’s Muslim Ban.

Advancing Justice | AAJC analyzed and responded to the administration’s harmful Executive Orders (EOs). We educated Congressional offices, local and national AAPI organizations, and the public on the administration’s changes to immigration policy. In response to the executive order known as the Muslim Ban, we provided assistance at the airports, rallied at the courthouses, joined amicus briefs, and encouraged the public to submit agency comments in opposition to the “backdoor Muslim ban.”

In May 2017, Advancing Justice | AAJC led a diverse coalition of 17 national and local partners in organizing a “Rally Against the Muslim Ban” outside the federal courthouse in Richmond during the hearing on the administration’s appeal to reinstate the Muslim Ban 2.0.

Advancing Justice | AAJC, along with our affiliates, joined amicus briefs filed by the Korematsu Center in the Fourth and Ninth Circuit cases, as well as the appeal to the Supreme Court. The briefs were filed on behalf of the children of litigants who challenged orders that led to the mass incarceration of Japanese Americans during World War II, civil rights organizations, and national bar associations of color.
STRENGTHENING ROOTS
CENSUS

FIGHTING FOR OUR COMMUNITIES TO BE COUNTED
Advancing Justice | AAJC works to address barriers that have historically resulted in the undercounting and underreporting of AAPIs in federal data collection and analysis efforts. An accurate count of our community in the census is essential for government services to be provided to our people and for decisionmakers to understand the community’s importance. As a member of the Census Bureau’s National Advisory Committee on Racial, Ethnic and Other Populations, and as co-chair of the Leadership Conference’s Census Task Force, we continued to convey the need for a fully funded Census Bureau to interested stakeholders, administration officials, and legislators. Through this work, we advocated for inclusive federal data collection efforts to safeguard the Census—our most valuable source of nuanced community demographic data.

The 2020 Census

In response to multiple legislative attempts to add a question on citizenship and legal status to the Census questionnaire, Advancing Justice | AAJC leveraged the national footprint of our affiliation and our relationships to keep this very misguided amendment from going to a vote. In 2018, the Department of Commerce decided to add a citizenship question. Advancing Justice | AAJC is now fighting this decision on several fronts.

We continued to engage with the Census Bureau through submission of administrative comments, educational meetings with congressional offices, and submission of testimony for census-related hearings. Our congressional engagement has focused primarily on the importance of a fully-funded 2020 Census to a fair and accurate count of AAPIs. Similarly, our engagement with the Census Bureau focused on operational and implementation decisions that will help ensure a fair and accurate census.

The OMB Race and Ethnicity Standards Campaign

Advancing Justice | AAJC partnered with the Southeast Asia Resource Action Center, the Asian and Pacific Islander American Health Forum, and the National Council of Asian Pacific Americans to lead a national mobilization effort to submit public comments to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) on their Race and Ethnicity Standards. These comments were in support of updating data collection and presentation standards for federal agencies to include a more detailed breakdown of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders (AANHPIs), which would help illuminate hidden differences and needs within the AAPI community. Our joint campaign submitted over 3,600 of the total 7,197 comments received by OMB, including in-depth analysis provided by Advancing Justice | AAJC, joined by prominent AAPI scholars, colleges and universities, and numerous community organizations.

ABOVE: Advancing Justice | AAJC President and Executive Director John C. Yang speaks to Comcast Newsmakers about the importance of the 2020 Census to AAPI communities.
LEAVING NO ONE BEHIND IN THE DIGITAL AGE

With technology affecting our everyday lives, so many members of our community are left behind with no digital access or limited digital literacy. As access to technology moves from being a benefit to an absolute necessity, understanding the technological and telecommunication needs of our emerging and diverse population becomes even more important. Advancing Justice | AAJC has worked to ensure that the Asian American voice is heard by major telecommunication industry leaders, as well as by policy makers.

Advancing Justice | AAJC maintains robust government engagement at all levels and plays a leadership role in multiple civil rights coalitions that focus on this issue. Importantly, we led efforts to establish an Asian American Technology and Telecommunications Table to bring together Asian American organizations committed to raising the profile of AAPI voices in this space.

This past year, Advancing Justice | AAJC submitted multiple comments to the Federal Elections Commission and Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to present the impact of proposed rulemaking on Asian American communities. We educated Congress and the public on pertinent telecommunications and technology issues and served as a resource for analysis regarding the impact of telecommunications and technology policy on our communities. In the courts, we filed amicus briefs where Asian American and other communities of color would suffer a disparate impact.

