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## OAPIA Update

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

Dear AAPI Community Members,

The DC Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs is working hard to make sure that you are up to date on all the things going on in our office. To help keep you up to date, we have created this newsletter to give brief updates on things happening in our office and in District Government.

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

Warm Regards,

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



### Vietnamese and Asian American Communities Briefed on Changes to Temporary Assistance For Needy Families (TANF) Program

On Tuesday November 8, 2011, the Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs (OAPIA), in collaboration with the DC Department of Human Services (DHS), organized a workshop regarding TANF changes for local Vietnamese residents. Nineteen residents were in attendance at the workshop, held at the Vietnamese American Community Service Center (VACSC).

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



### OAPIA Bids Farewell to Outreach Specialist Elliot Lee



OAPIA Outreach Specialist Elliot Lee will be stepping down from his duties after three and a half years of service working for the local AAPI community and DC government this week. The staff at OAPIA would like to thank Elliot for his dedication, passion, and drive for excellence while serving at the office, and would like to wish him the best in any future endeavors.

Please forward any inquires addressed to Elliot Lee to [oapia@dc.gov](mailto:oapia@dc.gov) effective immediately. If you need immediate assistance, please call the OAPIA office at 202-727-3120.

### OAPIA Welcomes Fall Intern Sophie Zhao



Sophie Zhao is currently a second-year graduate student at American University pursuing an MA degree in political science. Her academic interests include comparative political institutions and cross-cultural communication, and in her spare time she enjoys photography, traveling, and anime. Sophie received her bachelor's degree in international politics at Xi'an International Studies University in her hometown of Xi'an, China, and speaks fluent Mandarin Chinese, which will greatly assist in outreach efforts amongst the local Chinese community.

As a former summer 2011 intern at OAPIA, Sophie enjoyed working on OAPIA's annual Sidewalk Chalk Contest and conducting outreach efforts with local business owners. She returns this time around to further learn about public relations, and to promote a stronger entwined relationship between the DC government and the local Asian community, while gaining valuable insight on local Asian American and Pacific Islander issues from government officials and community members along the way.

### **OAPIA to Host Free Workshops on Changes to Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program**

OAPIA, in conjunction with the DC Department of Human Services, will host a final free workshop on changes to the TANF program.

OAPIA will provide District residents the most updated information on what changes will take place, how it affects those who are currently receiving benefits, and what people need to do in order to continue receiving benefits.

When: Tuesday, December 6, 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm  
Where: Asian Service Center - 714 G Place NW, Washington, DC 20001

### **DC Mayor's Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs**

The DC Mayor's Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs convened its monthly meeting to discuss issues going on in the DC AAPI community.

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, November 30, 2011 @ 6:30 pm at the OAPIA Office. All commission meetings are open to the public. If you have any questions about the commission or its meetings, please contact [oapia@dc.gov](mailto:oapia@dc.gov).

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