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# MOAPIA Update Newsletter

*Agency Updates, Events and Announcements, Employment Opportunities, and more from the DC Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs (MOAPIA)*

## A Message from the Director

### Dear Community Members:

A guiding theme in my work has always focused on community inclusion and engagement. I attended the University of Maryland, College Park to earn my Masters in Community Planning so community coalition has always been a priority in my career. With the summer quickly winding down, we have facilitated in promoting community inclusion at Chinatown Park with our *Chinatown Park Start FRESH!* series which includes Tae Kwon Do Self Defense classes, Yoga in the City, DC Kids Move!, and morning Tai Chi classes. I would like to thank all of those who participated at our events, especially to our seniors who come to our Tai Chi classes rain or shine! But even though summer is coming to a close, there is still a lot more of activities to do! For the upcoming months in August and September, we are hosting two outdoor movie screenings. On August 20th, we are showing House of Flying Daggers and on September 10th, Raise the Red Lantern.



To continue our mission toward community engagement in the AAPI community, our office participated in MPD's National Night Out on August 4th where we were in Ward 5, Takoma Recreational Center, and Chinatown Community Cultural Center. We were able to connect with even more community members and engage with community organizations and other district agencies.

I would like to once again announce we are hosting the first-ever "AAPI Action Forum" on September 12th at the Walter E. Convention Center. This is your venue to voice your concerns and make sure you are impacting government in the positive changes you want to see. Be there to help shape our implementable action items for the next 3.5 years.

Warm regards,



**Mayor's Office on Asian  
and Pacific Islander  
Affairs**

**Office Hours**

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8:30 am - 6:00 pm

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The DC Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs hopes to create a more cohesive Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community in the District of Columbia.

**To submit events or announcements for the website, please contact [oapia@dc.gov](mailto:oapia@dc.gov).**

*All listings will be on the website until the end date of the program/event/posting deadline or up to one month.*

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## MOAPIA News

### Chinatown Park Start FRESH! - Free Summer Fitness Classes



MOAPIA is hosting a series of free summer fitness classes as part of its **Chinatown Park Start FRESH!** project, a series of fun and healthy outdoor activities in Chinatown Park to encourage District residents to adopt healthy lifestyle choices.

Location: Chinatown Park (Mass Ave and I St NW between 5th and 6th St NW)

**Schedule of Remaining Events:**

- 8/18, 8 AM: Tai Chi Class
- 8/25, 8 AM: Tai Chi Class

RSVPs are encouraged but walk-ins are welcomed! To pre-register for Tai Chi classes, please visit [morningtaichi.eventbrite.com](http://morningtaichi.eventbrite.com).

For more information, contact Kelly Jeong at [kangeun.jeong@dc.gov](mailto:kangeun.jeong@dc.gov) or (202) 727-3120.

### Chinatown Park Start FRESH! - Outdoor Movie Screenings

MOAPIA is hosting "Under the Stars: Outdoor Movie Screening" as part of

in advance; certain exceptions apply at MOAPIA's discretion.



its Chinatown Park Start FRESH! series. Free popcorn will be provided.

Movies will begin at 8 pm. To RSVP, please register [here](#).

For more information, contact Kelly Jeong at [kangeun.jeong@dc.gov](mailto:kangeun.jeong@dc.gov) or (202)-727-3120.

DC Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs

CHINATOWN PARK  
START FRESH!

# UNDER THE STARS

FREE OUTDOOR MOVIES  
@ CHINATOWN PARK  
6TH AND I STREET NW

**MOVIE STARTS AT 8PM**  
Bring your own blanket or chair!

**AUGUST 20**      **SEPTEMBER 18**  
House of Flying Daggers      Raise the Red Lantern

RSVP - <http://moapia-underthestars.eventbrite.com>

MOAPIA      MPTD      DPR      WE ARE WASHINGTON      GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
MURIEL BOWSER, MAYOR

Follow us @DCMOAPIA #ChinatownParkStartFresh  
For more information, email us at [oapia@dc.gov](mailto:oapia@dc.gov) or call (202) 727-3120

**9/12 - SAVE THE DATE for the AAPI Action Forum**

**September 12, 2015**

9:30 AM - 2:30 PM

Walter E. Washington Convention Center

**West Salon G/H**

801 Mt. Vernon Place NW

Washington, DC 20001

The purpose of this forum is to examine how we can work more collaboratively across different cultures and ethnic backgrounds and to create implementable strategies for MOAPIA to work on over the next few years.

