

AAPI Policy Summit Opening Remarks

Opening Remarks Speakers:

- Dr. Natalie Masuoka (UCLA Asian American Studies and Political Science)
- Dr. Karen Umemoto (UCLA Asian American Studies Center)
- Khydeeja Alam (Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander American Affairs)
- Assemblymember Al Muratsuchi (California Asian American & Pacific Islander Legislative Caucus)

Dr. Umemoto & Khydeeja Alam:

- This year's theme is 'Moving from Collective Knowledge to Action'
- Doing so requires collaboration, breaking down silos, and thinking through strategies together
- API community has contributed to every field such as entrepreneurship, academia, technology, and art
- We must harness our collective power where representation and cure make a long lasting impact
- We have strength in numbers and power in diversity

Assemblymember Al Muratsuchi:

- Ethnic Studies is critical now and for the future
- The main challenge at UCLA is to not just understand the world, but to translate that into action. Think about how to change minds, change lives, and change the world. Our work impacts 39 million Californians

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-Welcome video

Introduction-Natalie Masuoka, Karen Umemoto, Khydeeja Alam, Assemblymember Al Muratsuchi

Thank you everyone for joining us today. Director for the initiative and serving as MC. We look forward to covering the Asian American and Pacific Islander policies. It is my pleasure to introduce representatives of each sponsor and welcome remarks. First let's introduce Dr Karen Umemoto

Karen Umemoto:

Welcome. On behalf of the UCLA center, we hope to contribute to the discussion formally and informally at the end of the day on how you can think we move forward from knowledge to action on the issues discussed at this summit. Moving from knowledge to action takes collaboration, breaking down silos, and thinking through strategies together. We hope analysts and panelists today. We hope to build upon together to increase collective impact. UCLA is the biggest hub on Asian American politics.

Khydeeja Alam:

Good morning everyone. On behalf of the commission, I extend a warm welcome. Moving collective knowledge to action. My name is Khadeeja Alam, director of commission of API Affairs. Want to recognize a few commissions who are here today. Their dedication to the community is commendable. Today we are here to dedicate the diversity of AAPI in California, it is our strength. As we navigate through election year, it is important we move collectively. That is, our commission's commitment to you. The API has contributed to business and cultural enrichment. We have excelled in entrepreneurship, technology, academia, and art. Additionally, our community. We must harness our collective power where representation and cure make a long lasting impact. Today, we have an API Equity budget and Stop the Hate work are ground breaking work that have the ability to make a long lasting impact. It is imperative we uplift the work. By standing together, we will make a more equitable California. Strength in numbers and power in diversity. Be our partner and count on our commission.

Assemblymember Al Muratsuchi on behalf of caucus:

Good Morning everyone. My name is Al Muratsuchi and a member on behalf of the AAPI caucus. Great to be back at UCLA. Ethnic Studies changed my life. Taught me relevance about our culture. Young student taking Asia Am courses at UC Berkeley when I was there undergrad. A young philosopher, "the point of understanding the world is to change it". Main challenge of

the program here at UCLA is to not sure just understand the world, and how to translate that into Action. How to change mind, change lives, and change the world. How do we translate what academics, CBOs, researchers, how do we translate that into policy? It impacts over 39 million Californian lives. It is important our work contributes to the community and I look forward to today.