

The regular monthly meeting of the Commission on API Affairs was held on Thursday, October 24 2013, at 6:30 pm, at One Judiciary Square Conference Room 1114S, the Mayor being present. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved as corrected.

The Mayor started his talk about the necessity to develop public awareness about “where the city is going” and “how the city is doing” in terms of great living environments for residents ranging from economy to education.

The Mayor discussed the issue about the government shutdown and talked about two things for what the District of Columbia should be able to do in response to similar situations. First, the legislation to exempt the District of Columbia from next shutdown is prepared so that people can continue to work. More than that, the Mayor strongly insisted the “budget independence,” which guarantees the right autonomy of the District of Columbia in any circumstance.

The Mayor addressed the questions asked by many about diverse ethnicities in the District of Columbia. He stressed the leadership to put diversity, one of the symbols of the area together. All of the people with different color skin from different backgrounds should be protected at the same level with each other. The resolution relating to the employment, for example, the director of OAPIA (Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs, Mrs. Koo gave further detailed plan for “Bi-Weekly Employment Update,” which will connect job seekers to employers easily.

The motion to celebrate “Language Access Program,” which is one of the outstanding, technical assistance for minorities was adopted as follows: 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary ceremony with conferences and seminars to let more people know how the District of Columbia helps residents, expands the scope of benefits and leads more engagement from the community with the coalition of other agencies.

At the end, the priority of the Mayor for the brighter future of the District of Columbia was laid on the table. The answer was clear, suggesting “One City Action Plan” taken by Gray administration. There were three goals in the project: (1) Education including Language Access, (2) Economic Development and (3) Better quality of life in Healthiest and Greenest DC. The discussion about the involvement in the District of Columbia community related to those objectivities and updated information how much progress has been made will be appointed at the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8 pm.