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Wing Luke Museum Opens New Exhibit Highlighting Asian American, Pacific Islander, and Native Hawaiian Voices on the Front Lines of the Environmental Justice Movement

Seattle, WA: Wing Luke Museum of the Asian Pacific American Experience (Wing Luke Museum) opens a new exhibit titled *We Are Changing the Tide*, which features Asian American, Pacific Islander, and Native Hawaiian community work and activism in the Environmental Justice Movement, with a focus on solidarity with other affected communities.

Communities of color exist at ground zero in the fight for environmental justice. These communities, especially those of Black, Indigenous, and migrant populations worldwide, bear the highest burden from the negative effects of climate change, pollution, environmental degradation, and exploitative industries. As inhabitants of a shared planet, this exhibit encourages visitors to consider the interconnected nature of the world's natural and human-made systems, to understand how overlapping harms caused by racism, greed, and environmental destruction affect BIPOC communities, and to take action in their own lives to address these issues. It centers unsung stories of collective action and resistance by vulnerable communities on the front lines, while calling for the voices of those most affected to be centered in policy making and driving solutions.

The exhibit features a wide range of stories including the Quinault Nation fighting climate change, water protectors resisting fossil fuel development, Duwamish River stewardship, rising seas threatening Pacific Islands and other coastal communities, Native Hawaiians opposing military installations via traditional ceremony, and local community groups fighting disproportionate airplane noise and pollution on Seattle's Beacon Hill. Visitors will be able to explore these stories and other content through photographs, artworks, artifacts, and first person voices, to learn how BIPOC communities are addressing Environmental Justice and how we can all play a role in supporting collaborative systemic change.

The full title of the exhibit is *We Are Changing the Tide: Community Power for Environmental Justice*, opening Friday, March 4, 2022 and will be on display through February 19, 2023.

For more information about the exhibit, visit www.wingluke.org/we-are-changing-the-tide

The **Wing Luke Museum's** mission is to connect everyone to the rich history, dynamic cultures and art of Asian Pacific Americans through vivid storytelling and inspiring experiences to

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advance racial and social equity. As a Smithsonian Affiliate, National Park Service Affiliated Area, and the only pan-Asian Pacific American museum in the nation, The Wing is a national treasure, preserving and sharing the personal stories of the Asian Pacific American community.
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