

The content in this preview is based on the last saved version of your email - any changes made to your email that have not been saved will not be shown in this preview.



OAPIA Update

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

Dear Community Members,

In the past few weeks leading up to this *Update*, while our office has been working to assist and empower the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community in the nation's capital, someone else was busy working and assisting, and in his own way, empowering the AAPI community in the nation's *media* capital. Yes, I am referring to *Jeremy Lin*.



Lin's sudden meteoric rise to global basketball stardom is both amazing and bewildering. At this point, his story has been analyzed, told, and then re-told in countless ways, causing just as many discussions and debates over issues of identity, opportunity, and culture. Amidst this "Linsanity," one of the few points that was consistently made clear was that the AAPI identity is something that is can be as bewildering and misunderstood as Lin's story.

The AAPI identity consists of many different cultures and values that make it impossible to generalize or label with a simple definition. It is no wonder that even in our nation's capital, there can be much confusion over what it means to be AAPI. But who better to show you what the AAPI community is, than community members themselves?

Earlier in the month, OAPIA launched the *I Am AAPI In DC* campaign in an effort to foster greater understanding of the AAPI community in DC, and promote the success and contributions that AAPIs have made throughout our city. The initial stage of this campaign begins with a simple photo blog that grows with each user contribution and showcases the incredible diversity within the AAPI community. The campaign is designed to give the members of this community a platform to share their stories and help define what it means to be *AAPI in DC*.

I encourage you to visit www.iamaapidc.com to see what it's all about!

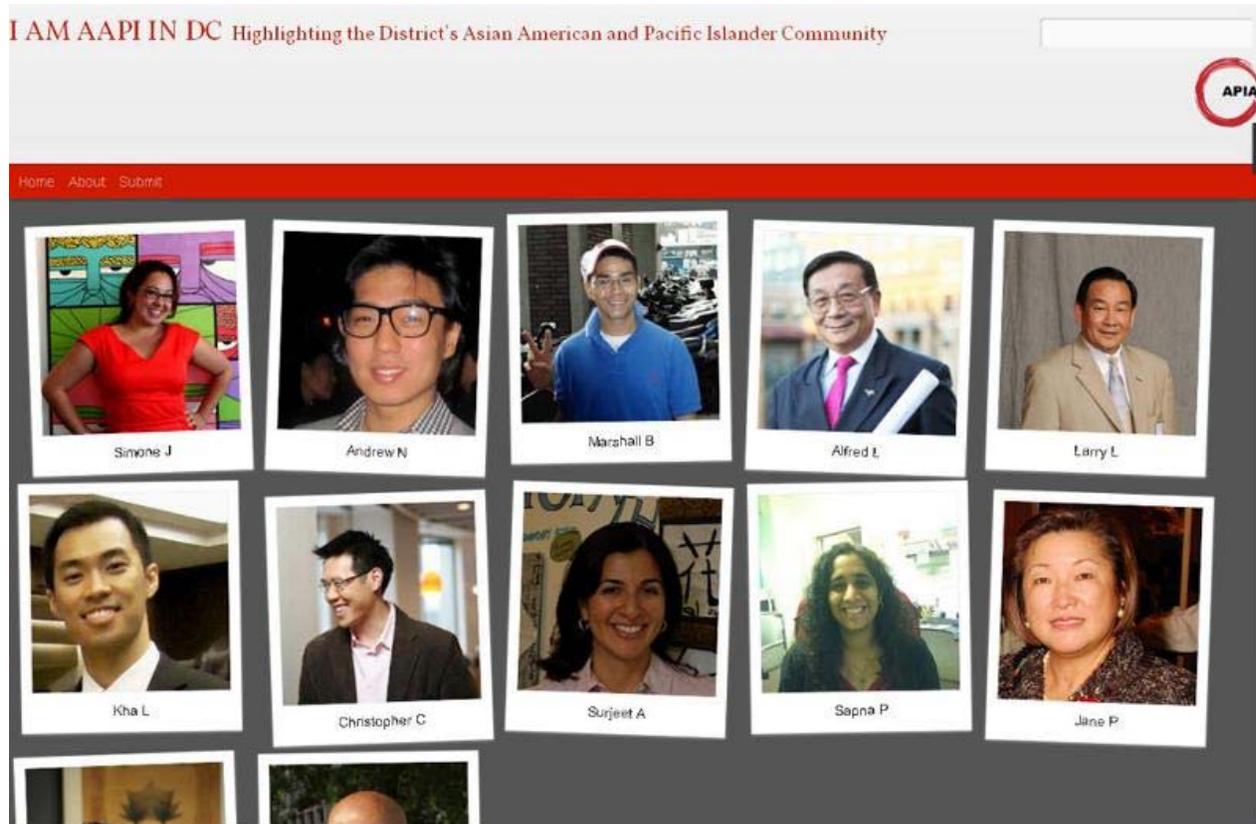
Please keep in touch for further opportunities and announcements from the District Government and the Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs. As always, OAPIA is working hard to keep you informed and updated on all of our partnerships and projects.

