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March 13, 2019

Washington State Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs
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Dear Washington State Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs (CAPAA),

Thank you and congratulations on achieving this significant milestone of 45 years of service! CAPAA has been a vital voice in Washington State to the Asian Pacific American community in Washington State.

I look forward to continuing to work in partnership with CAPAA to create positive change in Washington State.

Best wishes,

My-Linh Thai
State Representative, 41st Legislative District

Washington State Commission on
Asian Pacific American Affairs
P.O. Box 40925
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Welcome and thank you for attending the Sapphire Celebration observing the 45 years of outstanding state service from the Washington State Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs. I commend you all for your accomplishments that have showcased and improved Asian Pacific American communities in our state.

The commission advocates for Washington's Asian Pacific Americans who are a vital component of our state's thriving economy and diverse workforce. They represent these communities in state government to ensure they have a voice in policy making that will affect their well-being. For nearly half a century, the commission has served our state by increasing racial equity and civil rights, as well as access to quality education and affordable social and health services for our Asian Pacific American residents. I am proud of the strides we have made and the many more to come.

Thank you to the 12 commissioners and staff who work tirelessly to make impactful changes that are inclusive and equitable for all Washingtonians. Thank you to the communities that they serve, who are imperative to the prosperity and well-being of our state. Again, congratulations to the Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs on a remarkable 45 years of service.

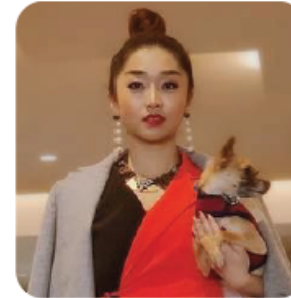
Sincerely,



Rep Eric Pettigrew
37th Legislative District

Master of Ceremonies:

Lele Happy Tian



Born in Guangdong China, Lele "Happy" Tian moved to the United States at the age of fifteen. She earned her degree in public relations at University of Washington and went on to work at Microsoft. Happy speaks two Chinese Dialects and English, and has stayed very involved with the greater Chinese community by organizing community building events and fundraisers, the 40th Anniversary of China - U.S. Diplomatic Relations Summit Conference in March 2019. She travels the world to promote international trade, driven by her passion to bring cultures together. She has built in a lot of production skills after she has been traveling globally. She is also a renowned pageant competitor, and holds titles including Miss Chinese Seattle First Princess (2009), Miss Mill Creek (2010), Miss Spirit of Miss Washington (2011). She modeled in Asian Fashion Week and served as a judge for Miss Universe of China (2016), the Voice of UW (2016) and The Voice of China (2017). Miss Spirit of Miss Washington USA 2011.

CAPAA Lifetime Achievement Award:

Diane M. Narasaki



Diane co-chaired the Committee to Reverse the Japanese American Wartime Cases, which supported the coram nobis legal team's work to vacate Gordon Hirabayashi's World War II convictions for violating the Japanese American curfew and exclusion orders in U.S. District Court in Seattle. His appeal to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals found in 1987 that the military orders issued against Japanese Americans were "based upon racism rather than military necessity."

She was Executive Director at the Northwest Labor and Employment Law Office (LELO) from 1987 to 1991, when LELO was fighting for justice in the courts and Congress for the AAPI and Alaska Native Wards Cove workers, who endured racially discriminatory, plantation like working conditions in the Alaska canneries. Diane chaired the Minority Executive Directors Coalition Racial Profiling and Police

STATE REPRESENTATIVE
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LILLIAN ORTIZ-SELF

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Dear Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs,

Congratulations on 45 years of providing support and advocacy for the needs of those in the Asian Pacific Islander Community. We are truly fortunate to live in a state that is enriched by the diversity of our residents.

I will continue to fight for equitable systems by addressing the barriers that continue to exist until we have eliminated all opportunity gaps in education. I am also passionate about making sure that every resident in our state has access to true affordable housing and quality health and behavioral health care.

It is critical that we continue to have CAPAA around to continue to advocate for the Asian Pacific community and their goals. I look forward to seeing how much more this commission does for our state in the next 45 years and beyond.

Best Wishes,

Representative Lillian Ortiz-Self

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Dear Asian and Pacific Islander Community:

I am excited to know that we as a community can come together to celebrate the Washington State Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs (CAPAA). Within their 45 years of service, CAPAA has championed our rights to foster an empowered and unified Asian and Pacific American (APA) community. More specifically, the organization's work has improved our lives by ensuring access to participation in fields such as government, business, and education. Because of CAPAA, Washington State is more reflective of our people, our interests, and our aspirations.

