

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Executive Office of the Mayor's Office on 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 **Mayor's Community Service Award**. This contribution can be expressed through a variety of ways: 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 Mayor's Community Service Award and the Volunteer Service Award will be presented by Mayor Muriel Bowser at the Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month Celebration, hosted by the DC Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs, 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 March 18, 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
Fax: (202) 727-9655
Email: oapia@dc.gov

For more information and a list of previous award winners, please visit our website at 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. Thank you for your help. We look forward to seeing your nominations.

Warm Regards,

D.C. Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs



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MURIEL BOWSER, MAYOR

**Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month
2016 DC Mayor's Community Service Award and Volunteer
Service Award Nomination Form**

(Please Print)

NOMINATOR'S INFORMATION

Name (individual and/or organization):

Phone:

Email:

NOMINEE'S INFORMATION

Name (individual, organization, or government employee; **circle one**):

Street Address:

City:

State:

ZIP Code:

Phone:

Fax:

Email:

On a separate sheet of paper, please describe (maximum of 250 words) how the nominee has made an extraordinary contribution to the District's AAPI community (if being nominated for the Mayor's Community Service Award), or how the nominee has displayed exceptional volunteerism in the District's community (if being nominated for the Ajay K. Ojha Volunteer Service Award).

Please send all completed nomination forms by email, mail, or fax to:

DC Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs

Attn: May 2015 Award Nominations

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Washington, DC 20001

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Email: oapia@dc.gov

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Questions? Please contact Christina Truong at (202) 727-5560 or email christina.truong@dc.gov.