Participants from all over the city will come together to identify action items for the District government. This interactive public engagement event will include small group discussions and keypad polling to prioritize important issues facing the Asian-American communities in Washington and other multi-cultural communities. This is an opportunity to have your thoughts heard by District leaders.

This event is hosted in partnership with the Mayor's Office of Latino Affairs, and the Mayor's Office on African Affairs, and ServeDC, the Mayor's Office on Volunteerism.

To register, please visit [dctakesaction.eventbrite.com](http://dctakesaction.eventbrite.com). For more information, contact MOAPIA at [opia@dc.gov](mailto:opia@dc.gov) or (202) 727 - 3120.

## **Call for Volunteers!**

The Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islanders Affairs (MOAPIA) is inviting hundreds of District of Columbia residents from across the District to join together on Saturday, September 12 for the AAPI ACTION FORUM.

**Your Help is Needed!** - We are in need of skilled table facilitators to help lead the discussion!

**Table Facilitator Skills and Qualifications:**

Experience facilitating small group face-to-face deliberation and building toward consensus

- Able to adhere to a tightly-timed program, but also able to respond to real-time changes in design and directions from the lead facilitator
- Deep listening skills, ability to hear both unique individual voices and also collective themes
- Comfortable with diversity on many dimensions
- Comfortable with the expression of strong emotions and able to support this expression, integrating the substantive content back into the conversation
- Able to stay in a neutral facilitation role
- Bilingual facilitators are needed for Mandarin, Cantonese, Vietnamese, Korean, Spanish and Amharic .

### **Time Commitment**

Facilitators must be able to attend one orientation session and the Town Meeting Saturday, September 12, 2015 from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm.

The orientation session options:

- Wednesday, September 9 at 6:30-8:00PM on OR
- Thursday, September 10 at Noon-1:30 PM

Location to be announce once you register.

If you are interested in volunteering as a table facilitator, [please sign up here](#).

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact [ngoc.trinh@dc.gov](mailto:ngoc.trinh@dc.gov) or call 202 727 3120. Please feel free to share this announcements with others.

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## **MOAPIA is Recruiting Fall Interns**



The Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs (MOAPIA) is seeking motivated individuals interested in public service and the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community. Interns will have the opportunity to work on a variety of assignments pertaining to outreach, language access, and

intergovernmental affairs.

For more information, please visit our website [here](#). To apply, send your resume and cover letter to Christina Truong at [christina.truong@dc.gov](mailto:christina.truong@dc.gov).

## MOAPIA in the Community

### MOAPIA Hosts *Chinatown Park Start FRESH!* Events



8/3: Yoga in the City Participants

### MOAPIA Participates in MPD's National Night Out



MOAPIA Community Outreach Coordinator, Ngoc Trinh, speaking to attendees

On August 4, 2015, MOAPIA staff participated in the Metropolitan Police Department's 32nd annual celebration of "America's Night Out Against Crime" at four different locations.

National Night Out (NNO) is an annual event, sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch, that takes place on the first Tuesday in August. Each year, the Metropolitan Police Department actively participates in National Night Out by rallying community members throughout the District of Columbia to join with neighbors and police officers in their PSAs to be a part of this annual event.

## Events and Announcements

### Community Calendar

The MOAPIA [Community Calendar](#) page promotes, engages, and serves the AAPI community in the District of Columbia by sharing MOAPIA, District of Columbia government agency, and community events. Please check the Community Calendar page regularly for updates.

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### 8/13 & 8/19 - DHCD Notice of Public Hearings

"2016-2020 FIVE YEAR CONSOLIDATED PLAN FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA" AND THE "2016 PROPOSED CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN"

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) announces two public hearings to take place Thursday, August 13, 2015, and Wednesday, August 19, 2015 in order to receive community comment and input regarding revision of the Agency's Citizen Participation Plan and development of the Five Year Consolidated Plan and budgets to be submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the following federal entitlement programs:

- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program
- HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program
- Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program
- Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) Program

(1) **Thursday, August 13, 2015** at 6:00 p.m., at our headquarters located at 1800 Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue Southeast, in the Housing Resource Center.

