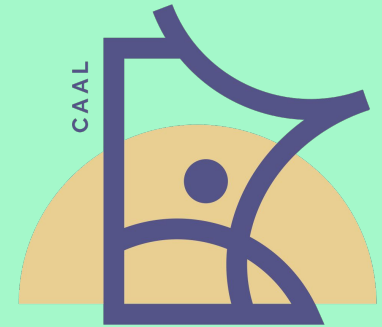


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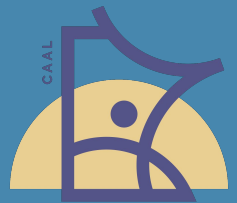
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# KaYing Yang



Director of Programs and Partnerships  
Coalition of Asian American Leaders

# Agenda



- Introductions and context setting
  - **Bo Thao-Urabe**, Executive and Network Director
  - **Soua Christensen**, First Time Voter
- Panel Discussion
  - **Moderator: KaYing Yang**, Director of Programs and Partnerships, Coalition of Asian American Leaders
  - **Ekta Prakash**, CEO, CAPI
  - **Eun Sook Lee**, Director, AAPI Civic Engagement Fund
  - **Irene Fernando**, Commissioner, Hennepin County District 2
  - **Jae Hyun Shim**, Policy Organizer, Reclaim the Block and Core Team Member, MPD150
- Q&A for Panelists
- Wrap up and Evaluations

# Introductions and Context Setting



**Bo Thao-Urabe**

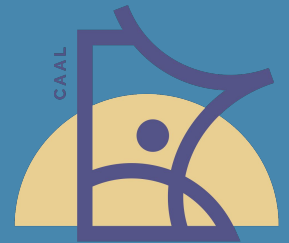
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**Soua Christensen**

First Time Voter

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# Panelists



**EunSook Lee**  
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**Irene Fernando**  
Commissioner,  
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**Jae Hyun Shim**  
Policy Organizer,  
Reclaim the  
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MPD150



**Ekta Prakash**  
CEO  
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# EunSook Lee



Executive Director  
AAPI Civic Engagement



# 22.1 Million Strong

- **22.1 MILLION STRONG**

AAPIs comprise just over 4% of the nation's registered voters but are among the fastest growing racial groups in America. Voter registration of Asian Americans increased 51 percent between 2008 and 2016, compared to just 8 percent nationally, according to the brief.

- **AAPIS HAVE REACHED CRITICAL MASS**

AAPI registered voters make up a significant proportion of the electorate in Hawai'i and California, as well as in key congressional districts in Hawai'i, California, Georgia, Illinois, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, Texas, Washington state, and Virginia.

- **MINNESOTA**

320,000 AAPIs in Minnesota and over 155,000 are eligible to vote. The population is young and under the age of 29 years. Southeast Asian Americans make up the largest Asian ethnic group in Minnesota at 60%. But there is also diversity of other groups and the fastest growing are Asian Indian, now almost 50,000 strong.

## Unifying Perspectives

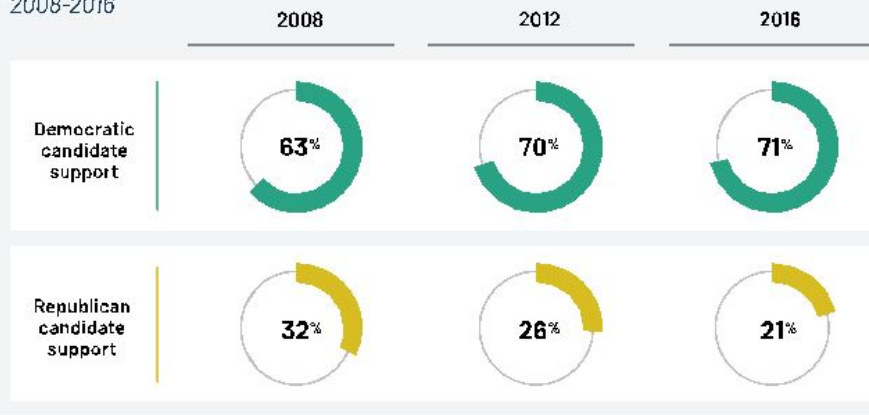
Large in number in key geographies, AAPIs are also uniting in their perspectives. For example, among Asian Americans likely to vote in the 2018 General Election:<sup>4</sup>

- 90% agreed that women and men should be paid the same wages for the same work.
- 76% agreed that Congress should pass the DREAM Act.
- 79% agreed that Congress should enact stricter gun laws.
- 79% agreed that racial profiling is a form of harassment and should not be allowed.

Looking at presidential elections between 2008 and 2016, AAPI voters' preference for the Democratic candidate over the Republican candidate reached 71% in 2016, trending up steadily since 2008.<sup>5</sup>

