



CAPAA

WASHINGTON STATE COMMISSION ON
**ASIAN PACIFIC
AMERICAN AFFAIRS**

IMPROVING THE LIVES OF ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICANS

***The Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs
is a state agency with an advisory board
of 12 commissioners, appointed by the governor,
to be a voice for Washington's diverse
Asian Pacific American communities.***

OUR ROLE

Our mission is to improve the lives of Asian Pacific Americans in Washington State. We work in partnership with our communities and state leaders to respond to concerns and bring about positive change and long-term solutions. Our staff and commissioners:

- Ensure community voices are heard in state government.
- Inform communities about laws and policies that affect their well-being.
- Advocate for policies and services that support the unique needs of our communities.

FOCUS AREAS

- **Civil Rights & Justice:** Advocate for racial equity and civil rights, including justice for immigrants and refugees.
- **Education:** Develop strategies to ensure every child has access to a quality education that values diversity and mutual respect.
- **Health & Human Services:** Promote solutions to improve access to quality, affordable, and culturally-appropriate health & social services.
- **Economic Development:** Increase opportunities to participate in entrepreneurship and the workforce.



COMMISSIONERS

Commissioners serve a three-year term and attend five commission meetings per year. They build relationships in their community and work to find solutions by hosting community meetings, supporting coalitions, serving on committees, examining issues, and advising decision-makers.

OUR HISTORY

Asian Pacific Americans have experienced discrimination throughout our state and nation's history and continue to face barriers in accessing government services. Founded in 1972 by community activists and enacted into law by the Legislature in 1974, CAPAA has worked diligently to improve advocacy, community education, outreach, and collaborations in support of our communities.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

- Meet with a commissioner to discuss issues.
- Attend a commission board meeting.
- Apply to serve as a commissioner.
- Sign up for our e-mail newsletter via our website.

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