

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
Executive Office of the Mayor Office of Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs

February 24, 2016

Dear AAPI Community Member:

The Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs of the District of Columbia seeks your help. As May is Asian and Pacific Islander American Heritage Month, we would like to recognize those unsung heroes who have demonstrated extraordinary dedication to serving Washington DC's Asian and Pacific Islander (API) community.

We invite you to nominate an individual or an organization that makes extraordinary contributions to the API community for the **Community Service Award**. This contribution can be expressed through a variety of ways: volunteering, promoting awareness of API issues, or organizing projects that strive for the advancement of District APIs. While the organizations or individuals need not live in DC, their work must focus on the District's API community.

Also a **Volunteer Service Award** has been named in honor of Ajay K. Ojha, a former Commissioner who passed away while volunteering overseas on a community service project for local youth. This award may be given to an individual who displays the spirit of Commissioner Ojha through exceptional volunteerism in the DC community.

Both the Community Service Award and the Volunteer Service Award will be presented by Mayor Muriel Bowser at the Asian and Pacific Islander American Heritage Month Celebration to be held in May.

Please submit all nominations by fax, mail, or email using the attached form as soon as possible and no later than **COB Friday April 8, 2016**, to the following address:

D.C. Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs  
Attn: May 2016 Award Nominations  
441 4th St. NW, Suite 721 North  
Washington, DC 20001  
Tel: (202) 727-3120  
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For more information and a list of previous award winners, please visit our website at [www.apia.gov](http://www.apia.gov) or [here](#). If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Christina Truong at (202) 727-5560 or [christina.truong@dc.gov](mailto:christina.truong@dc.gov). Thank you for your help. We look forward to seeing your nominations.

Warm Regards,

D.C. Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs