

Rallies Against Hate with The Yellow Whistle Continue

On Memorial Day, May 31, 2021, Solidarity Against Hate rallies will be held in at least 17 cities across the U.S. Join a rally near you: <https://bit.ly/3tYMGOy>. In Washington DC, the rally will be held in the National Mall, between 7th and 9th Street. Read more here: <https://bit.ly/3yoTqbZ>.



Rallies and community activities against hate with the "We Belong" yellow whistle continue from coast to coast and from Ohio to Texas. Read more at <https://bit.ly/2RDZMmB>.



Racial Profiling at the U.S. Department of Commerce

APA Justice is tracking the developments of the reported abuse of non-existent authority and targeting of Asian American employees by The Investigations and Threat Management Service (ITMS) at the Department of Commerce (DOC) on the front page of its website at <https://www.apajustice.org/>.

Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo has pledged to conduct a thorough review and implement a comprehensive solution to the issues raised. She was sworn in as the 40th U.S. Secretary of Commerce on March 3, 2021.

Concurrently, more than a dozen whistleblowers have given closed-door statements to the minority-party staff of the Senate Commerce Committee under Sen. Roger Wicker (R-MS), among them former investigators who allege that the office routinely overstepped its legal limits and has operated without meaningful oversight from within DOC since the mid-2000s. An official report will be released in the coming months.

There are at least two DOC Asian American employees who were interrogated by ITMS agents and led to their wrongful prosecutions - Sherry Chen and Dr. Chunzai Wang. Available facts and evidence strongly indicate that the misconduct at DOC is not limited to only ITMS.

As additional information becomes available, they will be posted at: <https://www.apajustice.org/>.

Congratulations to Krystal Ka'ai

On May 28, 2021, President Biden re-established the White House Initiative on Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders (WHIAANHPI). Krystal Ka'ai has been selected to serve as Executive Director of the Initiative. Krystal has served as the Executive Director of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus (CAPAC) since 2013, leading legislative, communications, and outreach strategy for a bicameral caucus composed of more than 70 members in both the U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate. WHIAANHPI is one of three important pillars in support of the Asian Pacific American community at the White House. Krystal has worked tirelessly with the APA Justice Task Force and the Asian American community since it was formed in 2015. As we send our heart-felt congratulations to Krystal on her next important mission, we hope we will hear her farewell report as Executive Director of CAPAC in the next APA Justice monthly meeting on June 7, 2021. Read more about WHIAANHPI and Krystal's appointment at <https://bit.ly/3uwzlb5>.

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