At a time when anti-Chinese and anti-Asian hate crimes are peaking across California and the country, understanding the opinions, life experiences, and humanity of our Chinese neighbors is profoundly lacking. AAPI FORCE-EF has joined with Dr. Janelle Wong at the University of Maryland and interested funders to learn more about the feelings, opinions and ideas of Chinese communities in six varied neighborhoods across California.

THE SURVEY METHODOLOGY: Survey of 2,832 registered voters in five California suburbs who identified as "Chinese" or "Chinese American." Community members helped develop the questions. Because of this and because surveys were available in English and Chinese, the response rate for the telephone portion (10%) was higher than most telephone surveys (6-7%). Survey was conducted by phone and online. All data were weighted to match the demographic profile of Chinese citizen voting age population in each county.

WHO CHINESE AMERICANS ARE
(The following statistics refer to all Chinese in California)

5% of all Californians
3% of registered voters in the state
Largest Asian origin group in the country
Chinese Americans in California have similarities to communities in other states like New York, Pennsylvania, Illinois and Georgia
10% of all residents in Alameda County

WHAT THEY CARE ABOUT

What issues are most important to you personally?

Race should be considered along with other factors in college admissions …

They support actions to address homelessness, including more shelters in their communities …

HOW THEY THINK ABOUT RACISM

Who faces a lot of discrimination in the U.S.?

Do you think deaths of Black Americans during encounters with police are …

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

• Don’t make assumptions … Learn more about Chinese communities.
• Disaggregate data to understand different AAPI ethnicities.
• Make Asian and Chinese Americans part of your plans for organizing and outreach.
• Engage community leaders to help shape your strategies.
• Bottom line: opportunities exist if you invest in Chinese civic engagement and mobilization.


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