



The State of Washington
COMMISSION ON ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN AFFAIRS
Improving the lives of Asian Pacific Americans

March Commissioner Activity Report
March 17, 2018 | 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Marshall/Luepke Community Center
1008 E. McLoughlin Blvd., Vancouver, WA 98663

Total # of Activities: 44

Activities Requiring Commissioner/Staff Follow Up

Activity	Issues & Recommendations
Oceania & Pacific Islander Launch Celebration	Education
Meeting with UPrep Student delegation to Samoa	Education
Meeting with F.I.G.H.T	Civil Rights & Justice, Health and Human Services
F.I.G.H.T “Letters From Home” Event	Civil Rights & Justice
Meeting with UW Grad Student Pacharamart Khongkhangam	Civil Rights & Justice, Health and Human Services
ASPIRE Conference	Education
Pacific Islander Student Alliance Conference	Civil Rights & Justice, Economic Development, Education, Health and Human Services
UW Oceanic & Pacific Islander Studies	Education
Reception Ceremony for Minor in Oceanic & Pacific Islander Studies at UW	Education

Agency Overview

The CAPAA was established by the state legislature in 1974 to improve the well-being of Asian Pacific Americans (APAs) by ensuring their access to participation in the fields of government, business, education, and other areas. It has a board made up of 12-governor appointed members that represent the diverse APA communities of Washington State.

Commissioner Dickinson:

Activity	Date	Issues & Recommendations	Issue Area
Attend Spokane County Bar Diversity Luncheon	2/9/2018	Why diversity is important and to have diverse role models. Awarded scholarships to minority law students who we hope to involve in our local Diversity Committee	Civil Rights & Justice, Education
WA Supreme Court Minority and Justice Commission	1/19/2018	continue work of committees, follow up Youth and Justice Forums, Color of Justice workshops expanding statewide	Civil Rights & Justice
Asian Bar Association of Washington Annual Board Retreat	1/20/2018	Continued work serving API attorneys and supporting other minority lawyer organizations	Civil Rights & Justice, Education
Attended NAPABA (National Asian Bar) SSF meeting	2/14/2018	Planning continuing education seminars targeted at API attorneys	Civil Rights & Justice
Spokane County Bar Diversity Section Luncheon and CLE	2/9/2018	Met with minority leaders to discuss and learn about the importance of role models who look like you, awarded scholarships to diverse law students, goal to recruit and retain minority attorneys in Spokane County	Civil Rights & Justice, Education
Sanctuary Cities, DACA & Immigrants' Rights	2/27/2018	If qualified, re-apply for DACA now. Changes all the time. resources NWIRP.org worldreliefspokane.org, ilrc.org	Civil Rights & Justice
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ABAW Meeting	3/8/2018	Legislation being put forward in regard to police training and de-escalation, to remove the "malice" requirement from police brutality cases	Civil Rights & Justice

Commissioner Dinh:

Activity	Date	Issues & Recommendations	Issue Area
Elected Officials of Color Reception	2/21/2018	n/a	Networking
VFA Community Meeting	3/1/2018	VFA is revisiting mission fit and reaching out to community for feedback.	Civil Rights & Justice, Education

Commissioner Finau:

Activity	Date	Issues & Recommendations	Issue Area
UW Oceanic & Pacific Islander Studies	2/23/2018	Supporting Pacific Islander Studies program at University of Washington	Education
Oceanic & Pacific Islander Studies at UW Launch	3/27/2018	I've been invited to participate in staff committee to assist with ideas, creating course topics and lesson outlines for new Minors in Pacific Studies program.	Education

Commissioner Gaur:

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Faith over Fear - combating Islamophobia	1/28/2018	Communities need to stand united to collectively fight for our civil rights, whether the bias is against a grp based on religion or race	Civil Rights & Justice
#BreakTheBacklog Event	2/25/2018	Immigration restrictions and legal immigration	Civil Rights & Justice
Amish Tripathi - From Finance to Writing Mythology	2/1/2018	Culture - literature -history	Education
Community Youth program	2/10/2018	Youth stay connected with common cause	Education, Youth development and cultural connection via dance

Commissioner Guerrero:

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Meeting with Representative Monica Stonier	1/26/2018	Michael Itti and I met with Rep. Stonier to discuss the COFA Healthcare bill and share some stories concerning this community.	Health and Human Services
ASPIRE Conference	2/3/2018	More outreach and education about CAPAA; more advocacy and support for bridging educational gaps and immigration/civil rights	Civil Rights & Justice, Education
Pacific Islander Student Alliance Conference	2/16/2018	Outreach to AAPI communities is needed; more information about CAPAA work; Disaggregated data; advocacy and support to bridge educational gaps, immigration and civil rights, and healthcare disparities	Civil Rights & Justice, Economic Development, Education, Health and Human Services