### AAPI Voter Presidential Choice by Party

2008-2016

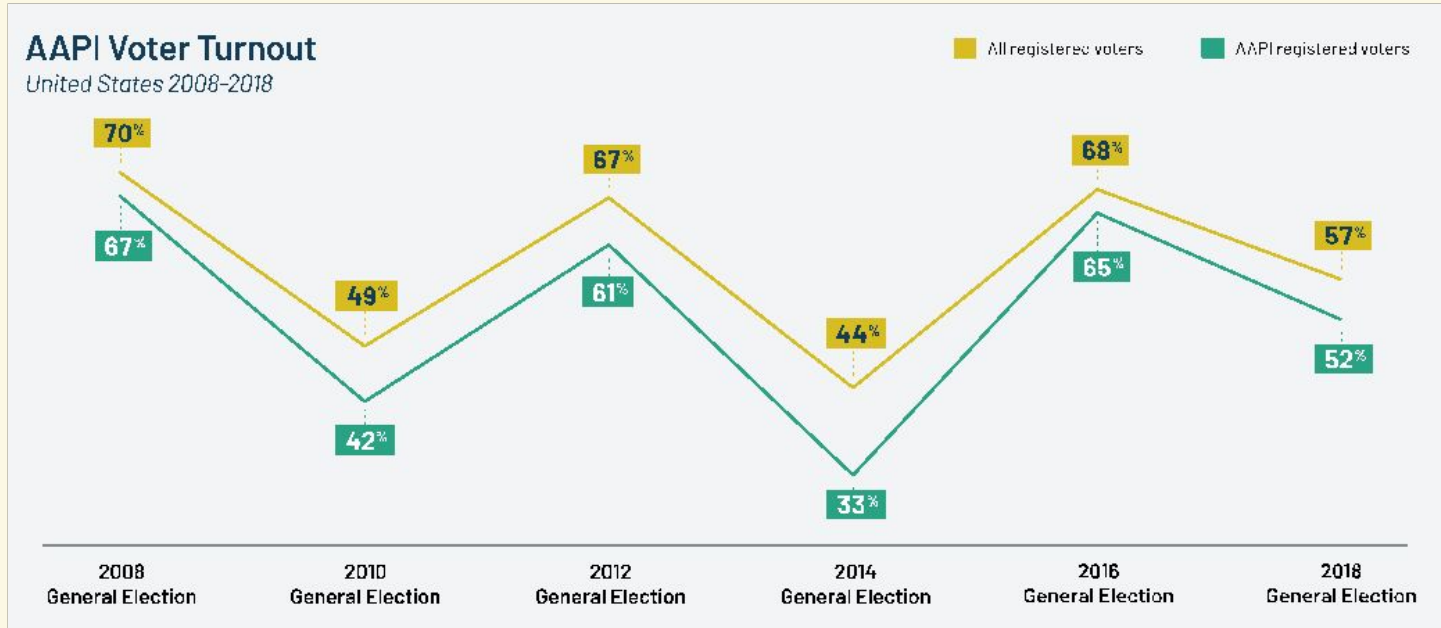


AAPI voters have similar beliefs on both policies and political choices, a key criteria in the development of a voting bloc.

<sup>4</sup> Source: 2018 Annual Election Survey.

<sup>5</sup> Source: Catalist, 2020. Catalist's Vote Choice Hierarchy assigns an individual-level probability that a voter could have cast a ballot for a named Democratic or Republican candidate in a presidential, Senate, U.S. House, gubernatorial, State Senate, State House election from 2008 to the present. These probabilities are then aggregated to predict the overall support of a party in an election. The VCH is an individual-level probability model that considers the technology, time, years and offices, and the record of a campaign. From 2012 to 2016, the VCH is likely to overestimate and/or miscalculate changes in support.

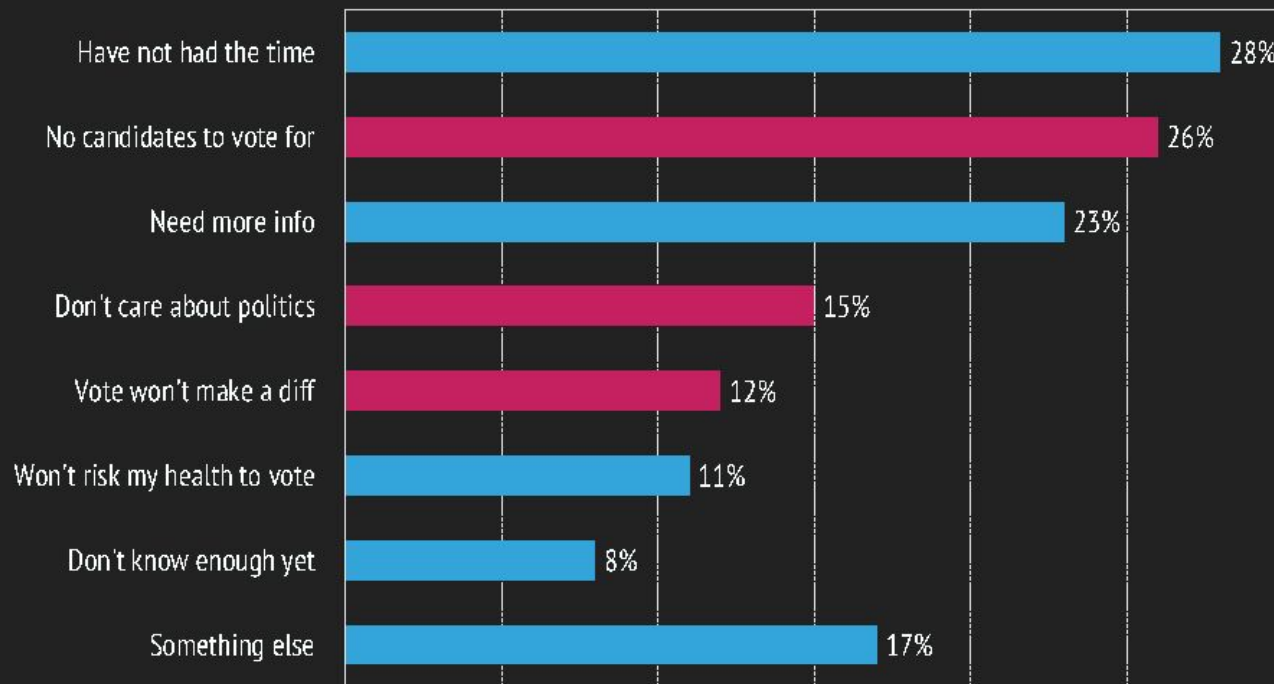
These densely populated and growing areas translate into voting power as well. As the following chart<sup>4</sup> indicates, AAPIs turn out to vote at rates that approach overall turnout during presidential elections. Additionally, in the 2018 midterm election, AAPIs were within 5% of overall turnout, a significant milestone for AAPI voter turnout. All signs indicate that these densely populated and growing areas translate into new AAPI voting power.



