Why is a National AAPI Organization focused on Displacement and Gentrification?

National CAPACD’s analysis of data shows that nearly three-quarters of poor AAPIs live in the most expensive housing markets. Low-income AAPIs are at high risk of economic displacement.

Percentage of People in Poverty, by Race, Living in High Housing Cost MSAs

Source: US Census, 2017 1-year American Community Survey
Note: Data displayed above is for people in poverty living in MSAs where the 2017 median gross rent is more expensive than the 2017 national median gross rent ($1,012).
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Close to two-thirds of poor AAPIs live in the most expensive neighborhoods, a rate that is nearly double that of the national poverty population.

**Percentage of People in Poverty, by Race, Living in High Housing Cost Zip Codes**

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Source: US Census, 2016 5-year American Community Survey
Note: Data displayed above is for people in poverty living in MSAs where the 2016 median gross rent is more expensive than the 2016 national median gross rent ($981).
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The data demonstrate a disproportionate likelihood for poor AAPIs to live in expensive housing markets, consistent across type of housing (rental vs. ownership) and geography (regions vs. neighborhoods).

The impact of lack of affordable housing, gentrification, and economic displacement because of rising housing costs are especially pronounced for poor and low-income AAPIs.

**Gentrification and displacement are central threats to the health and well-being of poor and low-income AAPIs.**

As a national AAPI-focused housing, economic, and racial justice coalition, National CAPACD focuses on gentrification and displacement. *We believe gentrification and displacement are AAPI issues.* Because of the extensive impact on our community, we see AAPIs leading the fight to counter displacement in our neighborhoods. We counter rising real estate costs in expensive markets through:

- Preserving and creating affordable housing
- Supporting anti-gentrification and anti-displacement policies
- Community organizing
- Community planning
- Neighborhood preservation
- Small business district promotion

Each of these is a high priority for National CAPACD – a national advocacy organization whose members are nonprofit organizations that serve low-income AAPI communities.

We recognize that gentrification and displacement are issues that impact millions of non-AAPIs in poverty who also live in high-cost and hot housing markets. Expensive and rising housing costs are a problem for low-income people of all races and ethnicities. The historic legacy of gentrification and displacement fall especially hard on Black and indigenous communities. We see this as a struggle where we work in solidarity with other communities of color. The #OurNeighborhoods campaign will benefit low-income communities of all races who are at risk of displacement from gentrification.