



## **Press Conference: Advancing Justice - AAJC and Advancing Justice - LA Launch New Report on Immigration**

*Briefing Details the Cost of Recent Policies on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders*

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**Washington, D.C, June 11, 2019** — Washington, D.C. - Advancing Justice | AAJC (Asian Americans Advancing Justice | AAJC) and Asian Americans Advancing Justice-LA and the will present a new report, Inside the Numbers: How Immigration Shapes Asian American and Pacific Islander Communities on June 13, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. The report goes in depth into Asian American and Pacific Islander community demographics, including contributions to the U.S. economy. The report covers immigration pathways, examines what is not working in the current immigration system, and offers recommendations for policy changes to protect the Asian American and Pacific Islander communities and to improve the immigration system.

The event is hosted by the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus (CAPAC) and Chair of CAPAC, Representative Judy Chu (D-CA 27th District) is confirmed to speak at the press conference. Immediately following the press conference is a more in-depth briefing with Representatives Mark Takano (CA-41) and Grace Meng (NY- 6), members of the affected organizations, and experts from Advancing Justice | AAJC and Advancing Justice - LA.

WHERE: Room HVC 201 .

United States Capitol Visitors Center  
East Front Plaza at First and East Capitol Streets, NE, Washington, DC 20510

WHEN: June 13, 2019 . Press conference from 9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. ET  
(Facebook Live @advancingjusticeaaajc)

Report briefing from 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. ET

**PRESS CONFERENCE SPEAKERS:**

Representative Judy Chu, Chairperson, Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus  
John C. Yang, President and Executive Director, Advancing Justice | AAJC  
Jeffer Giang, Research Analyst, Demographic Research Project, Advancing Justice - LA  
Speakers from affected community advocacy organizations

**BRIEFING SPEAKERS:**

Representative Mark Takano, Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus  
Representative Grace Meng, Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus  
Marita Etcubañez, Director of Strategic Initiatives, Advancing Justice | AAJC  
Jeffer Giang, Research Analyst, Demographic Research Project, Advancing Justice - LA  
Tavae Samuelu, Executive Director, Empowering Pacific Islander Communities  
Grace Htee, WorkReady Navigator and Katie Zellmer, RefugeeRISE AmeriCorps Program Manager, Ethnic Minorities of Burma Advocacy and Resource Center (EMBARC)  
Megan Essaheb, Director of Immigration Advocacy, Advancing Justice | AAJC  
Pabitra Benjamin, Executive Director, Adhikaar

Lakshmi Sridaran, Interim Co-Executive Director, South Asian Americans Leading Together

In-person and scheduled interviews available

**About Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Atlanta**

Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Atlanta (formerly Asian American Legal Advocacy Center or AALAC) is the first non-profit law center dedicated to Asian immigrants and refugees ("Asian Americans") in the Southeast.

Our goal is to engage, educate and empower under-represented Asian Americans to greater civic participation.

We are one of five independent organizations that make up the national Asian Americans Advancing Justice. Together with our affiliates in Chicago, DC, Los Angeles and San Francisco, we bring more than 100 years of collective experience in addressing the civil rights issues faced by Asian Americans and other vulnerable and underserved communities. Visit [www.advancingjustice-atlanta.org](http://www.advancingjustice-atlanta.org).