<sup>4</sup> Source: CBS48, 2020.

# multiple barriers to registration

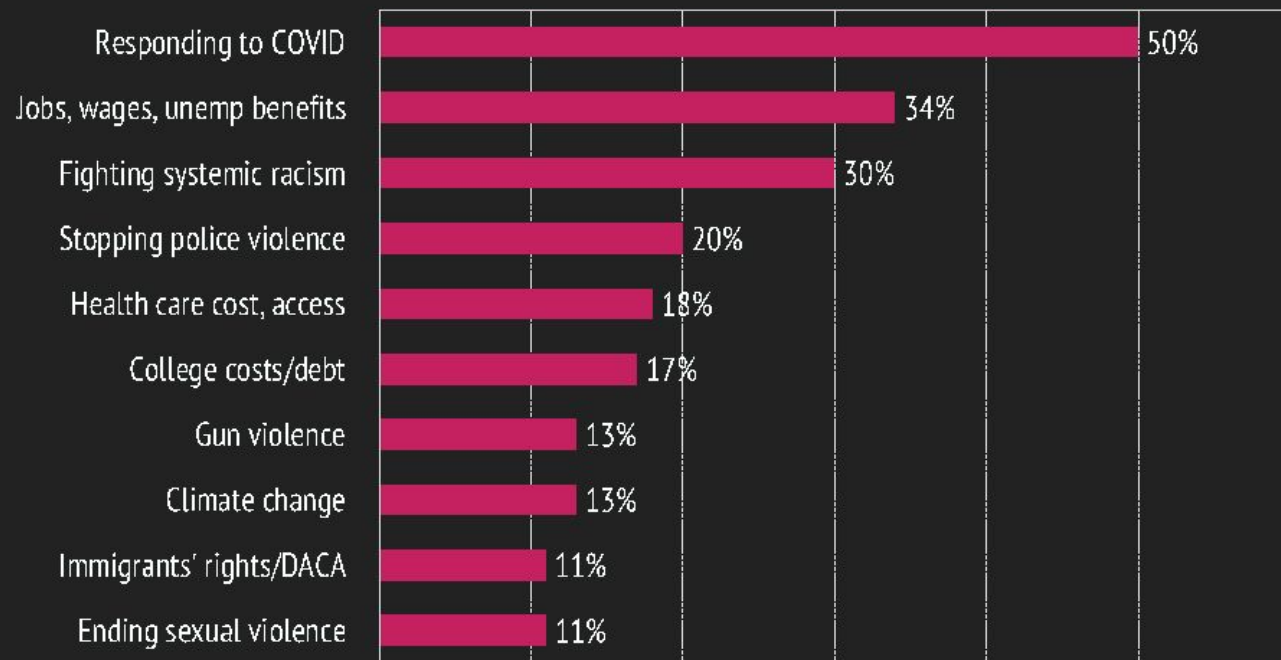
There are many reasons why people are not registered to vote or have not updated their voter registration. Which of the following best describes your situation?



- ✓ Asked of the 23% who are unregistered. Up to three replies accepted
- ✓ 42% of unregistered picked at least one "motivational" barrier to registering.
- ✓ "I don't see any candidates I want to vote for":
  - ✓ Vietnamese Ams (70%)
  - ✓ AAPI men (41%)
  - ✓ Independents (38%)

# issue priorities facing "young asian americans"

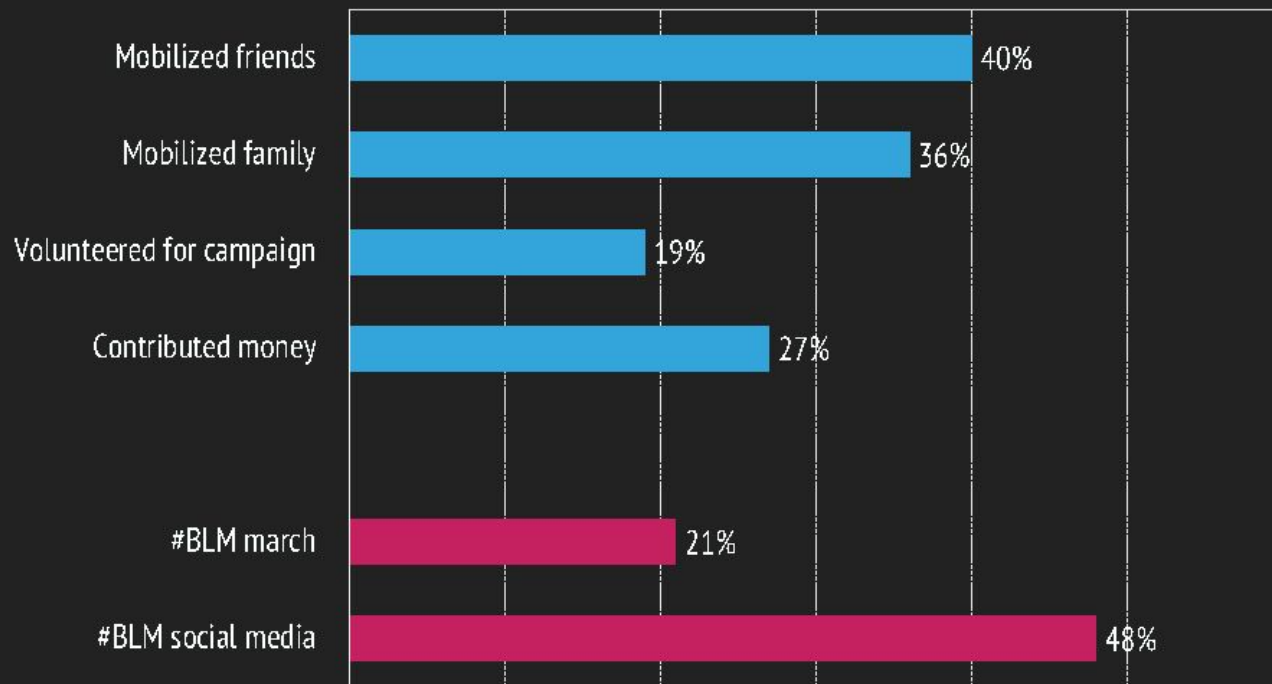
Thinking about the 2020 election, what are the most important issues facing young Asian Americans that our politicians should address?



