



David Do, Director



Muriel Bowser, Mayor

## MOAPIA Update Newsletter

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

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### A Message from the Director

Dear Community Members,

Recently, Mayor Bowser joined President Obama's call to raise the wage for working men and women. In a city as prosperous as the District, we can do more to support our working families. That is why my office and agencies across District government have banded together to support the Mayor's pledge to increase the minimum wage to \$15 by 2020. When the DC Council returns from break later this month Mayor Bowser will send down legislation to reflect the wage increase. Please join me and thousands of District residents to support the #FightFor15DC, sign the pledge [here](#).



Warm Regards,

David Do

Director, DC Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs

## MOAPIA News

### MOAPIA Welcomes New Community Outreach Assistant, Jo Panero

Xiaozhou(Jo) Panero joined MOAPIA in March 2016 as



it's newest Community Outreach Assistant. Jo is a native Chinese speaker and holds a Bachelor's degree in International Affairs and Economics from George Washington University (13'). Over the past few years, Jo has been mainly working with Chinese NGOs, businesses and individuals, as well as government agencies to organize cultural exchange events and activities in the greater Washington D.C. area. She is excited to use her experiences and knowledge to bridge any gap between the AAPI community and the DC government, and to deliver better service to the AAPI community in general.

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## **Free Tai Chi Classes Continue through April and May!**

# TAI CHI CLASS

FREE AND OPEN TO PUBLIC  
(NO REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED)

Kennedy Recreation Center

1401 7th St NW, Washington, DC 20001



Community members doing Tai Chi at Shaw Community Day event in November 2015.

April & May 2016  
Class Schedule

Every Wednesday  
11 AM - 12 PM



## What is Tai Chi?

Tai Chi is a Chinese martial arts form that offers fun and gentle exercise for the body and mind. It's an enjoyable way to improve mobility, balance and overall well-being.



For more information, email us at [oapia@dc.gov](mailto:oapia@dc.gov) or call (202)-727-3120.

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5/2 - Mayor Bowser's Annual AAPI Heritage Month  
Celebration

# Mayor Muriel Bowser's Annual Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month Celebration



Miguelito & Pam de Ocampo

Danny Nguyen & Isaiah Yoon  
(from Lionz of Zion)

Garret Taira

**MONDAY  
MAY  
2016** **2**

**7:00 PM**



Davina Etwaroo  
(from Dakshina)

Jennifer Lee & Jasmin Lee

**GALA Hispanic Theatre**  
3333 14th Street NW

Metro: Columbia Heights (Yellow/Green line)

The Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs and the DC Commission on Arts and Humanities invite you to celebrate Mayor Muriel Bowser's Annual Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month Celebration. Please join us for a pre-show reception, awards ceremony, and a variety of exciting, cultural performances!

**In Partnership with the Washington Performing Arts' Mars Urban Arts Initiative**



For more information or to request accommodations for a disability, please call (202) 727-3120 seven days in advance.

**Monday, May 2\*, 7 pm**

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\*This has been changed from the previous date of May 3rd

## Events and Announcements

# Short Term Family Housing Design Overview Meetings

Last fall, the Council of the District of Columbia took a bold step forward when they voted to close DC General, the District's largest family shelter for families experiencing homelessness. The Council stood with Mayor Bowser and thousands of residents from all eight wards to support the District's plan to replace DC General with small, safe and dignified short-term housing facilities in each ward.

Last month, we hosted community meetings in all eight wards to discuss the short-term housing facilities in each ward and provided an update on the District's plan to end homelessness in our city. As committed, we are ready to share with residents concept designs for the Short-Term Family Housing sites and to solicit your feedback on the exterior of the building and other exterior options.

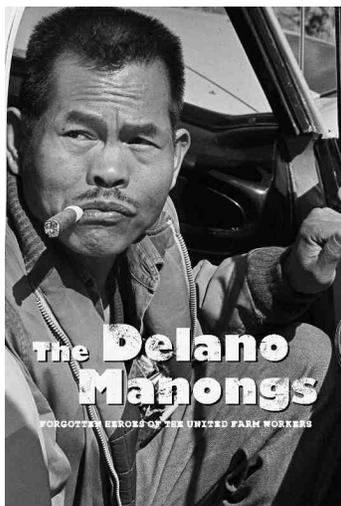
Will you join us?