MEDIA REPRESENTATION: OUR REPRESENTATION MATTERS

Advancing Justice | AAJC remains committed to ensuring that diversity in media reflects the world around us. From being a leader in the Asian Pacific American Media Coalition (APAMC) to calling out negative portrayals of Asian Americans on television, we continued to ensure that the images meant to reflect our communities were accurate, thoughtful, and relevant. In 2017, through the APAMC, we published a report card reflecting the diversity and inclusion practices of four major television networks. We also demanded that Major League Baseball act against Houston Astros’ Yuli Gurriel for his racist gesture against former Los Angeles Dodgers’ Japanese pitcher Yu Darvish during the World Series.

Also, Advancing Justice | AAJC firmly believes that diverse media ownership ensures that various constituencies are served. As such, we consistently opposed efforts by the FCC to relax media ownership rules without conducting studies to analyze the impact of such a change on ownership by people of color.
PROMOTING EQUAL PROTECTION

LEGAL ADVOCACY

ENSURING LEGAL PROTECTIONS
FOR ASIAN AMERICANS

Through our legal advocacy program, Advancing Justice | AAJC influences key civil rights issues that have significant impact on AAPI and immigrant communities, both in the courts and through technical assistance for our Community Partners. We pursue impact litigation in federal courts, file amicus briefs, including in cases before the U.S. Supreme Court, and engage with the broader racial and social justice coalition to advance key issues creatively. Recent cases have addressed issues of significant importance to the Asian American community, including affirmative action, voting rights, language access, and immigration/immigrant rights.

Lee v. United States: Advancing Justice | AAJC led a coalition of over 50 Asian American, civil rights, and immigrant rights organizations in submitting amicus briefs to inform the U.S. Supreme Court about the harms of deportation for non-citizen defendants and their families. Advancing Justice | AAJC elevated this case for Supreme Court consideration because of the potential implications for thousands of legal permanent residents who might be at risk of deportation based on erroneous legal advice regarding the immigration consequences of their decisions in criminal proceedings. The Supreme Court adopted our argument in its decision, holding that if a defendant “had strong connections to this country and no other,” the slim chance of winning at trial and avoiding deportation is enough to show reasonable probability that “but for [his] counsel’s errors, he would not have pleaded guilty and would have insisted on going to trial.”

Maslenjak v. United States: Advancing Justice | AAJC, in partnership with The National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) Education Fund, led a group of over 70 organizations in filing an amicus brief to the U.S. Supreme Court to highlight the great harms to naturalized citizens and the country that would result if citizenship could be stripped because of any immaterial false statement made during the immigration and naturalization process. The brief—representing the largest coalition of amici that term—explained that many individuals may make minor errors in filling out immigration forms because of language barriers and lack of counsel, and subjecting those individuals to criminal prosecution and loss of citizenship exacts a harsh and unfair penalty. In a unanimous decision, the U.S. Supreme Court agreed with our interpretation of the law and acted to protect the rights of 8.5 million adults who are eligible for naturalization and the 20 million individuals who have already naturalized, ruling that a non-material misstatement in an applicant’s naturalization process cannot be the basis for denaturalization.

United States v. Sineneng-Smith: Advancing Justice | AAJC submitted a brief to the Ninth Circuit arguing that a portion of the Immigration and Naturalization Act (INA) was unconstitutional because it criminalized conduct that “encouraged” any immigrant, including green card holders, to enter or remain in the United States unlawfully. The brief argued that “encourage” was not defined, and as such, could unconstitutionally undermine an individual’s First Amendment Rights. Such undefined language has the potential to be misconstrued to prevent attorneys and other immigrant service providers from providing sound legal advice, thereby negatively impacting our immigrant communities. *The Court’s decision was pending at the end of 2017.*

City of Chicago v. Sessions: Advancing Justice | AAJC and Advancing Justice—Chicago led and submitted an amicus brief in support of cities with pro-immigrant (“Sanctuary City”) policies and who work toward protecting immigrants from being victimized by crime and over-reaching involvement from the U.S. Department of Justice. The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit found in favor of “Sanctuary Cities.” We anticipate this case will head to the U.S. Supreme Court.
Representative Judy Chu rallies with immigration advocates during a press conference for a clean DREAM Act.

**HATE INCIDENTS INITIATIVE**

400+ hate incidents and crimes tracked and reported in-language in multiple languages

**RALLY AGAINST THE MUSLIM BAN**

221 community leaders & 17 national/local groups rallied to say #NoMuslimBanEver

4,286,877 households reached by international and national media

**COMMUNITY PARTNERS**

160+ organizations across 32 states and D.C.

