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MOAPIA Newsletter

Agency Updates, Events and Announcements, Career Connections, and more from the DC Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs (MOAPIA)

A Message from the Director

Dear Community Members,

At MOAPIA, we stay committed in supporting our business communities. One of the ways we do this is through the DC Department of Housing and Community Development's (DHCD) Façade Improvement Program. It is a matching grant program administered community-based non-profit organizations (CBOs) where qualified DC-based businesses are provided technical assistances such as professional design and construction services for their the storefront renovation projects. Façade improvements help enhance the image of stores and beautify neighborhoods.



Last June, Friendly Food Market in Ward 6 reached out and expressed interest in the Façade Improvement Program. After six months of working with MOAPIA, I am excited to share the progress that we have made. The store's exterior is now decorated with a vibrant eye-catching mural. During one of our community outreach visits, the owner, Mr. Kim won, shared that the new façade has attracted a lot more customers to the neighborhood. With the success of his initial project, Mr. Kim has registered for another façade improvement project and has been working closely with partners to give the store's front door an updated look. Friendly Food Market is one of the few other ongoing Façade Improvement Projects that MOAPIA is actively working on and aiming to complete by the end of the year.

If you would like to learn more about the Façade Improvement Program, please contact our office by phone (202-727-3120) or email (oapia@dc.gov).



Friendly Food Market before the Façade Improvement Program



The new mural at Friendly Food Market after the renovation

Warm Regards,

David Do
Director of the Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs



MOAPIA's outreach team frequently visits businesses across the District to offer information about government programs and resources. Resources are provided in the business owner's native language and staff follow-up to help address any issues or complaints.

Check out more photos from our recent community outings and events by following us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) (@dcmoapia)

Upcoming Events

Information Event at Seaton Elementary School

The Seaton Elementary School's Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) has kindly invited MOAPIA to host an information session at their school on November 15th from 9:00 to 10:00am. We will be presenting the parents with resources regarding employee rights, job training programs, and how to select middle schools through Myschool DC etc.

Career Opportunities

Public Information Officer

We are seeking a Public Information Officer to join our team! The incumbent will

oversee the agency's communications strategy including but not limited to, drafting press releases, writing talking points for the director, reviewing all official agency documents for accuracy, and regularly managing MOAPIA's social media platforms. The incumbent will be the point of contact for all items related to the Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs. To apply, please visit this [page](#).



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