- ✓ Immigrants rights / DACA and ending sexual violence and harassment make it on the list.
- ✓ Higher % say "college costs / debt"
- ✓ Filipino Ams likelier to say "immigrants' rights / DACA (25%)
- ✓ Korean Ams esp. likely to say "systemic racism" (47%)

# engaged in *both* protest *and* elections

In the past few months, have you personally done any of the following?

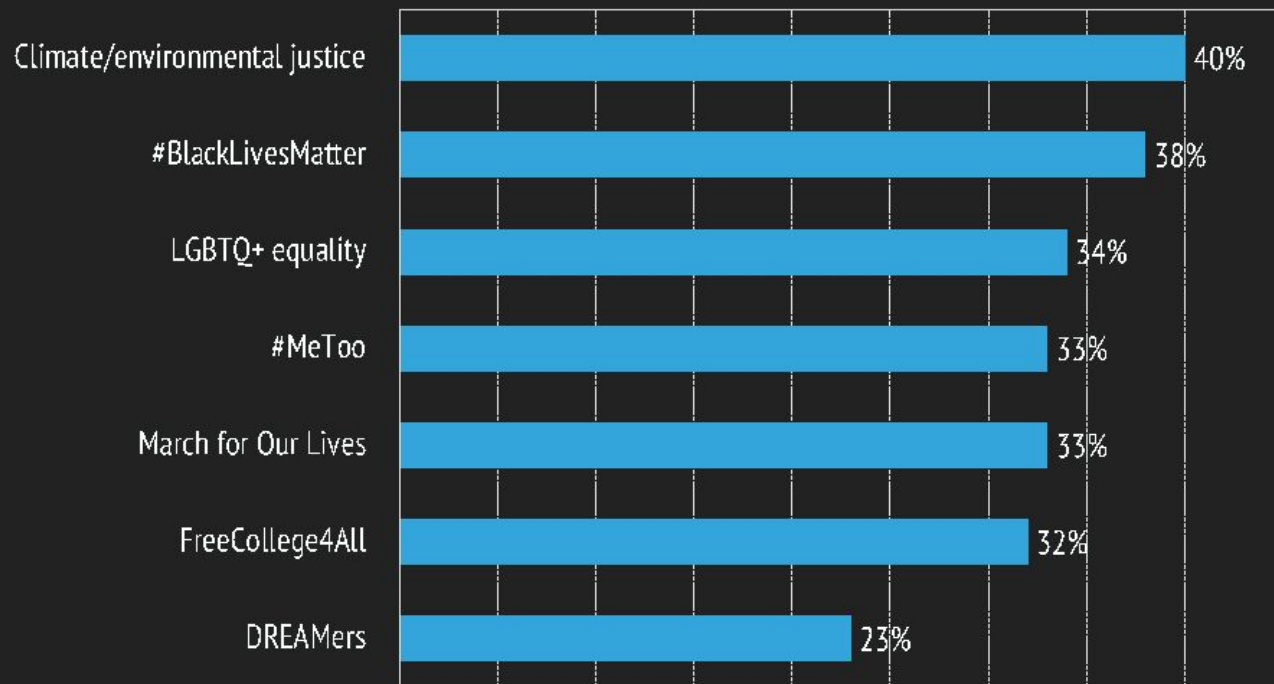


- ✓ Young AAPIs are active in both social movement and electoral politics.
- ✓ 47% are mobilizing friends or family combined.
- ✓ Republicans likelier to contribute money (37%); Dems likelier to post on #BLM (57%)
- ✓ Asian Indians more engaged across the board (friends and family, volunteering, contributing, and #BLM)