As a fellow Asian American, I can full-heartedly say that CAPAA is important to the well-being of our community, and that CAPAA's success is largely in part fueled by our support and engagement. With these thoughts in mind, I would like to express my thanks to CAPAA and the APA community as a whole for making Washington State a national role model for what it means to be culturally inclusive.

I take pride in standing alongside the Asian and Pacific Islander community and fervently look forward to my continued support of the Washington State Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs. Thank you for your passionate work.

With warm regards,

Representative Mia Su-Ling Gregerson
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Accountability Task Force and co-chaired the Seattle Community Police Commission when it formed in 2013.

From 1995 to 2018, Diane served as Executive Director at Asian Counseling and Referral Service (ACRS), one of the nation's leading pan-AAPI social justice and multi-service organizations. During her tenure, ACRS grew to meet the evolving needs of AAPI's and others by expanding its culturally competent behavioral health programs, human services, civic engagement activities, and approximately 300 staff and over 700 volunteers, who collectively speak 40 languages and dialects and reach over 35,000 community members annually.

She also served as a CAPAA Commissioner from 1996 to 2003, and in 2014, President Barack Obama appointed her to his President's Advisory Commission on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. She co-founded the Asian Pacific Islander Coalition in 1996, a statewide coalition to advocate for AAPI's at the state level, and helped secure and defend critical rights and services, including a social safety net for immigrants and refugees, expanded access to democracy, and more equitable access to state programs and opportunities for AAPI's and other English language learners.

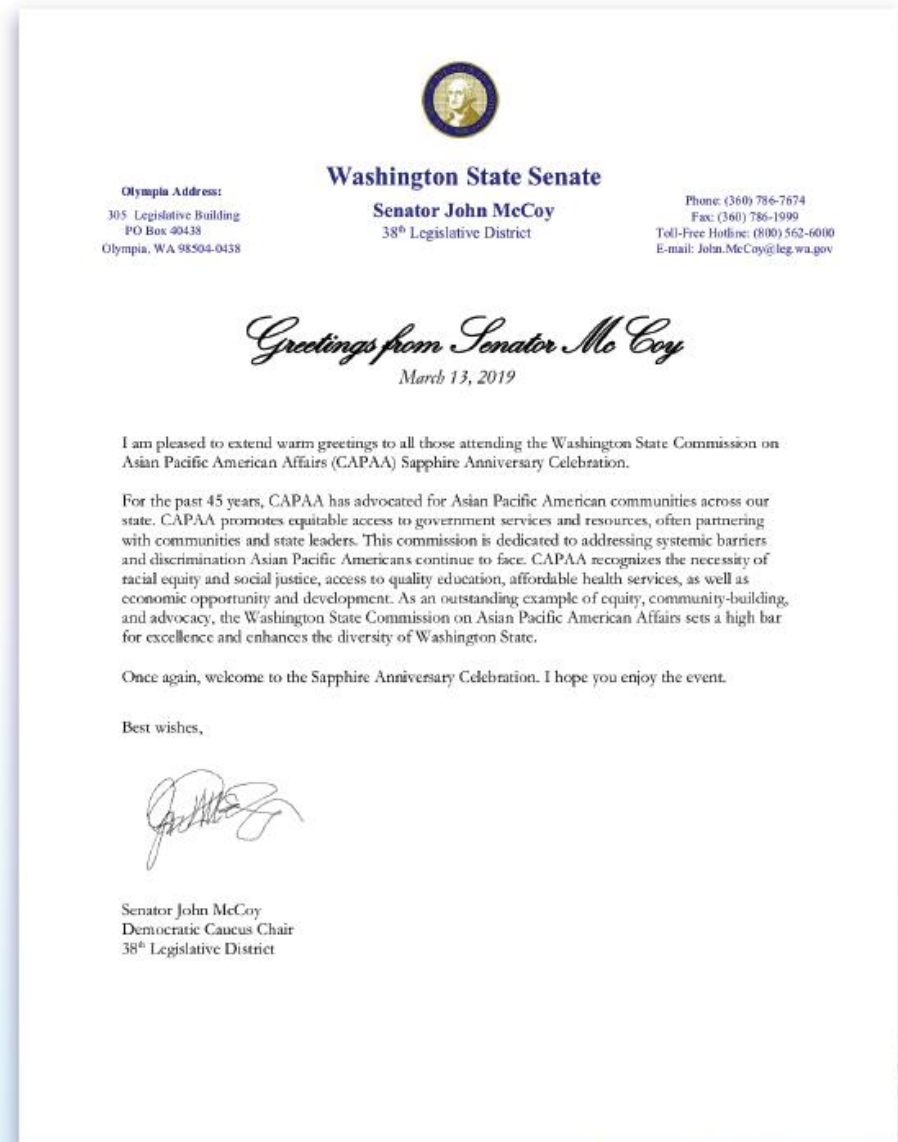
After 23 years at ACRS, Diane retired on December 3, 2018. She remains an ardent advocate for civil rights and social justice. Diane is married, with three stepdaughters and four grandchildren.

CAPAA Vanguard Award:
Reynaldo O. Pascua



Reynaldo Pascua is from Sunnyside, WA, and former Commissioner on the Washington State Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs. He served two full terms, (1974-1976) and 2007-2013), and served as Vice-Chair during the second appointed term. He is a trustee for the Filipino American National Historical Society (FANHS) and President of the Filipino American Community of the Yakima Valley, of which he's been a board member for thirty years.

Reynaldo developed a close relationship with Larry Itliong of the United Farm Workers while he founded Western Washington State College's Asian Student Union at Western Washington State College. He traveled to stay with the Itliong Family for four days and audio-recorded interviews about Larry's thoughts about the Union and UFWOC movement. Reynaldo went on to help organize grape boycott





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March 8, 2019

Washington State Commission on
Asian Pacific American Affairs

Congratulations to the Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs on your 45th year of operation! As the first elected Vietnamese American to the state legislature, I recognize the importance of this commission as we begin to see representation for people of color in our government. Like CAPAA, I strive to ensure the voices of my community are heard in our government, that communities are involved in policies that will affect them, and that I am advocating for policy changes to aid and benefit our communities. I could not do any of this work without the tremendously important groundwork laid by CAPAA in the last 45 years, as well as the work that they continue to do.

Representation provides us the ability to culturally socialize youth, we promote a sense of pride which in turn leads to a sense of self-esteem. The first time I walked onto the senate floor as an elected official, I remember feeling as though I did not belong, and I kept waiting for someone to come and tell me that I wasn't allowed to be there. I am determined to make sure that everyone feels welcome in government form here on out, as I know CAPAA is as well.

Throughout the past 45 years of operation, CAPAA has made incredible strides towards equity and inclusion. As a result of their hard work and dedication we now see legislation advocating to close the achievement gap in schools around Washington State, work being done to address the disparities in healthcare access, a huge push for linguistically and culturally appropriate forms of addressing various issues that may arise, and countless other incredibly important projects.

The work CAPAA does, the resources they provide, the advocacy they encourage, and the doors they open are could not be more crucial. It is with much gratitude and appreciation that I write this letter of congratulations to commend CAPAA on their extraordinary work thus far, and to wish them well on their future endeavors. I look forward to working together in the future to help highlight the voices of our community members in state government.

Best,

Senator Joe Nguyen, 34th Legislative District

Committees: Human Services, Reentry & Rehabilitation (Vice Chair) • Environment, Energy & Technology • Rules • Transportation
Reynaldo

efforts in the Puget Sound of Washington State to force growers to sign labor contracts and remained in correspondence with Larry which are now housed in the Union Archives Section at Wayne State University. As a paid UFWOC organizer, Reynaldo participated in the march on Sacramento, California to protest Governor Ronald Reagan's anti-union policies, and traveled to Salem, Oregon to protest the Legislature's "Right-to-Work" bill.

Reynaldo has a BA in Education from WWU. He married Sandra Lee Pascua who passed in 1973, and has three children, Tiffany, Matthew, and Benenise Pascua, as well as two grandchildren, Natalia Sandra and Gabriela Pascua. He authored the legislative and gubernatorial resolutions recognizing Filipino American History Month which the state has adopted each year since 2010 and most recently, successfully worked to establish October as Filipino American History Month in the State of Washington forever.



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March 11, 2019

Washington State Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs
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Greetings CAPAA Commissioners (old and new),

As State Senator, and member of the API community, I am truly honored to extend a thank you to CAPAA for all of the hard work you have done over the last 45 years as we celebrate the 45th Anniversary of the Commission.

I greatly appreciate and respect the work that the Commission has accomplished around the areas of civil rights and justice, education, health and human services, and economic development.

This occasion is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the diversity within our community and to share it with our friends, family, and fellow Washingtonians. The Commission's continued commitment to ensuring opportunities for the API community across Washington is indispensable. Thank you for investing in and strengthening our state.

