On May 8, 2019, leaders and decisionmakers from foundations, corporations, government and media came together for the Fund’s inaugural API Summit to address the hidden and emerging needs of the Bay Area Asian and Pacific Islander (API) community. Hosted at the Commonwealth Club, the incredible diversity and energy in the room played a huge role in making the Summit a tremendous success.

We couldn’t be more grateful for our phenomenal speakers who generated the inspiration and insights provided throughout the day. Highlights, including quotes from attendees, are provided below.

- **Karthick Ramakrishnan’s** informative morning keynote that stressed the need for data-disaggregation, threats to Census from within our community and the need for AAPI’s to increase our philanthropic power.
  
  “Engaging presentation. Raised some fantastic, intriguing points.”

- Spectacular lightning talks featuring **Sarita Kohli, Jorge Wong, Cynthia Choi, June Lee and Taunuu Ve’e** that shed light on the issues of domestic violence, mental health, immigrant rights, senior care and the Pacific Islander community. Special thanks to **US Bank** for providing a $5K grant to each of the organizations who were featured as part of our Emerging Needs Initiative.
  
  “This was the highlight of the day and so well done.”

- An engaging conversation moderated by **Timmy Lu** with **Shaw San Liu, Adrienne Pon, Tamara Rasberry** and **Tavae Samuelu** about what it takes to mobilize Asian and Pacific Islanders to vote and be counted for the upcoming election and Census 2020.
  
  “Excellent balance of voices and timely information.”

- **Sherry Hirota** leading an enlightening discussion with **Assemblymember Rob Bonta, Tung Nguyen** and **Ninez Ponce** about public charge and One Nation’s movement to address it.
  
  “Very insightful and informative. I can’t wait to look up the website to learn more.”

- A thoughtful and candid closing keynote panel moderated by our afternoon emcee **Robert Handa** featuring **Cathy Cha, Assessor Carmen Chu, Jake Schatz** and **Thuy Vu** who discussed their hopes for the API community and ways each of us can step up and help.
  
  “Excellent cross-sector conversation. So much vision and power in this group.”

We would also like to thank our generous funding partners who made the Summit possible, including our major sponsors **The California Wellness Foundation, Equilar** and **Summit Partners**.

We look forward to building on the success of our inaugural Summit as we continue to find ways to support our most vulnerable Asians and Pacific Islanders in the Bay Area.