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REPORT BACK ON STATE OF ASIAN AMERICAN, NATIVE HAWAIIAN, AND PACIFIC ISLANDERS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY (ITEM NO. 21, AGENDA OF MAY 21, 2024)

On May 21, 2024, the Board of Supervisors (Board) adopted a motion directing the Chief Executive Office (CEO), through the Anti-Racism, Diversity, and Inclusion (ARDI) Initiative, in collaboration with the Human Relations Commission, to consult with a representative group of Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) stakeholders and academic and/or research institutions to create *The State of AANHPI Los Angeles County (County) report* (AANHPI Report). The report is intended to examine several life domains including: physical and behavioral health; income and employment; housing and homelessness; education; safety and justice; child and youth development; the built environment; and civic participation. The motion further directed the inclusion of:

- An analysis of gaps and barriers regarding access and utilization of County programs and services to inform the report recommendations;
- An assessment of the County's cultural humility, cultural competency, and language access practices serving AANHPI communities; and
- Findings and recommendations on actions the County can take to address disparities and disproportionalities across focus areas and advance equitable outcomes for all AANHPI communities.



In response to the motion, CEO-ARDI contracted with a consultant to oversee and coordinate the production of the *State of AANHPI*, *State of Latinidad*, and *State of Black Los Angeles County* reports. For the AANHPI Report, the consultant is partnering with a research team anchored by a community-based organization (CBO) that is conducting primary and secondary research as well as community engagement across the region. The AANHPI Report is slated for completion in May 2027, with submission of a preliminary data brief expected in December 2026.

This report provides an overview of the framework, methodology, communities of focus, current activities, and next steps.

Framework and Methodology

The research team is using a participatory action research (PAR) framework to gather data with AANHPI communities. This approach seeks to advance community health and wellbeing by engaging community participants as primary researchers, including but not limited to, defining research questions, incorporating lived experience, collecting and interpreting data, and shaping recommendations informed by the findings.

To support this effort, four Community Advisory Boards (CABs) representing East Asian, South Asian, Southeast Asian, and Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander communities were convened to guide the development of the AANHPI Report using their knowledge and lived expertise. Efforts were made to conduct research across all five supervisorial districts, including diverse perspectives across each community and reach multiple generations, age groups, genders, and other intersectional identities. The research plan shows that the CABs and research team will conduct key informant interviews, focus groups, community town halls, and a survey of County departments and AANHPI-serving CBOs that engage a broader segment of stakeholders. These activities are designed to help contextualize data collected across report domains and identify gaps, barriers, and facilitators of access to and utilization of County programs and services to help inform the report's recommendations.

Communities of Focus

The AANHPI community is comprised of diverse ethnic subgroups with distinct countries of origin, immigration histories, cultures, and languages that have shaped their experiences and life outcomes. With an intentional focus on disaggregated data, CEO-ARDI aims to mitigate the risk of presenting the entire community as a monolith and concealing disparities faced by specific subgroups. For example, a recently released report titled [*A Portrait of Los Angeles County 2026*](#) showed, "A striking 15-year gap separates the longest- and shortest-living racial and ethnic groups; Asian Angelenos have the highest life expectancy at 86.2 years, while

Native Hawaiians and Other Pacific Islanders have the lowest, 71.2 years.”¹ This demonstrates the importance of disaggregating data across 13 identified AANHPI subgroups including the top nine largest Asian American communities by population in the County — Chinese, Filipino, Korean, Japanese, Vietnamese, Asian Indian, Cambodian, Thai, and Bangladeshi — and four NHPI communities — Native Hawaiian, Samoan, Chamorro, and Tongan so that policy recommendations can better align with community needs.

Current Progress and Next Steps

The research team concluded its initial round of CAB meetings by April 30, 2026, during which members prioritized five domains. Research has commenced on the historical background sections for each community group along with a comprehensive literature review and inventorying secondary data sources. The research team and CABs are preparing the primary data collection instruments and also launched its community outreach strategy in partnership with the anchor CBO during AANHPI Heritage Month in May. Outreach activities included participating in the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center’s Kodomo no Hi (Children’s Day) Celebration on May 3, 2026, and the Heritage of Aloha Festival on May 16, 2026.

Immediate next steps to complete the report include identifying indicators from data sources that represent the communities of focus and finalizing the historical background sections and primary data collection instruments to initiate the key informant interviews and focus groups. A communications strategy that aligns the AANHPI Report with the *State of Black and State of Latinidad Los Angeles County* reports will be finalized by June 30, 2026, while community outreach and engagement to increase awareness of and solicit feedback on the AANHPI Report will continue throughout the year. A complete project timeline outlining major milestones for the report is provided in the Attachment.

Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact me or Carrie D. Miller at (213) 262-7823 or cmiller@ceo.lacounty.gov.