Join us in creating a better AAPI community within the District!

Warm Regards,

Soohyun "Julie" Koo
 Director, DC Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs

OAPIA Launches "I Am AAPI In DC" Publicity Campaign



On March 2, 2012, the Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs (OAPIA) today announced a citywide campaign to promote greater awareness of the District's diverse Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) communities. The campaign aims to promote the contributions of AAPIs in the District to educate and inform the general population about this diverse community.

The campaign's theme, I Am AAPI In DC, will first be promoted through a blog featuring user-contributed profiles of District AAPI residents and others who make positive contributions throughout the city. Other methods of promotion will include television PSAs, podcasts, and social media components.

"It is important to recognize the numerous contributions of all shapes and sizes the AAPI community makes in the District," said OAPIA Director Soohyun "Julie" Koo. "There are so many interesting stories and causes AAPIs are involved in throughout the District. I hope more we will see more engagement and interest in the AAPI community from the general public. I am very excited for this campaign."

Please visit www.iamaapidc.com to view the blog!

OAPIA & ABRA Host ID Verification Workshop



On March 8, 2012, the Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs (OAPIA), in partnership with the Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration (ABRA), held a free workshop on verifying valid forms of identification at the Frank D. Reeves Municipal Center.

The workshop provided District alcohol vendors with training and information on properly verifying valid forms of identification, understanding alcohol regulations and procedures, and information on enforcing ABRA regulations. OAPIA supported this workshop by providing interpretation service for Limited English Proficient (LEP) attendees. Attendees were also given opportunities to ask questions and discuss scenarios.

To view the full press release, please click [here](#).

Spotlight: The Chinese Community Church

The Chinese Community Church is the oldest Chinese Church in the metropolitan Washington D.C. area and the only Chinese church in the nation's capital. The Chinese Community Church, under the leadership of the Rev. Dr. C. C. Hung, was founded in 1935. Today, not only does it serve as a place of worship for Chinese community members from DC and the surrounding metro area, it also offers services for the community in the form of English classes and citizenship classes,



as well as sponsoring the Chinatown Service Center, which provides various social services.

For more information, please visit <http://www.cccdc.com/>.

DC Mayor's Commission on APIA Community Development

The DC Commission on APIA Community Development convenes monthly meetings to discuss current issues affecting the DC AAPI community.

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, March 28, 2012 @ 6:30 pm at the OAPIA Office located at 441 4th Street, NW, #721N Washington, DC 20001.

All commission meetings are open to the public. If you have any questions about the commission or its meetings, please contact oapia@dc.gov.

oapia@dc.gov | www.apia.dc.gov | Phone: (202) 727-3120 | Fax: (202) 727-9655



[Forward email](#)



This email was sent to oapia@dc.gov by oapia@dc.gov | [Update Profile/Email Address](#) | Instant removal with [SafeUnsubscribe™](#) | [Privacy Policy](#).

OAPIA | 441 4th St NW | Suite 721 North | Washington | DC | 20001