Together, we will end homelessness in the District of Columbia.

For a list of remaining meetings, see below:

- 4/6: **Ward 7 Meeting**, 6:30 - 8:00 pm, H.D. Woodson Senior High School (540 55th St NE, Washington, DC 20019). RSVP [here](#).
- 4/6: **Ward 6 Meeting**, 6:30 - 8:00 pm, MPD First District HQ (101 M St SW, Washington, DC 20024). RSVP [here](#).
- 4/7: **Ward 5 Meeting**, 6:30 - 8:00 pm, Mt Horeb Baptist Church (2914 Bladensburg Rd NE, Washington, DC 20018). RSVP [here](#).
- 4/7: **Ward 8 Meeting**, 6:30 - 8:00 pm, Hendley Elementary School (425 Chesapeake St SE, Washington, DC 20032). RSVP [here](#).
- 4/11: **Ward 1 Meeting**, 6:30 - 8:00 pm, Reeves Center Community Room (2000 14th St NW, Washington, DC 20009). RSVP [here](#).

If you need a reasonable accommodation, or an interpreter, please call 202-727-7973 or email [dmhhs@dc.gov](mailto:dmhhs@dc.gov) at least two business days in advance of the meeting in your ward.



## 4/22 - The Delano Manongs Film Screening

The Delano Manongs tells the story of farm labor organizer Larry Itliong and a group of Filipino farm workers who instigated one of the American farm labor movement's finest hours - The Delano Grape Strike of 1965 that brought about the creation of the United Farm Workers Union (UFW). While the movement is known for Cesar Chavez's leadership and considered a Chicano movement, Filipinos played a pivotal role. Filipino labor organizer, Larry Itliong, a cigar-chomping union veteran, organized a group of 1500 Filipinos to strike against the grape growers of Delano, California, beginning a collaboration between Filipinos, Chicanos and other ethnic workers that would go on for years.

**Friday, April 22, 12 pm - 2 pm**

Embassy of the Philippines  
1600 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20036

RSVP: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/delano-manongs-tickets-22687535028?aff=ebrowse>

Hosted by the DC Asian Pacific America Film Festival. For more info on APA Film, visit their website [here](#).

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## 4/23 - API Women Filmmaker Panel

We have all read about lack of representation of women in the film & television industry. With Vimeo and other programs designed to give women opportunities to succeed in the film, there is still a lack of representation. How do we create a sustainable industry where women have a space to thrive and succeed. Join industry experts as we discuss this very current topic!



**Saturday, April 23, 1:30 pm - 3 pm**

Landmark Theatres Atlantic Plumbing Cinema  
807 V Street Northwest, Washington, DC 20001

RSVP: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/api-women-filmmaker-panel-tickets-22687749670?aff=ebrowse>

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## Private Security Camera Incentive Program

The advertisement features a white security camera mounted on a wall, casting a shadow. To the left of the camera is a dark blue box with white text. Above the box is the logo for the Government of the District of Columbia, featuring the text 'WE ARE DC' and 'GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA MURIEL BOWSER, MAYOR'.

**Help make  
DC safer  
and  
stronger**

Install a private security camera system and apply for a rebate

For more info visit [ovsjg.dc.gov](https://ovsjg.dc.gov)

The Office of Victim Services and Justice Grants want residents to improve public safety by participating in the Private Security Camera Incentive Program. This program encourages residents, businesses, nonprofits, and religious institutions to purchase and install security cameras.

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 on at [www.ovsjg.dc.gov](http://www.ovsjg.dc.gov). For additional information, contact the Program at [security.cameras@dc.gov](mailto:security.cameras@dc.gov) (202) 727-5124.

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## Hands on Hearts CPR Training Program

"Hands on Hearts" is an initiative to provide free CPR and AED awareness training to District residents. When hands-only CPR is performed immediately during cardiac arrest, it may increase the chance of a person's survival. The District is committed to providing residents with the skills needed to help save a life. For more information or to sign up for "Hands on Hearts" CPR training, visit [handsonhearts.dc.gov](http://handsonhearts.dc.gov) or call 311.



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