

Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Community Development  
Wednesday, August 21, 2019, 6:30 pm  
Teleconference

- Welcome/Introductions
  - Meeting was opened by Chair John Tinpe
  - Commissioners offered introductions. In attendance
    - MOAPIA by Phone: Ben De Guzman,
    - COAPIA by Phone: John Tinpe, Ben Takai, Bruce Leal, Ronak Desai, Kishan Putta
  
- Director's Report, Director DeGuzman, MOAPIA.
  - Director reviewed events currently in front of the MOAPIA office including
    - Census grantees included 3 AAPI serving organizations
    - Several town halls have been planned to engage community
  - Chinatown Park series continues with movie nights
  - Back to school activities
  - Bi-weekly community check ins have been implemented to keep the office up to date on any potential ICE raids
  - Director de Guzman will send out clients meeting on DCRA survey to commissioners
  
- Commission Task Force
  - Pacific Islander Outreach
    - MOAPIA staff met with Australian High Commission on reaching out to Pacific Islander community
  - Mental Health
    - MOAPIA staff are scheduling a meeting with the Director of the Department of Mental Health
  
- Commissioner Putta asked for updates on any Diwali celebration

Meeting Adjournment

Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 18, 6:30 pm

Questions:

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