



## **API Council Congratulates President Biden and Vice President Harris on Inauguration Day**

January 20, 2021 San Francisco, CA—Today is a momentous day for the nation, but especially for California, as one of our own from the City of Oakland officially became the Vice President of the United States. The API Council gives our best wishes to President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris on their leadership ahead. We know that under their leadership, we will be able to achieve more equitable access for our most vulnerable communities.

We've faced innumerable attacks on the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) and immigrant communities during this pandemic due to the economic downturn and rise in hate crimes, enabled by the wrong people in power. Whole historic Chinatown and Japantown neighborhoods across the country have been on the verge of collapse with permanent business closures, threatening our livelihoods and preservation of culture.

Our country's second-in-command is not just a woman, but a Black and South Asian woman, providing the kind of representation we need to see in leadership. The API Council has high hopes for progress and support under the Biden Administration to combat the destruction that was left from the past four years. We wholeheartedly congratulate our new leaders, President Biden and Vice President Harris.

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