**LEGAL ADVOCACY**

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CITY OF CHICAGO V. SESSIONS

**CONGRESSIONAL ADVOCACY**

80 congressional offices visited to advocate for immigrant youth

**OUR IMPACT & VISIBILITY**

2,192,000 impressions in 2017

78,600 total hashtag impressions:
#ResistRAISE
#DefendDACA
#NoBanNoWallNoRaids

Covered by Politico, USA Today, Huffington Post, TIME, PBS Newshour, MSN, The Hill, NBC Asian America, Hyphen Magazine, The New Yorker, NPR and more
PROMOTING EQUAL PROTECTION

HATE INCIDENTS INITIATIVE

DOCUMENTING HATE INCIDENTS AND LIFTING UP OUR COMMUNITIES’ VOICES

Following the disturbing rise in hateful rhetoric and hate incidents across the country in the lead-up to and following the 2016 elections, Advancing Justice | AAJC has been working to document hate crimes and other incidents of hate committed against our Asian American and immigrant communities. We lift up such incidents to media and policymakers in order to shed light on the breadth of incidents targeting our communities and immigrants across the country, and work to connect individuals targeted by hate with resources, including legal assistance.

In January 2017, the Asian Americans Advancing Justice affiliation launched the Stand Against Hatred website (standagainsthatred.org) to track and report on hate incidents (including hate crimes) against AAPIs across the country. In the summer, we expanded the capacity of our website to accept reports in Chinese, Korean, and Vietnamese. Reports come from across the country, covering anti-Asian, anti-Muslim, and anti-immigrant incidents that run the gamut of hateful slurs, bullying, harassment, intimidation, and violence.

We are a partner in the diverse Communities Against Hate coalition, led by the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights. Through this coalition, we have been working with the Lawyer’s Committee to support its Stop Hate project, including its 1-844-9-NO-HATE hotline, to make assistance available in Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese, and other Asian languages.

TOP: The year 2017 marked 35 years after the murder of Vincent Chin, a Chinese American who was killed because he was perceived to be “foreign” and therefore a threat to native-born American workers. We marked the anniversary and remember Vincent Chin, whose story many Asian American advocates credit for catalyzing the Asian American civil rights movement. BOTTOM: Advancing Justice | AAJC, with Communities against Hate, distributed palm cards to promote the coalition’s Stand Against Hatred hate incident multi-lingual tracker for the AAPI community.

"To me, the case is really about the power of people coming together—of ordinary people coming together—to make something happen for the good of all people."

HELEN ZIA

#RememberVincentChin

Speak Up. Report Hate.

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Communities Against Hate

Hate crime: a criminal offense against a person or property that is motivated in whole or part by an offender’s bias against race, religion, disability, sexual orientation, ethnicity, gender, or gender identity.

Hate incident: an incident which may or may not constitute a criminal offence, which is perceived as being motivated by prejudice or hate.
BUILDING POLITICAL POWER

VOTING RIGHTS

PROTECTING VOTING POWER AND EQUAL ACCESS TO THE BALLOT BOX FOR ASIAN AMERICANS

As a nationally recognized expert on voting rights, Advancing Justice | AAJC works to increase access for Asian Americans to the political process by eliminating barriers to participation and promoting policies that increase access. We promote compliance with voting rights laws and increased access to the ballot, fight voter intimidation and suppression, produce reports on voting rights issues, and conduct voter surveys to increase understanding about the voting behavior and attitudes of our community. We also file amicus briefs on voting rights to ensure Asian American and other disenfranchised communities’ needs are known and on the record.

We provide training to our Community Partners and local community-based organizations on a wide range of voting rights issues.

Amicus Briefs

Advancing Justice | AAJC participated in legal advocacy on key voting rights issues before the U.S. Supreme Court through the filing of amicus briefs:

• **Husted v. A. Philip Randolph Institute**: Advancing Justice | AAJC led a joint effort with Latino Justice PRLDEF and with NALEO, joined by 19 other civil rights organizations, to file an amicus brief to the U.S. Supreme Court arguing that the aggressive practice used in Ohio of purging voter rolls of individuals who have not voted in a two-year period is harmful to communities of color, and especially AAPI and Latinx communities. It focused on how language barriers and lack of voter turnout disproportionately impacts our communities, especially as limited-English-proficient voters were not provided in-language notices.

  *The Court’s decision was pending at the end of 2017.*

• **Gill v. Whitford**: We also coordinated the Advancing Justice affiliation’s engagement in the Wisconsin partisan gerrymandering case before the U.S. Supreme Court, joining the civil rights brief led by the NAACP LDF and ensuring the interests of AAPI communities were represented as thought partners in the drafting process.

Administrative Advocacy

In response to the administration’s executive order to create a Presidential Commission on Election Integrity that would look into “improper voting, fraudulent voter registrations, and fraudulent voting,” Advancing Justice | AAJC coordinated affiliation-wide responses expressing our concern about the commission’s purpose to ‘study vulnerabilities’ as pretext for finding ways to intimidate and suppress voting in communities of color, particularly among Asian American, African American, and Latino voters. Advancing Justice was the first Asian American organizational voice out front on this issue.