(2) **Wednesday, August 19, 2015** at 6:00 p.m., at Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Library, Room A-5, 901 G Street, Northwest.

District of Columbia residents who would like to present oral testimony are encouraged to register in advance either by e-mail at [dhcd.events@dc.gov](mailto:dhcd.events@dc.gov) or by

calling (202) 442-7203. Please provide your name, address, telephone number, and organization affiliation, if any.

If you wish to provide written comment for the record, please do so by mail or email by close of business Friday, August 21, 2014. Written statements should be mailed to: Polly Donaldson, Director, DHCD, Attention: Five Year Consolidated Plan Comments, 1800 Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue, Southeast, Washington, DC 20020. Emailed comments should be submitted to [dhcd.events@dc.gov](mailto:dhcd.events@dc.gov) with a subject line, "Five Year Consolidated Plan comments."

If you need additional information, contact Booker Roary, Jr. at [booker.roary@dc.gov](mailto:booker.roary@dc.gov) or by phone at (202) 442-7203.

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## MPD Beat the Streets DC



This community outreach event serves as a traveling Community Festival and is a partnership between the Metropolitan Police Department, local social service agencies and community vendors.

In a 3 to 5-hour block of time, community members (of all ages) enjoy musical performances from local marching bands and the MPD Police Band "Cops Come Knockin," as well as a street festival-like environment with local vendors and literature distributed by local social service agencies. This is an opportunity for members of the community to experience the lighter side of the police department while enjoying dancing, free food and fun.

Upcoming Events:

- School Supplies Give-A-Way - **8/20**, 5 - 7 pm, 1230 Sumner Rd SE (Picnic Area)

For more information, visit MPD's website [here](#).

**Employment Opportunities**

**Career Connections**

The MOAPIA [Career Connections](#) page promotes, engages, and serves the AAPI community in the District of Columbia by sharing MOAPIA, District of Columbia government agency, and community employment opportunities, internships, scholarships, grants, and more. Please check the Career Connections page regularly for updates.

To submit announcements for the website, please contact [oapia@dc.gov](mailto:oapia@dc.gov). All listings will be on the website until the end date of the posting deadline or up to one month.

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## **8/12 - Walmart Pre-Screening/Application Events**

The new Wal-Mart facility is set to open at Riggs and South Dakota (close to Ft. Totten metro station) and will be hiring approximately 300 associates for a variety of jobs that include professional services, sales floor associates and supervisors, front end cashiers, customer service, cart pushers, greeters, stockers and others. The pre-screening/job application sessions will take place in Ward 5 at the American Job Center - Northeast (5171 South Dakota Ave. NE, 2nd Floor, Washington, D.C. 20017).

### **August 12th**

1:30 p.m. (Participants are asked to arrive on time)

RSVP using this link: <http://goo.gl/QuL2HI>

(202) 576-3092 (phone)

Participants must RSVP for this event

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## **8/21 - Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton's 18th Annual Job Fair**

Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton is hosting her annual Jobs and Opportunity Fair on Friday August 21st 2015 from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center. This year's job fair will also feature comprehensive health screening from the UDC School of Nursing.

### **Friday, August 21, 2015**

Walter E. Washington Convention Center

10:00 am - 3:00 pm

### Job Hunting Workshops

10:00 am - 11:00 am

Doors open at 9:30 am. Must be a DC resident to participate (please bring proof of residency in the form of a driver's license, non drivers ID, voter registration card, pay stub, utility bill, or lease).

For more information, please contact the District Office at (202) 408-9041.



# 18<sup>th</sup> Annual

# JOB FAIR

**Friday, August 21, 2015  
Walter E. Washington Convention Center  
10:00am - 3:00pm**

**Job Hunting Workshops  
10:00am - 11:00am**

**FOR  
Tips on  
Interview Skills  
Managing Your Online Profile  
Resume Etiquette  
Dress For Success Fashion Show**

**Also  
Comprehensive Health Screenings Available  
from UDC School of Nursing**

**PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION: DC Circulator, 66, 70, 71, 79, 80, 96, G2, G8, P6, X2,  
Green & Yellow Lines, Mt. Vernon  
Square/7th Street Convention Center, Red Line, Gallery Place / China Town. Parking Meters & Private Lots**  
*For More Information Please Contact the District Office at (202) 408- 9041*