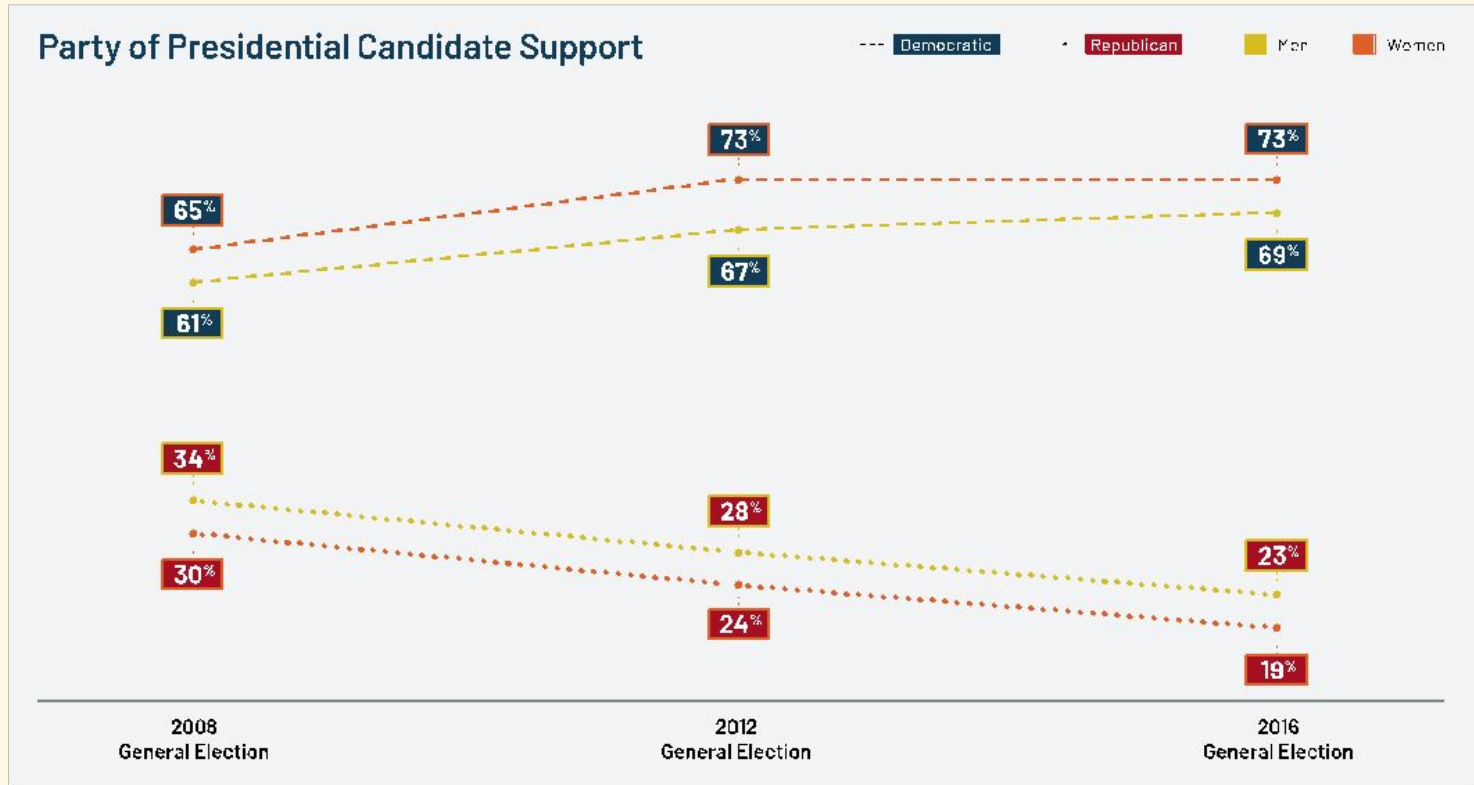
# identify with movements

Do you consider yourself a member, follower, or supporter of any of the following social movements?



- ☑ % who say "I **strongly** align with this group" shown.
- ☑ a majority of AAPI youth actively identify with movement politics.
- ☑ AAPI youth strongly aligned with movements are also likelier to vote: especially for #MeToo, March for Our Lives, DREAMers

AAPI women prefer the Democratic Presidential candidate by about 5% more than AAPI men.





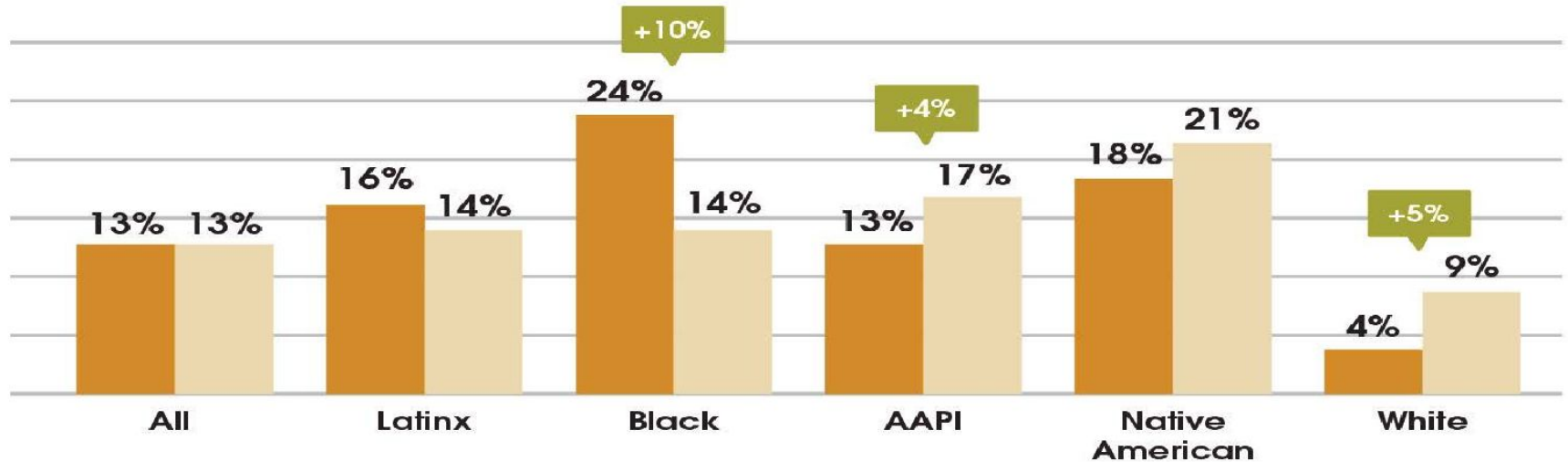
# AAPI Women Activism

Figure 12:

