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**THE SAN FRANCISCO DEPARTMENT OF POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY HOSTED
ITS FIRST AAPI HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION EVENT**

SAN FRANCISCO – On May 26, 2021, the San Francisco Department of Police Accountability (DPA) hosted its first virtual AAPI History Month Celebration event. The DPA Executive Director Paul Henderson presented AAPI leadership and honored the following individuals:

Angela Chan (Advancing Justice-Asian Law Caucus Policy Director), Adrienne Pon (Office of Civic Engagement and Immigrant Affairs Executive Director), Sami Iwata (Office of Racial Equity Senior Advisor), Mary Ann McCormick (DPA Executive Assistant) and Eric Ho (DPA Business Analyst)

"I am excited that our department is hosting this event, as well our previously hosted Black History Month and Women's History Month Celebrations," said Executive Director Paul Henderson. "These cultural celebrations not only provide an opportunity for our staff and San Francisco leaders to be seen, but also a chance to honor their contributions to racial justice work. I look forward to the continuation of these types of events."

"As we work together for racial, economic, language and healthcare equity and justice, for Black Lives Matter, and fighting Anti-AAPI and other hate, let's keep in mind that being a bystander to injustice and hate is unacceptable," Said OCEIA Executive Director Adrienne Pon. "We must show up, fight for each other's success and rights, and celebrate each other's achievements and contributions. This what we're all about and it's essential to building a new, better and more inclusive, today and tomorrow for all. We are not invisible."

The DPA aims to address the challenges the AAPI community face by creating leadership opportunities. Our agency seeks to celebrate the vast achievements of the AAPI community and install equitable hiring and promotion protocols. We are excited about the institutionalization of these types of culturally competent events.

DPA AAPI History Month Virtual Celebration Working Group:

Tinnetta Thompson (Director of Recruitment and Attorney), Vilma Gamero (Project Manager), Kaneem Thornton (Public Service Aide), Claire Stalder (DPA Intern), Javier Silva (Attorney), Luis Sanchez (Julius Turman Fellow)

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