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OAPIA Update

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

Dear Community Members:

As the Mayor of the District of Columbia, I take pride in what our city has become and the steps we are actively taking to reach out to our constituents. We still have much to do, and my desire to improve our community for both current residents and new generations is the impetus behind the development and implementation of my "One City" initiative.



"One City" is the recognition that all D.C. residents, regardless of race, religion, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, ward or neighborhood, are bound together by a common destiny and a shared desire to make the city even more vibrant for the people who live here.

This vision for our city is simple and manifests itself in three overarching goals:

1. *Grow and diversify the District's economy;*
2. *Educate and prepare the workforce for the new economy,* and
3. *Improve the quality of life for all.*

For each goal, my Administration has developed clear strategies and specific actions to take in order to yield maximum results. And the One City Action Plan provides key indicators to measure results and provide accountability and transparency about how well we're doing.

Every little step counts in our walk toward achieving the "One City" vision, which is why I am proud to announce my recent proclamation declaring September 29th a "Day of Service" in the District. On this day, residents will have the opportunity to volunteer with organizations fighting hunger and food insecurity.

As I wrap up this newsletter, I invite you all to, once again, read more about our One City Action Plan. Please remember that the goals of "One City" will only be attainable if everybody works to achieve them.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vincent C. Gray". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Vincent C. Gray

Mayor

District Announcements

ONE CITY ACTION PLAN

Over the summer, Mayor Gray announced his ["One City Action Plan,"](#) a comprehensive strategy that

describes in specific steps how his One City vision will be achieved. As the mayor often speaks about, One City is the recognition that all District residents, no matter their differences and regardless of race, religion, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, ward, are bound together by a shared desire to make the city even better for the people who live here.

The [One City Action Plan](#) is an effort to make the District a more prosperous, equitable, and sustainable city, where all residents have an opportunity to provide for themselves and their families, where every neighborhood is safe, where every student goes to a good school, where every tax dollar is spent wisely on a government that works and where citizens' voices really count. The plan emphasizes the need to harness the tremendous change the District is experiencing to remake and reinvent our city for the next generation. Organized by goals, strategies and actions, the plan provides District residents and business leaders alike with a concrete roadmap to understand and measure progress and hold city officials accountable in the areas that matter most to them. The three overarching goals are:

1. Grow and Diversify the District's Economy,
2. Educate and Prepare the Workforce for the New Economy, and
3. Improve the Quality of Life for All.

For each of these goals, the plan contains key indicators by which to measure whether the goal is being achieved. Additionally, the plan provides an action checklist so that residents can track progress along the way.

Review the plan at <http://onecityactionplan.dc.gov>.

SUSTAINABLE DC



Last summer, Mayor Gray announced a plan to make DC the healthiest, greenest and most livable city in the nation. He tasked the Office of Planning (OP) and the District Department of the Environment (DDOE) with leading the [Sustainable DC](#) initiative. Since then, the city's knowledgeable and active residents, along with industry and business leaders, and District government staff have developed hundreds of ideas for making the city more sustainable. From these ideas, the Sustainable DC plan will help bring more transportation options, better sources for healthy food, lower energy bills, and cleaner air and water to all residents.

This plan culminated in "[A Vision for a Sustainable DC](#)," achieves two goals: 1) sets the vision for the city as a whole and 2) provides the framework for a detailed strategy to achieve the vision. This long term strategy is being developed now, with a draft plan anticipated this Fall. The plan will set long term goals for the built environment, climate, energy, food, nature, transportation, waste, water and the green economy. *More importantly, the plan will help connect city residents to jobs and improve quality of life for residents in all Wards.*

In order to make the District the healthiest, greenest and most livable city in the nation, all of the city's neighborhoods, businesses, government agencies and individuals will need to work together in innovative ways to achieve the goals outlined in "A Vision for a Sustainable DC." To find out how you can be involved, or to learn more about the Sustainable DC initiative, please visit www.sustainable.dc.gov or email sustainable.future@dc.gov. We look forward to working with you on the way to becoming the nation's most sustainable city!

OAPIA in the Community



OAPIA Director Soohyun "Julie" Koo Meets with the National Population and Family Planning Commission (NPFC) of China

On August 16, a Chinese delegation from National Population and Family Planning Commission visited OAPIA to learn about the AAPI immigrant population in the District and the work of the office. The delegation consisted of 20 officials from the federal and local government of China. The members have expressed interest in learning more about the Chinese immigrant population and the types of issues and problems encountered.



AALEAD (Asian American Leadership Empowerment and Development) Kids Listen in During the Youth Health Workshop

OAPIA organized two Youth Health Workshops from AALEADs summer program at Thomson Elementary School. The event took place on August 2 and was part of an effort to promote the 'Live Well DC' Initiative by DC Department of Health, which is intended to educate the public and increase public awareness of the importance of making healthy lifestyle choices. The workshops focused on preventing obesity, promoting healthy eating, moving more and living in a smoke free environment. Live Well DC is an inter-agency effort to create a holistic approach to health and wellness by targeting individual behaviors that result in poor health outcomes. 30 students attended the workshops.

Spotlight: OCA-DC



OCA-DC is one of the founding chapters of OCA. OCA is a national organization dedicated to advancing the social, political, and economic well-being of Asian Pacific Americans in the United States. Established in 1973, OCA has 51 chapters and 30 college affiliates nationwide. OCA owns a permanent home near Dupont Circle in Washington, DC.

OCA-DC is an inclusive community of Chinese and Asian Americans, both immigrant and native born, who care about the long-term collective well-being of Asian Americans in this country. OCA-DC serves as a bridge between Americans of Chinese descent and the Chinese immigrants, and between Asian and non-Asian Americans, and is a voice that advances the collective interests of the community for the common good. OCA-DC promotes civic engagement and political involvement of Asian Americans at all levels, and informs and educates Asians and non-Asians alike about Asian American issues.

For more information, please visit [here](#).

DC Mayor's Commission on APIA Community Development

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

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, September 25, 2012 @ 6:30 pm at the OAPIA office located at 441 4th Street, NW, Suite 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.

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