I look forward to celebrating with you all at CAPAA's Sapphire Anniversary Celebration!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Manka Dhingra".

Manka Dhingra
State Senator, 45th Legislative District

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March 15, 2019

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Dear CAPAA Members and Supporters,

Thank you so much for your 45 year commitment to equity, diversity and support of Washington's Asian and Pacific Islander communities. This service has been critical to Asian Americans like myself, and to my neighbors in the 47th Legislative District.

We are living in an era of change. At the Federal level, we're witnessing intolerance and hate. People are being marginalized and oppressed. But in Washington, we're continuing the decades-long work in pursuit of equity. We're seeing more people of color in positions of power, we're expanding access to healthcare, we're creating more educational opportunities, and we're working to reform the criminal justice system.

I have no doubt that the Washington State Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs has been a key player in this important work.

I look forward to working with the Commission in coming years, and that together we can bring much needed change and progress in Washington State. Thank you again for all that you have done, and continue to do, to support communities throughout our state.

In gratitude,

Senator Mona Das
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April 13, 2019

Dear Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs,

Congratulations to the Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs for 45 years of contributions to the Asian Pacific American community in Washington State. I am honored to be a part of your Sapphire Anniversary Celebration taking place on April 13th, 2019.

CAPAA became a state agency in 1971 and has since ensured that Washington's Asian and Pacific Islander community has a voice in our state government. CAPAA's representation has been fundamental in negotiating policies and services that support the unique needs of immigrant and refugee families of Asian and Pacific Islander background. The agency's work in community outreach and advocacy for a historically marginalized demographic has made great strides in the fight for social justice.

CAPAA grew from grassroots activism during the civil rights movement into an institutionalized force for empowerment, paving pathways for opportunities, and connecting our communities across Washington's education, health and socio-economic systems. Meanwhile, the agency engages individuals in preserving their cultural heritage and languages thereby strengthening common bonds to our collective APA community. It is because of your hard work and dedication that I recognize and honor you today.

I sincerely wish you much continued success in all your future endeavors as we all stand together in our fight for equity and justice.

In Solidarity,

Bob Hasegawa
Washington State Senator
11th Legislative District
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Committees: Financial Institutions, Economic Development & Trade, Vice Chair • State Government, Tribal Relations & Elections • Ways & Means • Rules



March 29, 2019

Washington State Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs
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Dear Ms. Hasegawa:

As the Director of the Washington State Women's Commission, I wish to congratulate CAPAA on its 45th anniversary! As a newly established commission within state government, I have a special appreciation for the work of fellow commissions like CAPAA that are dedicated to provide community voice and input to state government.

Like CAPAA, we have a role in advising the governor, state legislature, and state agencies on the various issues, laws and programs impacting Washingtonians, and we look forward to continued collaboration and partnership in the future.

On behalf of the Washington State Women's Commission, thank you for your continued service to Washington and best wishes for a successful event, with many more years of effective advocacy to come.

I look forward to celebrating with all of you at CAPAA's Sapphire Anniversary Celebration!

Sincerely,

Michelle Gonzalez

Director, Washington State Women's Commission

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March 5, 2019

Washington State Commission on
Asian Pacific American Affairs
Sapphire Anniversary Celebration

I am honored to congratulate the Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs (CAPAA) on their Sapphire Anniversary Celebration! Since 1974, CAPAA has been committed to being a voice for Washington's Asian Pacific American communities, working in partnership with our communities and state leaders.

CAPAA has consistently addressed challenges and opportunities in the areas of education, health and human services, economic development, and more. It is because of the contribution and commitment of inspiring Commissions like CAPAA that our great state will be able to meet the challenges ahead and emerge stronger.

Thank you, CAPAA, for your dedication to improving the lives of Washington's Asian Pacific American communities over the past 45 years!

Sincerely,

Chris Reykdal
Superintendent of
Public Instruction



HILARY S. FRANZ
COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC LANDS

April 13, 2019

Washington State Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs
1110 Capitol Way South, Suite 220
Olympia, WA 98501

Dear Washington State Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs:

Congratulations for 45 years of successfully changing lives – not only for the Asian and Pacific Island communities you serve, but for all Washingtonians. Your legacy of empowering historically underrepresented communities gets to the heart of who we are as a state. Washington is stronger and shines brighter when it reflects a diversity of voices, cultures, religions, identities, and ideas, and when we lift each other up. Thank you for your commitment to this truth.

