Did you know that AAPIs are the fastest-growing racial group in the U.S. according to AAPI Vote? [https://www.apiavote.org/research](https://www.apiavote.org/research).

The Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) electorate is a formidable community with the power to shape and influence elections down the ticket throughout the country. In the last three presidential cycles, approximately 620,000 new AAPI voters entered the electorate, with eligible AAPI voters in California, Nevada and Virginia making up more than 5% of the electorate. It is increasingly clear that candidates and elected officials must understand our growing political power and address issues important to our communities.

In Arizona, the AAPI share of the electorate is 4.6%. The AAPI population has increased by an estimated 157% since the last census. From 2012-2018 Arizona’s AAPI eligible voters grew by 47% compared to 13% for the rest of the population. [https://www.apiavote.org/sites/default/files/2020-02/Arizona-2020.pdf](https://www.apiavote.org/sites/default/files/2020-02/Arizona-2020.pdf) So, with the upcoming election, Arizona’s AAPIs will play a significant role in turning AZ Blue.

Voter contact continues to be an unmet need for AAPIs. In the 2018 Asian American (AA) Voter Survey, 50% of AAPIs received no contact from either Democrats or Republicans.
The Arizona AAPI Democratic Party Caucus is actively working to contact more potential AAPI voters and inform them about voter engagement, voter registration, PEVL-Permanent Early Voting List, GOTV- Get-Out-The-Vote, and candidate support.

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   Anita Malik CD 6
   Susanne Hug LD 25
   Leeza Sun LD 19

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