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## **Citi and Union of Pan Asian Communities Partner to Provide Homeownership Services to Ethnic San Diegans**

San Diego, CA – Citi has partnered with Union of Pan Asian Communities (UPAC) to provide homeownership information and services to low- and moderate-income individuals and families throughout San Diego. UPAC, a comprehensive health and human services organization focusing on the needs of Asian, Pacific Islander and other ethnic communities, has received a \$15,000 contribution from Citi to support the Housing Counseling Program.

“We are very thankful for receiving this generous gift from Citi,” said Margaret Iwanaga-Penrose, President & CEO of UPAC. “It provides us with the opportunity to serve many people in these economically challenging times. These funds will enable our counselors to reach out to additional underserved individuals and families to achieve self-sufficiency in homeownership.”

“We are pleased to help UPAC promote stable, sustainable homeownership,” said Chi K. Tran, Citi Community Officer. “That’s the bedrock for economic empowerment, which is at the heart of Citi’s commitment to our communities.”



UPAC, founded in 1974 by Beverly Yip, focuses on the diverse Asian, Pacific Islander and other ethnic communities of Greater San Diego. UPAC’s mission is to improve the mental and bodily health and well-being of individuals and their families by providing an array of human services. With a multi-lingual staff representing 29 languages and dialects, UPAC reaches over 125,000 residents through 39 different programs annually. Current programs include services in adult, children and adolescent mental health, addiction treatment and recovery services, health promotion and disease prevention, children and youth development, economic development, senior services and community development.

### **UPAC**

Founded in 1974, UPAC is a premier social services provider for Asian, Pacific Islander and other ethnic individuals, families, and seniors. It promotes communication and understanding, equal opportunity and greater self-sufficiency, establishes health promotion and disease prevention, provides affordable housing and technical assistance and supportive services, assesses community needs and develops services. UPAC is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit located in San Diego, CA. For more information about UPAC, contact Cheryl Carlson at (619) 446-0805 or go to <http://www.upacsd.com>.

### **Citi Community Development**

Citi Community Development (CCD) is leading Citi’s commitment to achieve economic empowerment and growth for underserved individuals, families and communities by expanding access to financial products and services, and building sustainable business solutions and innovative partnerships. Our focus areas include: commercial and philanthropic funding; innovative financial products and services; and collaborations with institutions that expand access to financial products and services for low-income and underserved communities. For more information, please visit [www.citigroup.com/community](http://www.citigroup.com/community).