## 2018 Protest Participation by Race & Gender

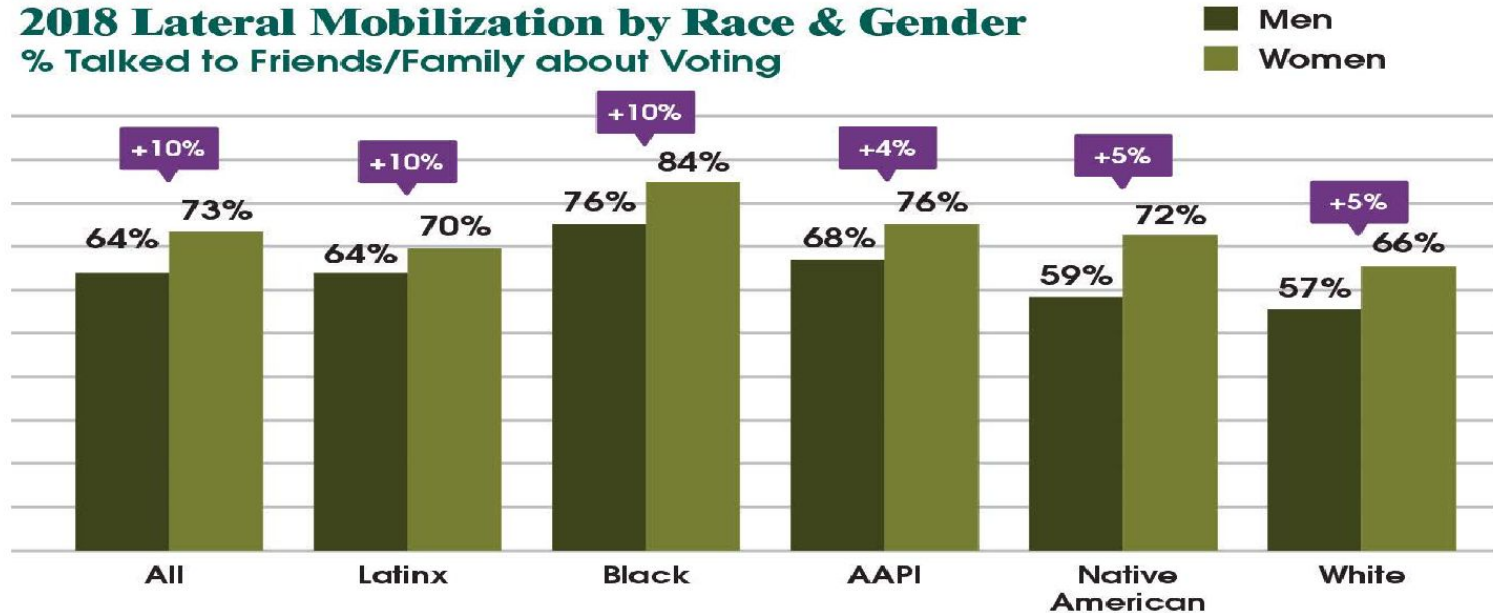
% Participated in Protest in 2018

Men  
Women



# AAPI Women Organizing

Figure 13:  
**2018 Lateral Mobilization by Race & Gender**  
% Talked to Friends/Family about Voting



# AAPI Civic Engagement Fund

## Resources

- Ahead of the Majority: Foregrounding Women of Color in 2018
- Making the Case for VBM in Our Communities
- Activating the AAPI Voting Bloc

[www.aapifund.org](http://www.aapifund.org)

