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Chinese American Service League Announces New Hire and Key Promotion for New Anti-Hate Action Center and Community Equity Research Center

Abbey Eusebio will serve as CASL's Anti-Hate Action Center Manager, and Dr. Elizabeth Stigler will serve as Community Equity Research Center Director

Chicago – Today, the Chinese American Service League (CASL) announced the hiring of Abbey Eusebio as CASL's Anti-Hate Action Center Manager and the promotion of Dr. Elizabeth Stigler to Director of the Community Equity Research Center.

In late-2021, CASL was selected by The Asian American Foundation (TAAF) to operate an Anti-Hate Action Center in Chicago. TAAF selected CASL to serve as its Chicago Action Center based on CASL's extensive history and notoriety for providing critical social service programs to underserved communities and the organization's staunch commitment to the shared mission of advancing belonging and prosperity for the AAPI communities in Chicago and Illinois. Hiring a manager for the Anti-Hate Action Center is an essential step in launching the critical social service.

Abbey Eusebio joined CASL on February 1st as CASL's Anti-Hate Action Center Manager. She focuses on implementing the goals and objectives of the Anti-Hate Center, which include protection, response, prevention, and tracking of hate crimes. Ms. Eusebio is working to ensure that victims of hate have access to comprehensive services, such as mental health support, and she leads CASL's efforts in partnering with the community to fight back against injustice. She brings over 16 years of federal and state government experience to her new role at CASL. Previously, she served as a Community Outreach Liaison for the AAPI community in Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul's office and spent 14 years as a Constituent Advocate for the Office of Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky.

CASL COO Jered Pruitt said, *"In addition to her incredible background in public service, Ms. Eusebio also served as the Chairwoman for AFIRE Chicago (Alliance of Filipinos for Immigrant Rights and Empowerment). During her tenure at AFIRE, she helped amplify the voices of those most silenced within the AAPI community, such as new immigrants, low-wage workers, and seniors. Her experience and expertise were exactly what we were looking for when we began our search for an Anti-Hate Action Center Manager, and we are thrilled to welcome her to the CASL team."*

CASL's Community Equity Research Center (CERC) promotes inclusion and community empowerment by using data to shape policy, advocacy, and education efforts. Rooted in the interconnectedness of social justice work, CERC seeks to empower staff and community members to be equity-minded champions for change.

Dr. Elizabeth Stigler joined CASL in 2021 and served as the DEIA Officer in the recently formed CERC. In addition to her role at CASL, Dr. Stigler serves as an Adjunct Professor of Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies at the University of Central Missouri. Now, as the Director of CERC, Dr. Stigler leads the development and implementation of CASL's formal DEIA efforts, oversees the development of innovative community-centered policy and programming initiatives that measurably advance social change, and helps identify opportunities for driving individual and community empowerment and mobilization. CERC focuses on using data to shape policy, advocacy, and education efforts and is dedicated to increasing representation for AAPI communities at the local and national policy levels through providing strategic, data-informed recommendations to ensure equitable outcomes.

CASL CEO Paul Luu said, *"It has been such a pleasure to have Dr. Liz Stigler on our staff at CASL. She is a passionate DEIA advocate and tirelessly driven in her commitment to ensuring that the Community Equity Research Center has a strong voice during a pivotal time in our nation's history. Our AAPI population has nearly doubled during the last two decades, making AAPIs the fastest-growing minority population in the United States. Still, with this growth, the community faces unique and systemic challenges, and I know that Dr. Liz will help guide CASL during this time of immense, exciting change."*

CASL Board Chairwoman Bonnie Fong said, *"In the wake of the pandemic, it has become even more important for CASL to support the Chinese community both in Chicago's Chinatown, regionally, and on a national level. I am so pleased to see our organization fill these vital positions so that we can continue CASL's over 40-year history of service to our community, the greater AAPI community, and to strengthen our relationships with other immigrant communities."*

The Chinese American Service League (CASL): For over 40 years, CASL's comprehensive programs have connected families and individuals with the vital support they need: providing an educational and cultural foundation for our children, ensuring our seniors live full and independent lives with dignity, enhancing education and training for tomorrow's workforce, putting immigrants on the pathway to citizenship, securing our community's housing and financial well-being, navigating healthcare systems and wellness resources, and providing equal access to justice. Since our founding, CASL has been rooted in the principles of equity and justice. That legacy continues to shape our efforts today as we strive to champion diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility at all levels of the organization.

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