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## **AAPCHO Among Leaders that Met with Obama on AA&NHOPHI Issues**

**OAKLAND, May 9, 2013** – The Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations (AAPCHO), as part of a contingent of national Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander (AA&NHOPHI) leaders, had a historic meeting yesterday with President Barack Obama and White House staff.

AAPCHO and other AA&NHOPHI leaders asked the White House to revise the Affordable Care Act so it allows undocumented immigrants to purchase health coverage in the new Health Insurance Marketplaces, and ensure that all outreach and enrollment efforts to include AA&NHOPHI is conducted in a broad range of Asian languages.

“We are grateful for the opportunity to discuss these important issues with President Obama and his staff, and feel this meeting was a recognition of the growing political significance of the AA&NHOPHI community,” said Jeffrey Caballero, executive director of AAPCHO, adding the President garnered over 73 percent of this population’s vote in the last election. “We hope, with the upcoming implementation of the Affordable Care Act, that they will strongly consider our suggestions, and ensure that as many AA&NHOPHI as possible can enroll in Health Insurance Marketplaces and acquire the health care services they need.”

“In order to do this, we need to outreach to individuals in the languages they understand, and we need to allow all AA&NHOPHI, regardless of their immigration status, to buy into the Health Insurance Marketplaces,” Caballero said. “In doing this, we can help ensure that the Affordable Care Act can truly increase health care access for all individuals.”

The meeting, which included senior White House staff, gave AA&NHOPHI advocates the opportunity to voice their concerns over some of the critical issues impacting this population, including immigration, health care, and civil rights.

### **About AAPCHO**

AAPCHO is a national association of 33 community health organizations dedicated to promoting advocacy, collaboration, and leadership that improves the health status and access of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiian, and other Pacific Islanders in the U.S. For more information on AAPCHO and its Guiding Principles and Values, please visit [www.aapcho.org](http://www.aapcho.org). AAPCHO can also be found on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/aapcho](http://www.facebook.com/aapcho)), Twitter (@aapchotweets), and YouTube ([www.youtube.com/aapcho](http://www.youtube.com/aapcho)).

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