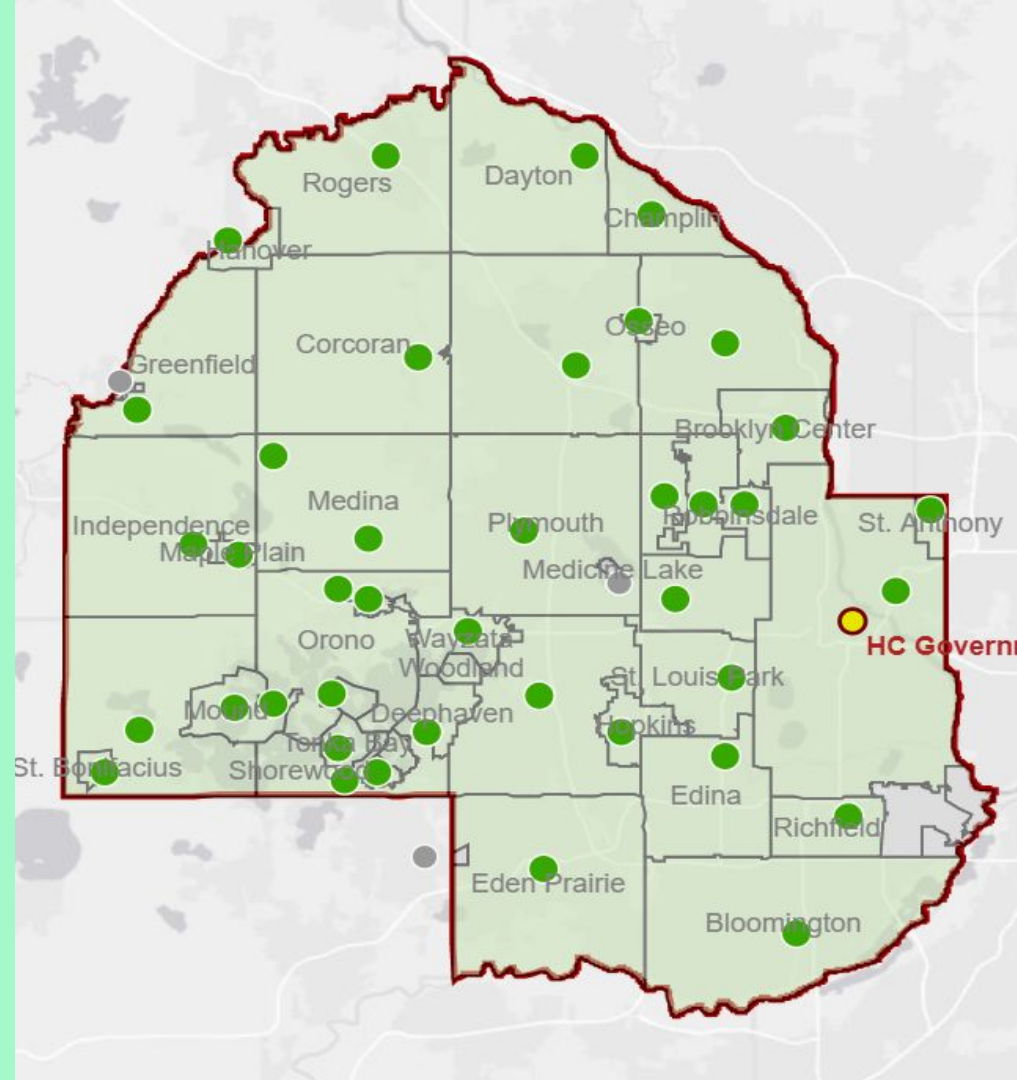
# Irene Fernando



Commissioner  
Hennepin County District 2

# 2020 Voting is Open

- Vote on Nov 3 in person
- Vote early by absentee
  - Drop-off your ballot
  - Mail in your ballot
  - Vote in person absentee at early voting centers
- Make a plan (timing, masks)
- More information
  - [Hennepin.us/elections](https://hennepin.us/elections)
  - [mnvotes.org](https://mnvotes.org)



# Jae Hyun Shim



Policy Organizer, Reclaim the Block and Core Team  
Member MPD150

# 2020: The Pandemic and Protests as a Portal

# Since the beginning of 2020 I have...

- 1) Read an article written by a news source on “the other side of the aisle”
- 2) Talked to a child about what is happening in an age appropriate way
- 3) Hosted a direct action or teach-in
- 4) Attended a protest (if physically possible for you during pandemic)
- 5) Helped out at a protest with an assigned role (eg marshal, medic, legal observer)
- 6) Had a convo with a family member about the police
- 7) Boosted an event on social media
- 8) Donated to a cause or campaign
- 9) Read an article or tuned into a show about defunding the police
- 10) Written down your values

Let's interact!  
Please type the numbers of the activities you've done in the chat box. It's ok for it to be one number or no numbers.



# MPD150

## Enough is Enough

The first version of the report launched in 2017, the 150th anniversary of the Minneapolis Police Dept. Report 2.0 released this summer with over 100 pages of additional content

## Making It Real

We held an art exhibit at New Rules on Lowry Ave along with a poetry slam, and opening and closing events. It was structured like our report with past, present and future.

## Community Policing and Other Fairy Tales

We released this comic in 2020 *and* it's also in the new report 2.0. These are comics co-created by artists and community members.

# MPD150's Five Essential Findings

1. The police were established to protect the interests of the wealthy, and **racialized violence has always been a part of that mission.**
2. The police **cannot be reformed** away from their core function.
3. The police **criminalize dark skin and poverty**, channeling millions of people into the prison system, depriving them of voting and employment rights, and thereby preserving privileged access to housing, jobs, land, credit, and education for whites.
4. The police **militarize and escalate** situations that call for social service intervention.
5. There are **viable existing and potential alternatives to policing for every area** in which police engage.

# Reclaim the Block

2018

We came together as a small coalition, including members of Black Visions, to discuss follow up from a action held at City Hall. We won a move of \$1.1 million *new* dollars from MPD to public safety and OVP.

2019

With a bit of a platform we continued to build with others who lobbied regularly and built up relationships with current sitting council members in effort to understand the processes better so that we could advocate better. We did not block money from MPD and they were able to add an additional cadet class.

# 2020

In May, when another life was lost to MPD and the country and world sprung into action, Reclaim the Block and Black Visions were already in a place where folks came to us for information. We had a small track record of helping folks understand the city budget and how to testify.

We could not be here without the hard work of young, Black and brown folks pushing in the streets and decades of work off the streets in moments of calm.

Black Visions has been part of M4BL and they had people who were ready to help us understand how to push in the moment as protests opened up space for conversations we thought we'd be having in 2023.

Our work has changed as many people's work has. We are working to building partnerships and trust to help folks feel able to contact their council member.



# 2020

Participation time! Use the chat to type in where you go to find out whats going on (newsources, social media (specific folks or orgs that you love), podcasts, radio shows, hilarious insta accounts, Share at least one resource, feel free to share more if you want

Here's mine: [instagram - leftypups](#).

