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**San Francisco Reveals High Poverty Rates Amongst  
Asians & Pacific Islander Residents**

San Francisco – API Council of San Francisco applauds Mayor Edwin Lee and the Board of Supervisors for acknowledging the significant rates of poverty that is growing amongst Asian and Pacific Islanders (APIs). APIs make up 35% of San Francisco’s population as well as **42%** of all residents living in poverty. Asians have a bimodal income distribution with some having very high incomes but many in this group also live in poverty.

API Council worked closely with the Mayor’s Office and the Board of Supervisors to identify key services needed to reduce income disparities for APIs committing \$4,316,500 in the budget. API Council will like to acknowledge Supervisors Aaron Peskin, Sandra Lee Fewer, Jane Kim, Jeff Sheehy, and Ahsha Safai for all their efforts that support unmet needs of APIs to make inroads within poverty. And, despite having the second lowest number of Asians in her District, Board President London Breed still supported \$130,000 for the Japantown community in District 5.

“Budget allocations tell you where priorities are. Thank you to the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors who prioritize low-income API communities” said Malcolm Yeung, API Council Steering Committee Member. “We want to acknowledge our “Top 5” List for 2017-2018.”

Districts	API Population	%	Total FY17-18 Add-Back to API Council Members
1	30,706	42.2	\$567,500
3	33,458	47.4	\$1,193,000
6	24,854	33.7	\$300,000
8	8,512	11.3	\$600,000
11	36,376	47.4	\$310,000

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**About the Asian Pacific Islander Council**

The Asian Pacific Islander Council (API Council) is a coalition uniting over 45 nonprofits in San Francisco to meet the needs of underserved APIs through advocacy, research, and civic engagement.

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