



David Do, Director



Muriel Bowser, Mayor

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,

Happy Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month!

Due to all of your support, Mayor Bowser's 2016 AAPI Month Celebration, held on May 2nd at the Howard Theatre, was a huge success with nearly 500 attendees! I would like to personally thank all of those who attended, performed, volunteered, and provided support as we kicked off the AAPI Heritage Month festivities.



Not everyone was able to attend the reception before the celebration on Monday, so I want to give a big shout-out to Ada Loo and my predecessor Julie Koo. Both are fierce advocates in the AAPI community and people that I am happy to call my friends. They have been partners with MOAPIA and the District of Columbia for many years. MOAPIA was proud to honor and recognize them for their immense contributions to our community. We were also excited to have been able to honor Gabriela DC who received the Mayor's Community Service Award and Atul Garg and Yassir Islam who received the Ajay K. Ojha Volunteer Service Award during the main program.

Throughout May, MOAPIA continues to celebrate the AAPI Heritage Month by hosting two more events: "Outrageously Funny," a stand-up with two AAPI comedians on May 17, and "Foodelicious Night," a food demonstration and panel discussion event on May 24, featuring three local AAPI star chefs. Both events will be held at The Loft at 600 F Street, NW. For more information about AAPI Heritage Month, please visit www.apia.dc.gov.

May is also the beginning of parade season! Please join Mayor Bowser for the [Congress Heights Day Festival and Parade](#) on May 7 at 11 am and the [DC Funk Festival and Parade](#)

on the same day at 12 pm. MOAPIA staff and myself will be joining as well, so come walk with us.

Warm Regards,

David Do

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

MOAPIA News

MOAPIA Successfully Hosted Mayor Bowser's 2016 Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month Celebration



Mayor Muriel Bowser and MOAPIA Director David Do presenting the proclamation declaring May as AAPI Heritage Month in the District.

To view more photos, please visit MOAPIA's Facebook Page
at www.facebook.com/dcmoapia

Want to join MOAPIA's team?



MOAPIA IS HIRING!

MOAPIA has two job openings: **Community Outreach Assistant** and a **Program Coordinator**. If you love meeting community members and want a career in public service, join our team! Must be bilingual in Mandarin, Vietnamese, Korean, or Cantonese.

To apply for the Community Outreach Assistant position, click [here](#).

To apply for the Program Coordinator position, click [here](#).

5/17 - Outrageously Funny

COMEDY

OUTRAGEOUSLY FUNNY: A NIGHT WITH VIJAI NATHAN & REGIE CABICO

The Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs, in partnership with the DC Commission on Arts and Humanities, Asian Americans/Pacific Islanders in Philanthropy, and the Smithsonian Asian Pacific American Center, invites you to enjoy a night filled with laughs and robust conversations on how AAPIs are transforming the stand-up industry. Join us for a performance and a panel discussion with two outrageously funny and entertaining comedians, Vijai Nathan and Regie Cabico!

Light refreshments will be provided.

Admission is free. RSVP required:
<https://goo.gl/MDTEhX>



TUESDAY
MAY 17 6:30 PM

The LOFT 600 F Street NW Washington, DC 20004
Nearest Metro: Gallery Place/Chinatown (Yellow/Green/Red line)

To request reasonable accommodations, please call (202) 727-3120 seven days in advance.

With the support of:
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Tuesday, May 17, 6:30 pm

The Loft

600 F Street NW

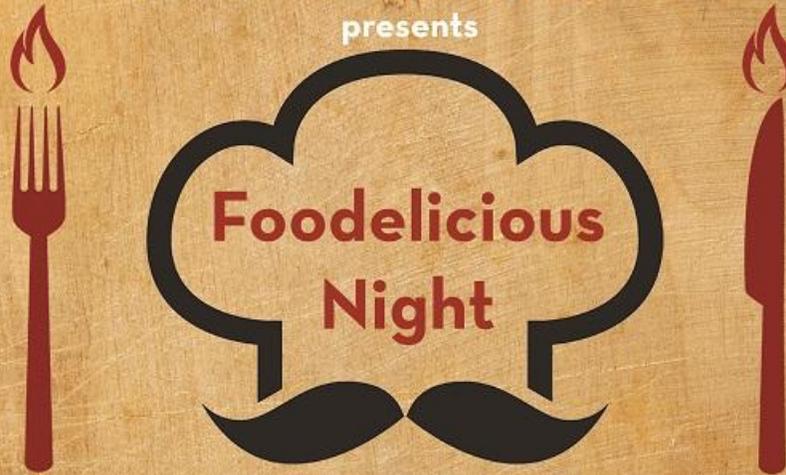
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5/24 - Foodelicious Night - SOLD OUT

The Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs (MOAPIA),
in partnership with the DC Commission on Arts and Humanities,
the Smithsonian Asian Pacific American Center, and
American Chinese Culinary Federation

presents



Come out and enjoy a night filled with exciting cooking demonstrations and
a panel discussion from three of DC's own famous chefs:

Peter Chang from **Peter Chang's China Cafe**

Sengaroun Luangrath from **Thip Khao**

Patrice Cleary from **Purple Patch**

Chang is **a semifinalist for the 2016 James Beard Award** for the Best
Chef in the Mid-Atlantic Region and Thip Khao was nominated in 2015 as
one of **Bon Appetit's 50 Best New Restaurants in America**.

Purple Patch is one of the **first American Filipino restaurants in D.C.**

Tuesday ♦ May 24 ♦ 6:30- 8 PM ♦ The Loft

600 F Street NW, Washington DC 20004 (Metro: Gallery Pl-Chinatown)

Admission is free. RSVP required: <https://goo.gl/oCdjw0>



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For reasonable accommodations for a disability, please call (202) 727-3120 seven days in advance.

This event is currently **SOLD OUT**.

Follow us on [twitter](#) for updates!

Free Tai Chi Classes Continue through 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 or call (202)-727-3120.

Events and Announcements

5/7 - Citizenship Day

CALL US FOR
FREE HELP

BECOME A U.S. CITIZEN



Citizenship Day

Free legal assistance to help you apply for naturalization

Saturday, May 7, 2016

10:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Chinatown Service Center

500 I St NW, Washington, DC 20001

Call (202) 393-3572 to register.

CHINESE | HINDI | KOREAN | VIETNAMESE | ENGLISH

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?

You can VOTE and run for elected office.

You won't ever have to worry about being deported or losing your visa or Legal Permanent Resident status.

You could bring your family living abroad to live in the United States more quickly.

You will be eligible for a U.S. passport, making travel easy.

You can apply for government jobs that require U.S. citizenship.

YOU QUALIFY IF YOU:

Are at least 18 years old

Lived in the U.S. as a green card holder for more than 5 years (3 years if married to U.S. citizen)

Have been physically present in the U.S. for more than 2½ years (18 months if married to U.S. citizen)

Can show you have good moral character

Can speak, read and write basic English

Can pass a test on the U.S. government and American history

www.advancingjustice-aajc/becomeacitizen



Saturday, May 7, 10 am - 12:30 pm

Chinatown Service Center

500 I Street NW

For more information, visit www.advancingjustice-aajc.org/becomeacitizen.

5/12 & 5/19 - Community Service Fairs



Formerly
Language ETC

Washington English Center

Improving the lives of immigrants through education.

Washington English Center hosts Community Services Fairs every term to connect their adult immigrant students with organizations in the community that provide services of interest to our student body. The fairs take place during regular class hours so that it is easy for students to attend and learn about these services. Washington English Center typically has about 150 students in attendance, about 70% of which are from Spanish-speaking countries and the other 30% are from all over the world.

**Thursday, May 12, 12 pm - 1 pm &
Thursday, May 19, 7 pm - 8 pm**

Washington English Center
2200 California Street NW

RSVP: click [here](#) and complete the registration form.

Employment Opportunities



DPR is hiring 3 Recreation Specialists (Aquatics) : CS-5 - Requisition # JO-1604-5304

This position is located in the Department of Parks and Recreation, Aquatics Division. The incumbent of this position prevents accidents throughout the enforcement of policies, rules, regulations, etc., governing the conduct of persons at the swimming pool. Keeps a sharp look out for accidents in the water or on a diving board of swimming pool deck. Warns participants against dangerous practices such as running, on the deck and diving in shallow water. Enters the water to rescue persons in distress; resuscitates rescued bathers; administer First Aid to the injured. Conducts swim lessons for the public and teaches CPR, lifeguarding and standard First Aid.

To learn more about and to apply for the position, please visit [here](#).

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