

WASHINGTON, D.C.— Representative Xavier Becerra (CA-31), Vice Chair of the House Democratic Caucus and member of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus (CAPAC), [released the following video statement in honor of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month](#) :

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**"Hello, I'm Congressman Xavier Becerra. This month we celebrate the 20th anniversary of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month.**

**"Asian Pacific Americans have made indelible contributions to our nation's history. By the sweat of their brow, they helped build the Transcontinental Railroad. They served honorably and sacrificed greatly in both world wars. And today, they are entrepreneurs creating over 1.5 million small businesses and millions of jobs with them.**

**"Without a doubt, Asian Pacific Americans have helped America achieve its greatness.**

**"And in the 31st district, Chinatown, Historic Filipinotown, Koreatown, Little Bangladesh and Thai Town are deeply woven into the cultural and economic fabric of Los Angeles. These are communities committed to building and empowering neighborhoods.**

**"To help celebrate this month's theme of Striving for Excellence in Leadership, Diversity and Inclusion, I invite you to nominate an outstanding Asian Pacific American for the second annual 31st Congressional District Asian Pacific Heritage Month Community Leader Award. Visit [www.becerra.house.gov](http://www.becerra.house.gov) , by May 11 to submit your nominations.**

**"This May, I'm looking forward to celebrating Asian Pacific American heritage and a community whose hard work and sacrifice every day help strengthen our great nation. I hope you will join me!**

**"Thank you."**