

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,

The Bowser Administration is in the midst of one of the most critical and exciting stages of the year - adjusting the budget to most accurately reflect our city's values and priorities. The Budget Engagement Forums are one more opportunity for Mayor Bowser to hear directly from residents - before the budget is finalized - about how you want to see DC's money spent.

Throughout the week, residents can attend one of three forums at sites around the city:

- Wednesday, February 21 at 6:30 pm at the University of the District of Columbia (Ward 3)
- Thursday, February 22 at 6:30 pm at Watkins Elementary School (Ward 6)
- Saturday, February 24 at 10:00 am at Kramer Middle School (Ward 8)

RSVP for a forum and learn more <u>HERE</u>. We hope to see you there!

Warm Regards,

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

MOAPIA News

MOAPIA Welcomes New Team Members!



Emeline Kong, Staff Assistant



Emeline Kong is a DC transplant from the San Francisco Bay Area. She moved to DC in 2013 and was captivated by its diverse community and green spaces. She is a first generation Chinese-American and is proud of the hard work her parents accomplished to realize their American dream. Emeline holds an undergraduate degree in Physics and enjoys exploring her interests in food systems and urban biking.

Emeline is grateful for the opportunity to join the MOAPIA team as its new Staff Assistant. She is excited to realize her passion for building enriching cities and stronger communities.



Ning Bao, Outreach Intern

Ning Bao is originally from China, but attended a high school in Jordan. She is currently is a sophomore at Georgetown University, majoring in Political Economy. At school, she is the event coordinator of the Georgetown Chinese Student and Scholar Association and the marketing chair of the Georgetown Arab Society.

Prior to working at MOAPIA, Ning interned at BBDO Worldwide, an international advertisement agency, as a management intern and A Level Capital, a venture capital firm, as an analyst. Ning loves language and music. She is proficient in Mandarin, Spanish and Arabic. Ning joins MOAPIA as an outreach intern and she is excited to help serve the API community in DC.

Lunar New Year Parade and Festival



On February 18th, the District welcomed the Year of the Dog at the Lunar New Year Parade. Mayor Bowser, Director Do and other government officials led the parade in Chinatown.

MOAPIA Outreach



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 <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u> and <u>Instagram</u> (@dcmoapia)

Upcoming Events

Budget Engagement Forums

Join Mayor Muriel Bowser at the 2018 BUDGET ENGAGEMENT FORUMS

Share your budget priorities and ideas with fellow DC residents and the Bowser Administration as next year's budget is developed.

SENIOR TELEPHONE FORUM

Tuesday, February 20 Time: 12 Noon

FORUM #1

Wednesday, February 21 Time: 6:30PM

University of District of Columbia Student Center 4200 Connecticut Avenue NW

FORUM #2

Thursday, February 22 Time: 6:30PM

Watkins Elementary School 420 12th Street SE

FORUM #3

Saturday, February 24 Time: 10AM

Kramer Middle School 1700 Q Street SE

RSVP: 2018budgetforums.eventbrite.com or 202.442.8150

Share your budget priorities and ideas with fellow DC residents and the Bowser Administration at the upcoming budget engagement forums. For more information or to sign up, visit https://2018budgetforums.eventbrite.com.

Announcements

Submit Nominations for the AAPI Awards!

The nomination period for the Mayor's Community Service Award and the Volunteer Service Award is now open! These awards will be presented by Mayor Muriel Bowser at the Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month Celebration that MOAPIA hosts in May.

If you know someone who deserves recognition for their outstanding contributions to the Asian American and Pacific Islander community in DC, we invite you to nominate them for one of these awards. For more information about eligibility requirements or to submit a nomination, please visit <u>our website</u>. All nominations must be submitted by March 12, 2018 at 5:00 pm.

Summer Youth Employment Program: Feb 24th Application Deadline

Calling All District Youth: Summer Jobs Available!

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If interested, applications must be completed at <u>summerjobs.dc.gov</u>. Online applications will be available must be received by Saturday, February 24, 2018 at 11:59 pm. If you need language assistance regarding the program, please contact MOAPIA at (202) 727-3120.

Private Security Camera Incentive Program

The Office of Victim Services and Justice Grants (OVSJG) wants residents to improve public safety by participating in the Private Security Camera Incentive Program.

The program provides a rebate of up to \$200 per camera, with a maximum rebate of up to \$500 per residential address and \$750 for all other addresses.

Information about the program and the application can be found at <u>www.ovsjg.dc.gov</u>. For additional information, contact the Program at security.cameras@dc.gov (202) 727-5124.

Help make DC safer and stronger

Install a private security camera system and apply for a rebate

For more info visit ovsjg.dc.gov



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