

May is Asian Pacific American Month

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Asian Pacific American Heritage Month This May is the 30th Anniversary of [Asian Pacific American Heritage Month](#)

and I am proud to represent California's 15th District, home to an incredibly diverse Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) constituency. The theme for this year's APA Heritage Month, 'Building Today for Tomorrow,' is fitting because this month is a time for us to celebrate the historical contributions of AAPIs to this nation, and remember that our commitments today will affect the future of our entire nation. Democrats in Congress are working hard to improve the lives of AAPI families, along with all American families by fighting to create jobs, improving small business tax credits, and helping cut the cost of college for the more than 176,000 AAPI students enrolled in degree-granting institutions. May APA Heritage Month inspire all of us to reflect on our shared history, and to work harder toward using our diverse heritage to strengthen our shared future.

Nicaragua Trip

I recently returned from a trip to Nicaragua where I had the opportunity to see the outstanding work of the

[Fabretto Children's Foundation](#)

as they meet the educational and nutritional needs of impoverished children and to meet with members of the American Chamber of Commerce in Nicaragua to discuss the business conditions in the country. Additionally, I was pleased to participate in the launch of the Fabretto Children's Foundation's community service project with San Jose State University's Writing Center to develop and implement an English-as-a-Second-Language curriculum for teachers at the Foundation in Nicaragua. This program will represent a long term partnership between Fabretto and SJSU to help address one of the poorest educational systems in Central America. To learn more about this exciting program click

[here](#)

. Finally, I was also able to travel with 20 Peace Corps volunteers in the country, including a constituent. As a Peace Corps alumni, I was reminded of how much these organizations deserve our support and as your representative, I will continue to work my hardest to do provide them with as many resources as possible so that they can continue to serve others through their good work.

Stimulus Checks Are Coming!

Throughout the month of May,

[economic stimulus checks](#)

will begin to find their way into your mailboxes and bank accounts. The checks are meant to jumpstart the American economy and will hopefully provide welcome relief to those struggling to meet the rising cost of gas, food, health care, and more.