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### **CAPIA Passes Two Resolutions and Sets Priorities for 2016**

Led by chair Ada L. Loo and with the guidance of the Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs (MOAPIA) Director David Do, the Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs (CAPIA) passed two resolutions in support of affordable housing in Chinatown and the Mayor's Homeward DC pledge. This year CAPIA has taken on multiple initiatives and resolutions to provide effective advocacy for the District's Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community to ensure that specific issues such as Affordable Housing are being addressed. "It is only befitting to pass a resolution to support the Mayor's pledge on ending homelessness and at the same time, pass a resolution to ensure that the District's AAPIs are not displaced from their homes due to unethical actions by developers," says Chair Loo.

In addition to passing these two resolutions, the CAPIA also convened in November 2015 to identify two main priorities to focus on for 2016. First, CAPIA aims to tackle the issue of affordable housing for low-income AAPI residents. Led by Commissioner Thu Nguyen, CAPIA will find ways to promote and preserve affordable housing in the District, especially as it pertains to issues surrounding the Museum Square One Apartments and other apartment buildings with a large majority of AAPI residents. Second, led by Commissioner Martha Watanabe, CAPIA is advocating for more cultural sensitivity trainings for DC government agencies. By relaying a greater need for cultural sensitivity trainings, CAPIA hopes DC government employees will be better equipped with the proper resources to help the AAPI community, especially those with limited to no English proficiencies.

More information on the Commission can be found on MOAPIA's website here:

<http://apia.dc.gov/page/commission-api-affairs>

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