



APICHA partner Queens Pride House to host forum on health care reform with U.S. Rep. Anthony Weiner

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New York, 23 May 2011 — Queens Pride House will host U.S. Rep. Anthony Weiner in a public forum on health care reform and the LGBT community.

“I’m looking forward to coming to Queens Pride House on June 6 to discuss the implications of health care reform for members of the LGBT community,” said Weiner. “These are issues of vital importance for all Americans, and I’m committed to ensuring the full inclusion of LGBT people in the work that I do in Congress on health care and public policy,” he added.

U.S. Rep. Anthony Weiner represents the 9th New York Congressional district, which includes large parts of Brooklyn and Queens — from Forest Hills, where the Congressman lives, to Glendale, Woodhaven, Howard Beach, and all the way to Far Rockaway. As a member of the House Energy & Commerce Committee, Rep. Weiner shares responsibility for oversight over public health, and he has played a leading role in discussion and debate on health care reform.

“Representative Weiner is nationally recognized as a champion of progressive health care policymaking, and we’re thrilled to have him join us for this forum at Queens Pride House,” said Pauline Park, president of the board of directors of Queens Pride House, the only LGBT community center in the borough. “And we’re delighted to be



able to offer our own members a unique opportunity to pose questions to the Congressman about health care policy issues directly affecting them,” she added.

The public forum will take place from 6-7:30 p.m. on Monday, June 6 at the Diversity Center of Queens, the home to Queens Pride House, the only LGBT community center in the borough of Queens. The event is being sponsored by the following organizations:

Asian & Pacific Islander Coalition on HIV/AIDS (APICHA)
Gay Asian & Pacific Islander Men of New York (GAPIMNY)
Latino Commission on AIDS
New York Association for Gender Rights Advocacy (NYAGRA)
Q-Wave (lesbian & bisexual women and transgendered men & women of API descent)
Transgender Legal Defense & Education Fund (TLDEF)

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Founded in 1989, Asian & Pacific Islander Coalition on HIV/AIDS Inc. (APICHA) provides comprehensive primary care and other medical services, including mental health, STD and Hepatitis and supportive services targeted to Asians and Pacific Islanders, the LGBT community and individuals living with and affected by HIV/AIDS. Over the last twenty-one years, APICHA has shown a considerable growth from a grassroots HIV prevention-focused organization to a patient-centered medical home.

In 2010, the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) awarded APICHA Medical Services Level 3 recognition as a Patient-Centered Medical Home, the highest level of recognition.

In 2011, APICHA served over 2,600 patients, including a majority of people of color, LGBTQ and low income individuals in New York City. About a half of APICHA’s patients identify themselves as A&PIs from over 20 ethnic groups, including Chinese, Japanese, Filipino, Korean, Asian Indian, Vietnamese, Thai, or Indonesians. APICHA has been a pan-Asian organization with multilingual/multicultural staff fluent in 17 languages with 24 fulltime staff capable of speaking one or more Asian languages.

For more information: www.apicha.org