Election Protection and Language Access

For the 2017 general elections, Advancing Justice | AAJC, in partnership with APIAVote, hosted the Asian Language Election Hotline, 888-API-VOTE, which offered bilingual assistance in English, Mandarin, Cantonese, Korean, Vietnamese, Hindi, Bengali, Tagalog, and Urdu. Advancing Justice | AAJC provided training for the hotline volunteers and staffed the hotline on Election Day.
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

ENGAGING WITH LOCAL COMMUNITIES TO PROTECT AND ADVANCE THE RIGHTS OF ASIAN AMERICANS

Community Partners Network

Established in 1995, the Community Partners Network has accumulated more than 20 years of experience in coalition-building as well as providing training and technical assistance to local groups on advocacy and community education efforts. With over 160 community-based organizations and local allies in 32 states and the District of Columbia, we work closely with members of the network to develop regional and local capacity to elevate community voices across the nation. In turn, the network provides us first-hand information about the issues facing our diverse community.

Youth Leadership Summit

Advancing Justice | AAJC’s Youth Leadership Summit (YLS) is a three-day leadership development program for college students. The summit provides a unique opportunity for young advocates from across the country to gain hands-on experience from interactive workshops and activities with policy advocates and legislative staff of Members of Congress on Capitol Hill. In 2017, Advancing Justice | AAJC brought 19 student leaders to D.C. for the summit.

YLS participant Ayesha Wahidi reflected on her experience during the summit: “From the YLS, I learned that there are several ways to make change in the systems that breed inequality, and that you don’t need to have tons of money or powerful networks to make that change. All you need is a good knowledge base, a friendly face, and a little bit of confidence.”

Advancing Justice | AAJC awarded stipends to four Youth Leadership Summit alumni to build upon the groundwork laid during the Summit. The stipends are awarded to student leaders to support campus-based projects that elevate AAPI stories and experiences and advance dialogue, advocacy, and civic engagement within our communities. Miru Osuga was one of the YLS students selected to receive a stipend for her campus organization, Campaign for America (CFA). *CFA is a year-long fellowship program that trains young professionals to become full-time staffers on political campaigns. CFA promotes a political pipeline for campaign staffers of color, especially those who identify as low socioeconomic status.
The American Courage Awards is an annual event hosted by Advancing Justice | AAJC, honoring individuals, groups, and corporations in recognition of their extraordinary courage or commitment to the cause of AAPI civil and human rights.

In 2017, our communities faced a number of challenges in a climate where rhetoric, policies, and deeds have brought forth a resurgence of xenophobia, ethnic and religious profiling, and racial injustices. The unwavering courage of our honorees to stand up and be a voice of reason and humanity knew no boundaries in their fight for justice.

The 2017 American Courage Awards saluted Neal Katyal for being the embodiment of living one’s personal and professional life with the courage to not only recognize what’s wrong but to do all with his ability to make things right. We honored the unwavering passion, advocacy, and personal sacrifice of community activist Linda Sarsour. We applauded the compassion and philanthropy of the Starbucks Corporation, and we celebrated the legacy of a long-time champion for the AAPI community in the Honorable Mike Honda.

AWARDS LEFT TO RIGHT:
The President’s Award: The Honorable Michael M. Honda, Former Member of Congress, U.S. House of Representatives
The American Courage Award: Neal K. Katyal, Partner, Hogan Lovells and Saunders Professor, Georgetown University
The Bridge Builder Award: Starbucks Coffee Company
The Changemaker Award: Linda Sarsour, Civil Rights Activist and Leader of Women’s March

ABOVE: Advancing Justice | AAJC President & Executive Director John C. Yang shares a smile with Representative Colleen Hanabusa.
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**TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS**

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### EXPENSES 2017

- **Program**: 77%
- **Management & General**: 7%
- **Fundraising**: 16%
- **Special Events**: 12%

### REVENUE 2017

- **Grants & Contributions**: 83%
- **Other Income**: 5%
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I’m an Asian American whose immigrant mother benefited from pro-bono resources when she was in desperate need of them. I’m happy to pay that forward. I also firmly believe that Asian Americans absolutely must stand up and be counted in this country’s political and legal fabric, and that we have a part to play in making this society more equitable and just. I think Asian Americans Advancing Justice is doing important work, and I hope more are inspired to do the same.

—AAJC donor

It is clear that we as a community are growing both in numbers and also being vocal advocates—speaking up when something is wrong, speaking up for policies. That is certainly something that frightens those that would keep things status quo.”

—Terry Ao Minnis, Director of Census and Voting Rights, Huffington Post

I am proud to be affiliated with an organization that responds quickly and surely as you have to condemn racism.

—Mari Matsuda, Advancing Justice AAJC | National Advisory Council

I am so grateful that you folks at Advancing Justice | AAJC are there, doing what you do!

—Angela Oh, Advancing Justice AAJC | National Advisory Council
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