Commissioner Gurung:

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Nepal Seattle Society Community Building Team	3/11/2018	Nepali Community need community and spiritual center.	Community Building
Nepali Business Owners meeting	3/11/2018	How to establish new business? What kind of training and support we can get from government?	Economic Development
Nepali Language School	2/25/2018	We need to continue Nepali Language Class	Education
Sherpa Lhosar	2/24/2018	Sherpa Community Celebrate their Lhosar every year.	Cultural Awareness
Nepal Seattle Society Building Draft Committee	2/22/2018	We need Community building; we are dedicated, what kind of support city government, County and State Government can provide?	Cultural Awareness

Commissioner Nguyen:

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Governor's	2/27/2018	Opening meeting for State Taskforce on Poverty.	Health and Human

Poverty Workgroup			Services
Elected Officials of Color	2/21/2018	Social event at the Governor's mansion to honor elected officials of color.	Social
Day of Remembrance	2/19/2018	Ceremonial event at the legislator to remember Japanese American internment during WWII.	Civil Rights & Justice
Washington Immigrant Network Meeting	2/9/2018	Monthly planning meeting for launching an immigrant network for State employees.	Diversity in State government
Civic Education Summit	1/23/2018	Represented CAAPA at an annual summit that aims to increase civic education.	Education

Commissioner Sisavatdy:

N/A

Commissioner Sinclair:

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Korean Church Senior University Heart Health 101	3/22/2018	Diabetes and high blood pressure are a major concern for API	Health and Human Services

Commissioner Tufono:

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Race and Social Equity Summit	1/27/2018	Will reconvene to discuss priorities and action within 6 months.	Civil Rights & Justice, Education
Da Coconut Wireless Radio Show	1/21/2018	Ongoing program...	Music & Cultural interests for Pacific Islanders
Everett Diversity Commission Meeting	2/20/2018	Will attend future events	Sharing CAPAA's work
ASUW 2018 Pasifik Voices	2/7/2018	NA	Education, Performing Arts Showcase
KSER Community Radio	2/7/2018	We will continue this discussion and other topics on my DCW Radio Show as a new segment called "Villiage Voices" airing March 4th.	Civil Rights & Justice
Oceania & Pacific Islander Launch Celebration	2/27/2018	Strengthening existing relationships between CAPAA and UW faculty and PI students.	Education
Meeting with UPrep Student delegation to Samoa	2/27/2018	The Commission needs to be more pro-active with schools all grade levels!	Education
Meeting with Lynnwood Deputy Police Chief	3/5/2018	After years of pointing out disparity and racial profiling, The LPD-under the direction of the New Chief of Police, has finally followed suit with SPD and formed a Community Advisory Board to build better and trusting relationships with the community they serve.	Civil Rights & Justice, Economic Development

Meeting with F.I.G.H.T	3/7/2018	The Event organized by Myself & FIGHT is the first of a series of events to support the families left behind by Incarcerated API's. The event is called "Letters from Home" and will identify issues and concerns the families are having since being separated from their support system. I will continue to assist and support this issue and help create paths to self sufficiency and success when the persons reenter society and return to their families.	Civil Rights & Justice, Health and Human Services
F.I.G.H.T "Letters From Home" Event	3/10/2018	Families are broken by separation. Families are trying to protect children from being separated from their Parents. Families are struggling with the rising costs of JPay and staying connected to those incarcerated. Incarcerated Parents want to remain active in their families lives but can not afford to. Families sacrifice to save and travel to the correctional facilities although costs to do so are rising.	Civil Rights & Justice, Focus on families with Incarcerated loved ones and a key focus on incarnated API's facing deportation.
Meeting with UW Grad Student Pacharamart Khongkhangam	3/9/2018	The costs to keep consistent communication between a child and their incarcerated parent(s) is astronomical, and the government should look into the issue to help provide Children's rights to keep their incarcerated Parent(s) a part of their lives.	Providing a resource for a Children's rights issue...
Community Engagement on Health Care	3/13/2018	To continue to partner with the DOH and gain access to resources and support our API Community can utilize.	Health and Human Services

Commissioner Wada:

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Health Disparities Council Meeting	2/8/2018	Discussed on equity, diversity and inclusion within state government for internal and external services	Health and Human Services
Crisis of care standards	2/27/2018	Community engagement events to solicit input for care standards for crises, such as national digester or pandemic crisis.	Health and Human Services
Affordable Senior Housing support meeting	1/19/2018	Continue care for seniors in affordable housing to include the service needs, affordability of rents, and support system	Health and Human Services
Health Disparities Council special meeting	2/28/2018	I provided issues that can be of an interest at the future HDC meetings.	Civil Rights & Justice, Economic Development, Health and Human Services