# The BREATHE Act

This is a nationwide action being planned by the Movement for Black Lives. This is our national version of #DefundPolice. Maybe you're already signed on, maybe you haven't but you ready to jump in now! M4BL has given us four different ways to get involved, check it out at: <https://breatheact.org/action/>

# Night Out for Safety and Liberation

Started in 2013 by the Ella Baker Center for Human Rights, Night Out for Safety and Liberation is usually held on the first Tuesday in August, this year it will be on **TUESDAY, Oct 6th.**

It's an opportunity for people to redefine and re-imagine what safety means for them.

## Want to host your own?

We will continue to hold trainings until Sept 30th. We have one remaining BIPOC only training.

Sign up here: <https://secure.everyaction.com/zCExnVaF9keKxWTkFDoGMg2>

<https://ellabakercenter.org/night-out-for-safety-and-liberation>



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# Ekta Prakash



CEO  
CAPI USA

# GOTV 2020: Goals and Challenges

- Goals
  - Increase voter turnout and education, and Census outreach and education through measuring and accomplishing field metrics.
  - Recruit and train leaders and volunteers to increase our community outreach, resources, voter education and Census 2020 efforts, and organizing capacity.
- Challenges:
  - Registering people online – we can only help virtually.
  - Lack of access to technology especially older adults/elder and LEP

# 2020 CAPI GOTV Partners

- Vietnamese Social Services (VSS)
- Karen Organization of Minnesota (KOM)
- Hmong Americans for Justice (HAJ)
- Pillsbury United Communities (PUC)
- Comunidades Organizando el Poder y la Acción Latina (COPAL)

# Ignite Minnesota's Asian Power (IMAP)

- IMAP is a coalition led by Asian and Southeast Asian community organizations and groups across the Twin Cities, working to increase civic engagement in Asian communities, and work towards closing the 1.2% vote share gap over the course of 5 years.
- IMAP Collaboration (List of Current and Past Partners)
  - CAPI USA
  - Asian American Organizing Project
  - Vietnamese Social Services
  - Karen Organization of Minnesota
  - Lao Assistance Center of Minnesota
  - Bhutanese Community of Minnesota
  - SEWA - AIFW (ASIAN INDIAN FAMILY WELLNESS)
  - Hmong Americans for Justice
  - Release MN8
  - St. Columba Church
  - Regional Tibetan Youth Council
  - Filipinx for Immigrant rights and Racial justice in Minnesota (FIRM)

# 2020 GOTV Planning and Dates

- Last Day to Register to Vote **October 13, 2020**, otherwise you can register on Election Day at the polls
- Recommended that voters apply for absentee ballots **before October 2, 2020** to ensure enough time to receive and return their ballot
- Election Day – **Tuesday, November 3, 2020**

# CAPI Election Initiatives

- Phone Banking
    - **Time: 5:00 PM-8:00 PM**
      - ½ hr training, 2 hrs on the phones, ½ debrief)
      - Pre-GOTV (September 29- October 22, Tuesdays and Thursdays)
      - GOTV Friday, October 30-Tuesday, November 3rd
  - CAPI and CAAL voter guide (translated into Vietnamese, Karen, Hmong, Somali, Oromo, Spanish)
  - CAPI will send out 15,000 vote mailers to households in Hmong, Vietnamese, Mandarin, South Asian languages
  - Hosting virtual voter education workshops
  - Staff to receive training on election protection with Asian Americans
- Advancing Justice

# Do's and Don'ts

## Do

- Remain non-partisan
- Start small with your own network. Get buy-in from your team at your workplace or neighborhood group.
- Let people speak for themselves
- Work together in solidarity

## Don't

- Do it alone – community organizing is about community!
- Reinvent the wheel—there are a lot of resources out there and we can share resources.
- Play the short game, elections is just one tool of many

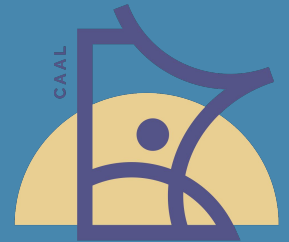


# Power Rise and Your Support Matters

- Phonebank with us!
- Assist friends and family request their absentee ballot to vote safely by mail
- Provide Translation and Transportation assistance
- Contact Kristina Doan ([Kristina.doan@capiusa.org](mailto:Kristina.doan@capiusa.org)) or Linda at AAOP ([linda@aaopmn.org](mailto:linda@aaopmn.org))



Questions?



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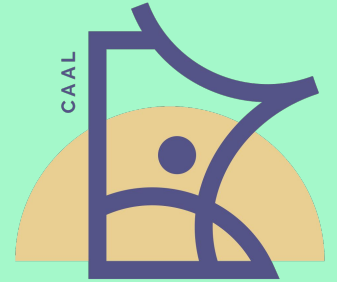
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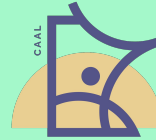
# Call to action

- Register to Vote
- Encourage your family and friends to vote
  - Help people in your community who may not have the language, transportation, or face other barriers to exercise their right to vote.
- Volunteer to text voters with CAAL! Visit [bit.ly/CAALTexting2020](https://bit.ly/CAALTexting2020) to sign up for shifts throughout October.
- Volunteer to be a poll monitor or other roles on election day



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## *What is next for the State of Asian Minnesotans?*

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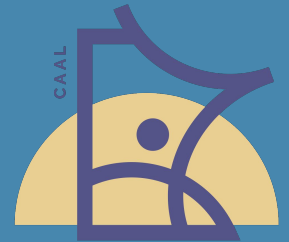
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Senior Partner, ChangeLab
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Executive Director, Reviving the Islamic  
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