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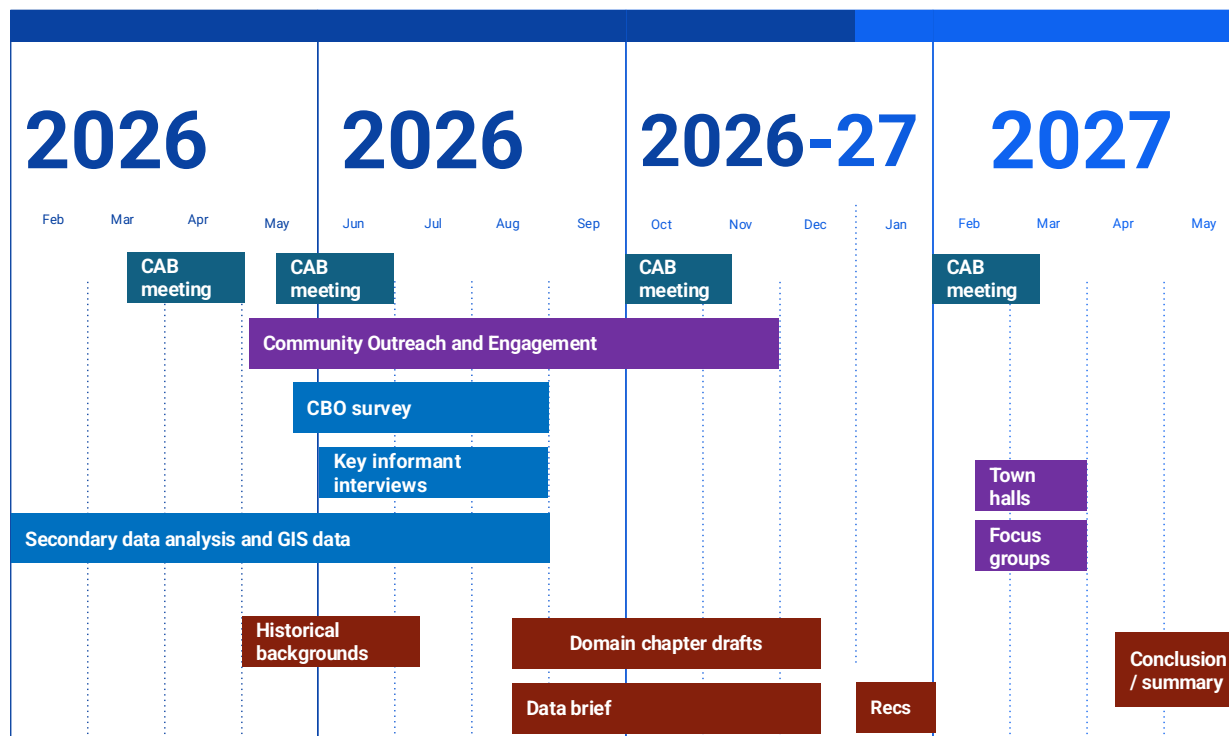
¹ Lewis, Kristen, Alex Powers, Kate Harvey, and Tara Shawa. 2026. A Portrait of Los Angeles County 2026. New York: Measure of America, Social Science Research Council.

State of Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander (AANHPI)
Los Angeles County Report

Project Timeline

Task	Start Date	End Date
Write the historical context section for the report in collaboration with Community Advisory Board (CAB) members.	5/1/2026	7/10/2026
Select primary report domains and survey available indicators following CAB recommendations.	5/1/2026	6/30/2026
Identify Quantitative GIS data for report indicators.	5/1/2026	8/14/2026
Conduct community outreach and engagement activities to raise awareness about the report and solicit participation in town halls and other mechanisms for input.	5/3/2026	12/01/2026
Conduct a community-based organization (CBO) survey with support from the CAB to understand county-level coverage of services by domain area.	5/20/2026	7/20/2026
Analyze CBO survey data.	6/20/2026	8/31/2026
Finalize qualitative data collection instruments for key informant interviews and focus groups.	6/1/2026	7/15/2026
Identify and recruit key informant interview candidates with support from the CAB.	6/1/2026	7/31/2026
Conduct key informant interviews to guide assessment of the communities' needs for — and access to — services.	6/8/2026	8/28/2026
Analyze secondary data sources to assess the life course outcomes of community subgroups within each domain.	2/2/2026	8/31/2026
Write domain chapters.	8/17/2026	12/15/2026
Analyze key informant interview data.	8/24/2026	10/15/2026
Complete a data brief to showcase preliminary data and findings.	8/17/2026	12/15/2026

Task	Start Date	End Date
Convene the third CAB meeting. ¹	10/19/2026	10/30/2026
Finalize recommendations and next steps for the report.	1/1/2027	2/20/2027
Conduct community town halls to share and solicit feedback on the preliminary findings and recommendations.	2/15/2027	3/15/2027
Conduct focus groups to help contextualize and finalize report findings and recommendations.	2/15/2027	4/1/2027
Write the conclusion (including the summary of findings) for report.	4/1/2027	5/7/2027
Finalize data visualizations for the report.	5/1/2027	5/31/2027
Write the executive summary.	5/1/2027	5/31/2027
Finalize the report.	5/24/2027	5/31/2027



¹ The first and second CAB meetings were already conducted.