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OAPIA Update

News Updates from the DC Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs

Dear AAPI Community Members,

Over the years I have witnessed the DC AAPI community grow in size and level of community engagement. At the One City Summit this past Saturday, I was able to see our community in action again. I am proud to report that the One City Summit was a great success, and the AAPI community played a significant part in it.

With over 1,700 District residents in attendance, the AAPI community represented 8% at the Summit. This percentage is more than double the Census number of a 3.5% AAPI representation of the total District's population!



To see these kinds of figures and other results from the Summit, please see the [One City Summit Preliminary Report](#).

Please keep in touch for further opportunities and announcements from the District Government and the Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs. As always, OAPIA is working hard to keep you informed and updated on all of our partnerships and projects.

Join us in creating a better AAPI community within the District!

Warm Regards,

Soohyun "Julie" Koo
 Director, DC Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs

OAPIA Bi-monthly Community Meeting



On February 2, 2012, OAPIA held its bi-monthly community meeting at Conference Room 1117 in the One Judiciary Square building. Attendees included leaders and representatives from Allies Building Community

Inc., Vietnamese American Community Service Center, Hepatitis B Initiative of Washington DC, Asian/Pacific Islander Domestic Violence Resource Project, and Chinatown Service Center.

The meeting featured Mr. Jesus Aguirre, Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR), who introduced the DPR and its available programs, resources, and employment opportunities. Also, Mr. Daniel Sheres of the DC Office of Planning State Data Center presented a workshop on accessing census data on the Asian population in DC.

For more information on the DPR, please visit: www.dpr.dc.gov
For more information on Census data, please visit: www.census.gov

The bi-monthly community meetings are an opportunity for community-based organizations (CBO) to be informed of various opportunities and resources from DC Government and network with other CBOs. If you would like to attend a meeting on behalf of your organization, please email oapia@dc.gov.

OAPIA and VACSC Host One City One Hire Registration Fair



On February 7, 2012, OAPIA and the Vietnamese American Community Service Center (VACSC), in collaboration with the DC Department of Employment Services (DOES), held the second of two registration fairs to assist job-seeking DC residents with enrollment into "One City One Hire," a hiring initiative with the goal of putting District residents back to work.

The event took place at the VACSC in Columbia Heights. OAPIA staff, CSC staff members, and VACSC staff members were on hand to assist with language interpretation for Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) residents with limited English proficiency.

For the full press release, please click [here](#).

State of the District Address



On February 7, 2012, OAPIA attended the State of the District Address held at the Sixth & I Historic Synagogue. Mayor Vincent C. Gray's State of the District speech covered a variety of topics, from the growing economy and the city's \$240 million budget surplus, to population growth, education reform, future development projects, record-low homicide rate, his vision for "One City," and more.

The entire State of the District Address can be viewed by clicking [here](#).

Photos from this event and others may be viewed by clicking [here](#).

Monthly Commission on APIA Community Development Meeting

On February 9, 2012, the DC Commission on APIA Community Development held its monthly meeting at the OAPIA conference room. The commission welcomed two new members: Christopher Chan and Lawrence Liu. OAPIA provided updates on various topics such as new staff, One City Summit, the OAPIA Community Grant Report and the bi-monthly community meeting.

One City Summit



On February 11th, 2012, Mayor Vincent C. Gray held the One City Summit at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center. OAPIA supported the Mayor's event by coordinating the outreach, registration, and language access needs of the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community. Over 1,700 District of Columbia residents attended this public event to participate in a day of discussion on overcoming challenges that face the District and improving the quality of life for all residents.

For the full press release, please click [here](#).

OAPIA Welcomes New Intern: Marshall Bennett

Marshall recently moved from the Bay Area in California to DC, and is a current graduate student at Georgetown University's Master of Science in Foreign Service program. He also graduated from Stanford University with an M.A. in East Asian Studies (Cultural Anthropology) as well as Stanford's Inter-University Center for Japanese Language Studies.

During his undergraduate career, he attended the University of Minnesota, Carlson School of Management and graduated with a B.S.B degree in International Business and Asian Languages & Literature. He is a Korean adoptee and also promotes general outreach and mental health advocacy for the Stanford Asian Pacific American Alumni Club as a Board Member. He is very enthusiastic in helping OAPIA in optimizing its services for the Asian and Pacific Islander community in DC.



Spotlight: AALEAD



Asian American LEAD
Leadership Empowerment and Development for Youth and Families

The mission of Asian American LEAD (AALEAD) is to promote the well-being of Asian American youth through education, leadership, and community building. It is a leading community organization that provides educational enrichment and youth development programs to underserved Asian American youth in the Washington, D.C., metro area.

Highly-dedicated staff and Board deliver specialized after-school programs, one-on-one mentoring, academic support services, and life-skill development for students. AALEAD also assists parents with school-related issues affecting their children.

AALEAD strives to provide a nurturing environment and culturally-sensitive guidance so that each child will be a contributing member of his or her community. AALEAD programs currently serve over 300 students in the District and Maryland, who represent more than 11 different Asian ethnicities.

For more information, please visit www.aalead.org.

DC Mayor's Commission on APIA Community Development

The DC Commission on APIA Community Development convenes monthly meetings to discuss current issues affecting the DC AAPI community.

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, March 28, 2012 @ 6:30 pm at the OAPIA Office located at 441 4th Street, NW, #721N Washington, DC 20001.

All commission meetings are open to the public. If you have any questions about the commission or its meetings, please contact opia@dc.gov.

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