**Employers from DC  
MD and Virginia**

**FOR DC RESIDENTS  
ONLY!**

**Must Bring Proof that you  
are a D.C. Resident**  
(Driver's license, Non Drivers ID,  
Voter Registration Card, Pay Stub,  
Utility Bill, or Lease)



**Job Opportunities in**

- Private Sector**
- Federal/State Agencies**
- Construction**
- Retail**
- Labor Unions**
- Restaurants**
- Hotel & Tourism**
- Law Enforcement**
- Non-Profit**
- And More!**

**Meet Employers  
Dress Professionally**

**Doors open at 9:30  
A.M.**

## **The Washington Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) is Recruiting Bilingual Police Officers**



The Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) is looking for individuals who are problem-solvers, who enjoy working with others in all types of settings and circumstances, and ultimately, people who want to make a difference in the lives of others. MPD offers a very competitive starting salary, with police officers who are certified as fluent in any language other than English receiving additional pay, as

well as a plethora of benefits. So if you think you have what it takes to be a part of one of the top police departments in the country, apply today!

According to the Census Bureau figures, the Washington, D.C. population is growing at its fastest pace in decades. As our Asian American and Pacific Islander community also continues to grow, the need for new police officers who are bilingual increases. MPD is therefore reaching out to all of our ethnic communities as we expand to meet the changing needs of our city. In Fiscal Year 2014 and beyond, MPD will be hiring approximately 300 new police officers annually.

To find out more about MPD police officer careers, call the Recruiting Division toll free at 1-800-994-MPDC (6732), or if you are in the Washington area at (202) 645-0445. The office is located at 101 M Street Southwest, Washington, D.C. 20024. MPD invites you to please visit the website for more detailed information on this exciting career opportunity.

For more information, or to apply, please visit:

- <http://mpdc.dc.gov/page/join-metropolitan-police-department>
- <http://mpdc.dc.gov/page/salary-and-benefits>
- <http://mpdc.dc.gov/page/police-officer-selection-process>

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## DC Department of Employment Services (DOES) Resources



The District of Columbia Department of Employment Services (DOES) was created to develop "Jobs for People and People for Jobs."

DOES provides job-seekers with a number of employment opportunities through its [American Job Centers](#). Each center provides career counseling, career planning, resume assistance, direct job placement, classroom and on-the-job training, access to America's Job Bank (both online and via the phone), information about local and national labor markets, unemployment compensation and much more.

DOES also offers [Project Empowerment](#), a transitional employment program that provides job readiness training and subsidized employment to District residents. Participants attend an intensive three-week training course and are then placed in a subsidized employment opportunity for up to six months, all while working towards securing permanent, unsubsidized employment.

# PROJECT EMPOWERMENT

## What is PE?

Project Empowerment is a transitional employment program that provides job readiness training, work experience, and job search assistance to District residents who face multiple barriers to employment. PE also provides supportive services such as adult basic education, job coaching and occupational skills training.

## Who Do We Serve?

District of Columbia residents who are:

- 22-54 years old
- Currently unemployed
- No receiving government assistance (food stamps are acceptable)
- Not currently using any illegal substances

## All potential PE participants must exhibit at least three (3) of the following:

- Basic skills deficiency, demonstrated by a lack of sufficient mastery of basic educational skills and/or an English language deficiency with an inability to speak, read, or write the English language
- Lack of secondary school educational credential
- A documented history of substance abuse
- Homelessness
- A history of job cycling
- A felony conviction

## How Do We Operate?

- Program Orientation: Participants are introduced to the program.
- Intake, Assessment, and Case Management: Participants' life and work skills are assessed and assigned to a case manager.
- Supportive Services: Case Managers evaluate participants' needs and recommend necessary support services.
- Job Readiness/Life Skills Training: Participants attend a three-week workshop.
- Employability Activities: Participants gain important employability skills.
- Professional Development: Participants are offered additional coaching.
- Job Retention and Follow-Up: Retention Specialists will be in contact for up to one year following attainment of permanent employment.

Program participants receive \$9.00 per hour for the duration of their participation beginning with Job Readiness Training



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