Reflected in our wonderful state population are Washingtonians with heritage from more than 40 Asian and Pacific Island nations, and our state is better for it. Throughout our history, Asian Pacific Americans have contributed greatly to our economy, our government, our schools, our culture, and so much more. For nearly half a century, CAPAA has been dedicated to honoring those contributions, ensuring that Washington's Asian Pacific American communities have equal access to information and programs, and that state leaders and policymakers understand their needs and concerns.

The work you are doing will last for generations to come. Congratulations on this incredible milestone, and I wish you another 45 years (and more) of successful advocacy.

Sincerely,

Hilary S. Franz
Commissioner of Public Lands

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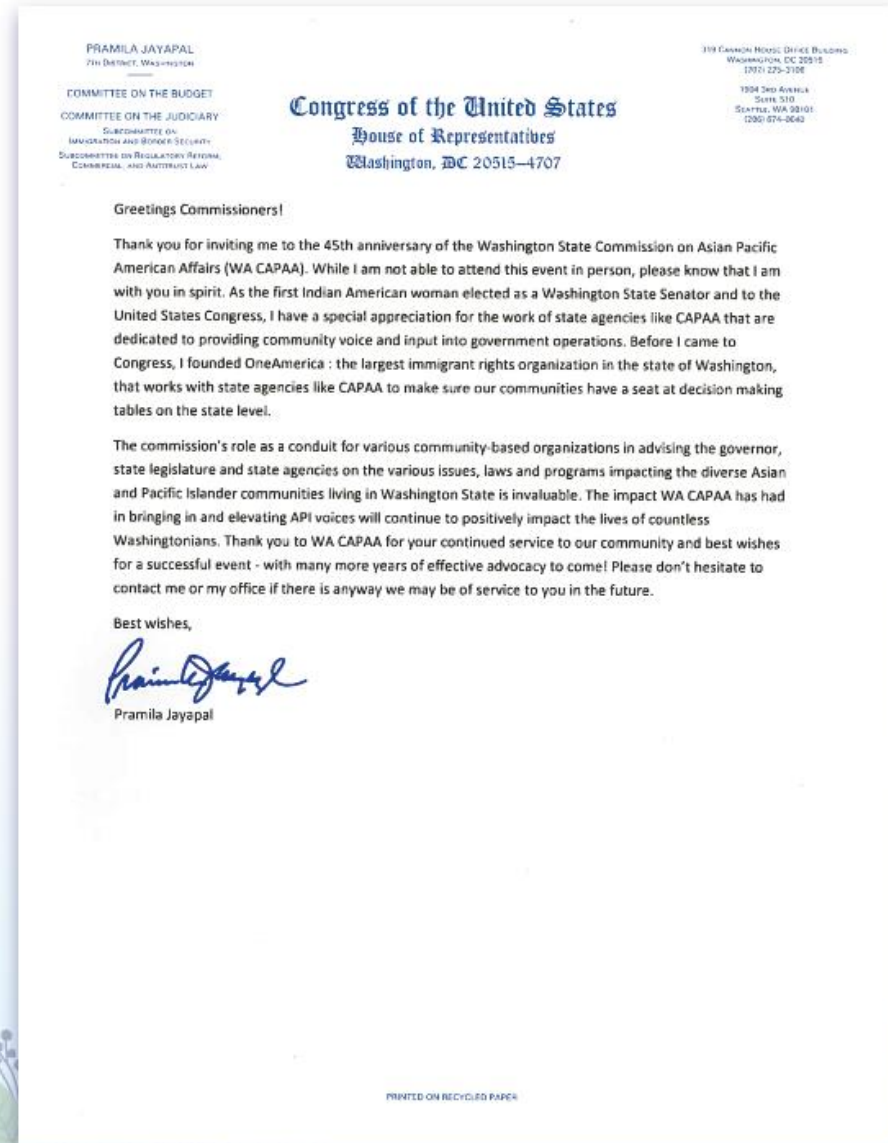


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April 13th

Hello Friends,

I would like to extend my sincerest congratulations to the Commission on Asian Pacific Affairs as you celebrate your 45th anniversary. What an impressive milestone! I regret that I am unable to join you today but I'm thrilled to help recognize this momentous occasion.

For nearly 50 years, CAPAA has worked to inform its communities on laws and policies that affect their well-being. It works to ensure the voices of Asian Pacific Americans are heard in state government and then CAPAA advocates for policies and services that would best support its community's needs. It is my distinct pleasure to recognize all the outstanding work CAPAA has done for the Asian Pacific American community in Washington State.

