



In Appreciation of Dr. Koh for His Services at HHS

The Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations (AAPCHO) and its member community health centers, would like to express its appreciation to Dr. Howard K. Koh for his service and contributions as the Assistant Secretary for Health at the Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS).

It was announced yesterday that Dr. Koh would be leaving his position at DHHS to assume a new position as Professor of the Practice of Public Health Leadership at Harvard University's School of Public Health.

Dr. Koh, who has served in his current position for 5 years and has contributed over 10 years of public service, has been on the ground as a primary care physician striving to improve individual health, as a researcher at premiere academic institutions generating new data with the potential to affect change, and has also very prominently developed and implemented strategies that have improved public health systems and the health status of populations across the country.

In addition, Dr. Koh has been relentlessly committed to improving the health of all communities of color, especially Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders (AA&NHOPIs). We are fortunate to have had such a friend and staunch ally in our corner.

We thank him for the notable contributions he made in the areas of tobacco control, cancer screening, suicide prevention, and viral hepatitis. Through his efforts, we have made great strides in reducing the gaps of health disparities that exist for AA&NHOPIs.

We believe there are few individuals that match Dr. Koh's storied career as physician, academic, public health advocate, and public servant. Whether Dr. Koh continues to pursue an academic career, moves on to the private sector or returns to public service, we have no doubt through his beliefs in health equity and social justice and three decades of professional achievements that we all will benefit from his work. We wish him well in his future endeavors.

With Gratitude,

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