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Lisa Hasegawa is the Executive Director of the National Coalition for Asian Pacific American Community Development (www.NationalCAPACD.org). Founded in 1999, National CAPACD is the first national advocacy organization dedicated to meeting the housing and community development needs of low income Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. They focus on four key community development areas: affordable housing development; economic development - including workforce and business development; community empowerment and cultural preservation; and neighborhood revitalization. Most recently, National CAPACD has partnered with the National Council of La Raza, the National Urban League and other housing advocacy and civil rights organizations to respond to the foreclosure crisis and ensure that the voices of civil rights advocates are heard as the nation considers sweeping housing and financial services reforms.



Lisa currently serves on the boards of the National Low Income Housing Coalition, and the American Progressive Caucus Policy Foundation. She has provided leadership for the National Council for Asian Pacific Americans (www.ncapaonline.org) for over a decade, currently serving on the Executive Committee and serving as the Chair from 2006 through 2007. Prior to joining National CAPACD, Lisa was the Community Liaison for the White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, organizing two Town Hall meetings and engaging hundreds of community-based organizations to testify before the President's Advisory Commission on AAPIs about critical issues facing Asian American and Pacific Islander communities. She started her career in advocacy and social justice working at community health centers in Oakland and Los Angeles, before moving to DC to work for the US Department of Health and Human Services Bureau of Primary Health Care and at the Office of Minority Health. She is a fourth generation Japanese American from Orange, California, and is a graduate of the University of California, Los Angeles, and the Harvard School of Public Health.