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WHITE HOUSE AAPI INITIATIVE TO HOLD COMMUNITY ACTION SUMMIT IN ATLANTA WITH MORE THAN A DOZEN FEDERAL OFFICIALS ON FRIDAY

ATLANTA – The White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders will hold a community action summit at Emory University on Friday. More than a dozen Administration officials representing a wide-range of policy areas will meet with Atlanta area community leaders, educators, small business owners and state and local elected officials at the summit.

The all-day gathering will include an open town hall meeting and in-depth discussions on jobs and the economy, housing, health care and the need to fix our nation's broken immigration system. Members of the public must register in advance to participate at <http://go.usa.gov/PG3>.

Southeastern states experienced rapid AAPI population growth in the last decade, according to recent Census data. In Georgia alone, the AAPI population grew by 82 percent. The White House AAPI Initiative works to increase access and participation to needed federal services and protections for these and other populations.

Administration officials expected to participate include:

- **Chris Lu**, co-chair, White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, Assistant to the President and White House Cabinet Secretary
- **Hines Ward**, member, President's Advisory Commission on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders
- **John Trasviña**, assistant secretary, U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development
- **Kiran Ahuja**, director, White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders
- **Gayle Knowlson**, program support division director, Atlanta Homeownership Center, U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development
- **Seema Nanda**, deputy special counsel, Civil Rights Division, U.S. Dept. of Justice
- **Arlene Lester**, captain, U.S. Public Health Service and U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services
- **Deric Gilliard**, intergovernmental affairs specialist, U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services
- **Tuyet Duong**, policy advisor, White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders
- **Andrew Strait**, public advocate, U.S. Dept. of Homeland Security
- **Cassius Butts**, regional administrator, U.S. Small Business Administration
- **Shyam Reddy**, regional administrator, U.S. General Services Administration
- **Romero Stokes**, program manager, Office of Health Equity, Georgia Dept. of Public Health

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**WHITE HOUSE AAPI INITIATIVE
ATLANTA SUMMIT EVENT HIGHLIGHTS**

FRIDAY, MARCH 16

- 10 a.m. ET** White House AAPI Initiative director **Kiran Ahuja** and President's AAPI Advisory Committee member **Hines Ward**, deliver opening remarks and introduce a series of policy conversations with senior Administration officials.
- Housing and urban development
 - The Affordable Care Act and healthy families
 - Job creation and economic recovery through small businesses
 - Fixing America's broken immigration system
- Emory University Harland Cinema, Dobbs University Center, 605 Asbury Circle, Atlanta*
- 1 p.m. ET** Assistant to the President **Chris Lu** delivers an important speech on creating an economy built to last, following remarks by Atlanta **Councilmember Alex Wan**.
- Emory University Cox Hall, 605 Asbury Circle, Atlanta*
- 1:30 p.m. ET** Senior Obama Administration officials hold a brief availability with media representatives.
- Emory University Cox Hall, 605 Asbury Circle, Atlanta*
- 2 p.m. ET** White House and Cabinet officials hold a town hall meeting with community leaders to discuss solutions to everyday problems facing AAPIs.
- Emory University Cox Hall, 605 Asbury Circle, Atlanta*

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****NOTE: Media representatives who want to schedule an interview to discuss the effort or wish to cover the summit must pre-credential by e-mailing their name, title, organization and contact information to Toby Chaudhuri at toby.chaudhuri@ed.gov by Thursday at 5 p.m. ET.****