Throughout my Senate career, I have worked hard to fight for economic opportunities, equitable access to healthcare, and inclusive family policies - whether it's advocating for healthcare that is affordable for all or helping working families afford childcare. This work would be deeply hindered without organizations like CAPAA, whose members continue to offer their support to inform policymaking in ways that best serve Washington State's communities.

Please accept my best wishes for a successful event and I hope you have a wonderful time.

Sincerely,

Patty Murray

United States Senator

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April 2019

Washington State Commission on Asian American Affairs
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Dear Friends:

Congratulations on CAPAA'S Sapphire Anniversary Celebration. Celebrating 45 years of service to the Asian Pacific American community is an opportunity to thank you for your leadership and commitment to ensuring inclusivity at all levels in our state. Without a voice that speaks singularly to our life experience, we risk invisibility.

I am honored to serve on your Washington State Supreme Court as the first member of the API community. Serving as a judge is truly an honor and a privilege.

As you contemplate the future and the next 45 years of CAPAA, I ask that you consider the needs of our courts. The judicial branch needs your continued advocacy for an array of services that will make each one of our courts around the state more accessible, more transparent, and more just. Your support for court interpreters and court security is more important than ever. Full and safe participation in every court hearing is critical to delivering our promise of justice for all.

Thank you for your hard work and advocacy.

Sincerely,

Mary I. Yu
Justice

JAY INSLEE
Governor



STATE OF WASHINGTON
Office of the Governor

A Message from the Governor

April 13, 2019

I am pleased to congratulate the Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs (CAPAA) on its 45 years of public service. Since its creation, CAPAA has been committed to ensuring the participation of Asian Pacific Americans in the fields of government, economic development, education, and health and human services.

Growing Washington's economy, strengthening our schools, and bringing a culture of performance and efficiency to state government relies, in part, on the duties carried out by dedicated members of the community. For 45 years, leaders from Washington's APA communities have served as CAPAA staff and commissioners. Together, they have worked tirelessly to bring the concerns of the 47 distinct Asian Pacific communities to the awareness of the Governor's Office, policymakers, and state agencies alike. Similarly, the work of CAPAA has educated the APA community about laws, programs, and policies that affect its well-being.

I would like to thank CAPAA for its commitment and partnership in working to improve the lives of Washington's Asian Pacific American communities.

Very truly yours,

Jay Inslee
Governor





STATE OF WASHINGTON
OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
Cyrus Habib

Greetings from Lieutenant Governor Habib

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs' (CAPAA) Sapphire Anniversary celebration!

This event commemorates CAPAA's 45 years of helping ensure the Asian Pacific American community's voice is heard at the Capitol and beyond, through their tireless advocacy for policies that support the needs of the community. The Sapphire Anniversary provides not only the opportunity to recognize and commend the work of CAPAA, but also to highlight and celebrate the culture, music, and cuisine of the APA community that greatly contributes to the rich diversity of our state.

A special thank you to Eden Seattle for hosting this event, and to Toshiko Hasegawa, Executive Director of CAPAA, for organizing this celebration.

Congratulations to CAPAA on 45 years of making profound impacts in our state. The communities you serve and the State of Washington are thankful for your diligent work.

Sincerely,

Cyrus Habib
Lieutenant Governor
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Bob Ferguson
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April 13, 2019

Dear Friends,

I am honored to be here to celebrate the Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs' 45 years of valuable service to Washington state. CAPAA's dedication to advocacy, civil rights and justice inspires me in my work as your Attorney General.

I am committed to protecting the people of Washington and the civil rights afforded to them by our state laws and the Constitution. That is why I created the Wing Luke Civil Rights Division, dedicated to one of our state's pioneering civil rights leaders.

Wing Luke was a fearless civil rights lawyer for the Attorney General's Office in the late 1950s and early 1960s. He left the office to run for Seattle City Council, winning the election in a landslide and becoming the first Asian American elected to public office in the Pacific Northwest.

Since its creation in 2015, the Civil Rights Unit has doubled in size and confronted some of the most important issues facing Washingtonians. We have stopped unconstitutional executive orders, obtained relief for workers experiencing discrimination and sexual harassment by their employers, and blocked attacks on immigrant and refugee rights. We do all of this work in the name of Wing Luke.

I will do everything in my power to carry on this legacy and defend Washingtonians against discrimination and injustice.

Thank you for all you do to make our state a more equitable and welcoming place to live.

Sincerely,

BOB FERGUSON
Attorney General

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