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OAPIA Update

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

Dear DC Resident:

Join me and 1,000 other DC residents on **Saturday, February 11, 2012, from 9:30 am to 4:00 pm** at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center for the "One City Summit" - a frank and open conversation about what needs to be done to create Washington, DC as One City.

At the event, you will have the opportunity to let your voice be heard by:

- **Voting** on specific priorities for action in the coming year
- **Brainstorming** new ideas about how the D.C. Government can work more effectively with its citizens
- **Identifying** ways you can be more involved in future efforts to create a more unified city that works for everyone
- **Learning** about current efforts to grow our economy, improve our schools, create more jobs, and other initiatives underway to move our city forward
- **Discussing** some of the biggest challenges that prevent our city from becoming truly One City
- **Sharing** your views in small group discussions and listening to neighbors from every part of the District



Along with other top city officials, I will be present all day to listen to your concerns and hear your ideas. A free lunch will be served to everyone who attends!

Have you ever wondered what "One City" really is? One City is not just a logo or a slogan. It is the recognition that ***all District residents, no matter their differences, are bound together by a common destiny and a shared desire to make the city even better for the people who live here.*** Regardless of race, religion, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, ward or neighborhood, we all want a vibrant, sustainable city, where all residents have an opportunity to provide for themselves and their families, where every neighborhood is safe, where every student goes to a good school, where every tax dollar is spent wisely on a government that works, and where citizens' voices really count.

In order to create such a city, we need your help. The One City Summit will offer residents from all parts of the District the chance to talk together, learn from each other, and help find solutions to the challenges we face. It will help Washington, DC become a more livable, vibrant and inclusive city - for everyone. Join me and your fellow District residents at this informative, interactive, high tech meeting to help identify priorities for the future.

I encourage you to register for the summit today by [using this form](#) or by calling (202) 709-5132. Don't miss out on the opportunity to let your voice be heard. I look forward to seeing you on February 11th.

Vincent C. Gray
 Mayor

OAPIA Hosts One City One Hire Lunar New Year AAPI Business Reception



On January 23, 2012, OAPIA hosted its "One City One Hire" Lunar New Year Asian American and Pacific Islander Business Reception at the John A. Wilson Building. Mayor Vincent C. Gray and OAPIA Director Soohyun "Julie" Koo brought greetings at the reception and took the opportunity to thank the AAPI hiring partners of OCOH. More than 120 AAPI business owners, community leaders, government agency representatives, and other guests attended the event.

OCOH is an employer driven hiring initiative with the goal of putting District residents back to work. OAPIA has already secured over 30 hiring partners who have committed 100 jobs to the initiative. OAPIA engaged the leadership of AAPI chambers of commerce, business councils, business associations, and small businesses from the DC metropolitan area. OAPIA has been promoting OCOH through various outreach efforts in the community including hosting informational discussions and meetings, distributing information via newsletter and listserv, and publicizing the program at various AAPI networking events.





From left to right: OAPIA Director Soohyun Koo, Department of Employment Services (DOES) Director Lisa Maria Mallory, Mayor Vincent C. Gray, Tony Cheng's Restaurant Owner Tony Cheng

For additional information on the One City One Hire program, please visit <http://onecityonehire.org/>.

For the full press release on this event, please visit the [OAPIA website](#).

OAPIA at OCOH Recruitment Event

On January 24, 2012, the Department of Employment Services (DOES) and OAPIA held a registration fair at the Chinese Community Church on 500 I Street, NW. The registration fair provided an opportunity for community members to meet with knowledgeable DOES staff, learn more about "One City One Hire," and register to be matched with available employment opportunities and/or various training programs.

DC residents may register online here: <https://app.does.dc.gov/register/>.

For additional information on the One City One Hire program, please visit <http://onecityonehire.org/>.

The next registration fair will take place on February 7, 2012 at the Vietnamese American Community Service Center located at 2437 15th Street NW, from 9:30am to 12:30pm.





OAPIA at the Chinese New Year Parade



On January 29, 2012, Director Koo and Mayor Vincent C. Gray celebrated the beginning of lunar year 4710, the year of the Dragon, with over 40,000 visitors and District residents at the annual Chinese New Year Parade. Marching bands, acrobats, Chinese folk dancers, martial artists, and other performers marched through the streets in this annual celebration. The festivities concluded in grand fashion with the lighting of firecrackers.

The parade took place in DC's Chinatown, starting at 6th & I Street, winding around the corner of 7th & G, and ending at 6th & H Street. The parade was organized by the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association (CCBA) for over 30 years.

CCBA of Washington, DC was founded in the 1940s and provided various types of aid to Chinese immigrants, such as shelter and medical assistance. It continues to offer aid by offering free blood testing and flu shot clinics, and assisting in health care, language, and other issues that face its community.

For more photos, click [here](#) to visit the photo gallery.

OAPIA is Conducting Survey on Crime Reporting

The DC Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs is conducting a survey on crime reporting as part of its initiative to encourage crime reporting among Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPIs). This short survey aims to reveal if AAPIs are reporting crimes that happen in DC, how they choose to report crimes, to what extent crimes are under-reported, and why they might choose not to report a crime. Based on the findings, outreach materials will be developed to encourage greater participation in crime reporting. The survey is available in English, Chinese, Korean and Vietnamese.

Please take a few minutes to participate in this short survey and help improve public safety. Regardless of where you are currently, if you have been a victim of a crime or illegal activity in Washington, DC, you may take part. All responses will remain anonymous and confidential. Thank you.

English Version: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/CDK6QQZ>
 Chinese Version: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/S2H72HR>
 Vietnamese Version: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Y83DGNN>
 Korean Version: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/GKTRLHB>

OAPIA Welcomes Winter Intern Rachel Kang



Rachel Kang is a sophomore at Georgetown University pursuing double degrees in Political Economy and French. She spent her childhood in Australia and Korea, where she attended the prestigious academy of foreign studies, HAFS.

During high school, she interned at Association Internationale pour la Protection de la Propriété Intellectuelle (AIPPI), Licensing Executive Society Korea, and at the National Congress of Republic of Korea. She also organized the National Debate Championship in Korea. She is currently looking forward to continuing her studies in Lyon, France next year.

Trivia of the Day



According to the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association (CCBA), they organized the first large-scale parade in DC's Chinatown in 1980. The CCBA has continued organizing this annual parade ever since.

DC Mayor's Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs

The DC Mayor's Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs convenes monthly meetings to discuss current issues on in the DC AAPI community.

The next meeting will take place on Thursday, February 9, 2012 @ 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.

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