



**Washington State Commission  
on Asian Pacific American Affairs**

# **Executive Director's Report**

**November 14, 2020**

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November Public Board Meeting: ZOOM

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Improving the well-being of Asian Pacific Americans by examining issues, advancing advocacy, and ensuring access to government.

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Executive Director's report to the Commission covering activities, progress, and updates from September 12, 2020 to November 13, 2020.

### 1. STAFF AND COMMISSION ACTIVITY

#### Commissioner Activity

Commissioners submitted activity reports for the time period of September 5, 2020 to November 6, 2020. Total events reported = 143; Activity Report response rate = 100% (12/12 respondents). Details of Commissioner Activity can be found in Appendix I.

#### Appointments

The following is a list of notable updates regarding CAPAA appointments:

- Sui-Lan Ho'okano was appointed to represent CAPAA upon the OSPI Ethnic Studies Workgroup
- Vesna D. was appointed to represent CAPAA upon the OSPI Ethnic Studies Workgroup

#### Committees:

- Sili Savusa, Cmmr. Tam Dinh & Commr. Lydia Faitalia held a community report back to CAPAA's Education Committee, APDC's Education Committee, & APIC-WA on September 18<sup>th</sup> regarding the work of OSPI's Committee on Re-opening Schools.
- Civil Rights & Immigration, Economic Development, Education, Executive, and Health & Human Services committees all established regular virtual meetings. These meetings will be posted publicly to CAPAA's webpage & shared via the newsletter.

### 2. FINANCE

The October 2020 Financial Status Report shows CAPAA is in excellent financial condition, and on track to remain in excellent financial condition until the end of the year. Although CAPAA's budget will not be impacted by cuts this biennium, we are waiting to hear back about FY 22-23. The Governor will release his proposed budgets sometime in the month of December.

### 3. COMMUNICATIONS

**Website:** CAPAA's website has been updated to reflect the following new resources:  
Commissioner Emeriti Page: <https://capaa.wa.gov/commissioner-emeriti/>

**Newsletter:** CAPAA's newsletter is sent to the entire e-mail listserv of 2,548 unique contacts (+78), 2,323 of which are subscribers.

**Facebook:** 1,967 Likes (+90)  
2,165 Follows (+106)

## **Social Media**

### **Content**

#### **Campaigns:**

*Conversations with CAPAA* via Facebook Live:

- Senator Joe Nguyen, 34<sup>th</sup> LD
- PI's in public service ft. Commr. Faitalia & Cmmr. Valu
- School Reopening Discussion ft. Sui-Lan Ho'okano & Cmmr. Tam Dinh
- Attorney General's Office Legislative Director Yasmin Trudeau
- Ethnic Commission Directors: CAAA E.D. Prince & CHA E.D. Siguenza
- Filipino American History Month: Local Pinay Elected Officials City Councilmembers Cynthia Delostrinos (Tukwila) & Leslie Daus (Bremerton)
- Environmental Justice Discussion: Former Dept. of Ecology Dir. Maia Bellon
- Filipino American History Month: The inception of CAPAA & the legacy of advocacy ft. Pio DeCano III & Cmmr. Julio Diaz
- Storytelling with Cindy Domingo & David Della  
Filipino American History Month Capstone Event: The History of the Alaskan Cannery workers, the summary executions of Silme Domingo and Gene Viernes, and the Anti-Marcos movement, ft. community leader Cindy Domingo & former CAPAA E.D. David Della, facilitated by Nick Vann of the Dept. of Archaeology and Historic Preservation

## **4. COVID-19**

### **Small Business Resource Phone Bank**

In an effort to raise awareness of relief services offered by the state, CAPAA staff and volunteers designed and implemented a phone bank to over 100 APA businesses to raise connect them with CBO's that can provide them with technical support, as well as the grant relief opportunities being offered by the state. The phone bank targeted businesses identified in Clark, Thurston and Whitman counties through our 2019 Needs Assessment.

### **Statewide workgroup on re-opening public schools**

Commissioner Tam Dinh, Commissioner Lydia Faitalia & CAPAA's Sili Savusa represent CAPAA upon OSPI's Workgroup on Re-opening Public Schools, and will provide a joint update to CAPAA's Education Committee and Asia Pacific Director's Coalition Education Committees on Friday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 1 – 2 PM via Zoom.

### **Challenges with Employment Security Division**

In light of consistent barriers to service for API and ELL community members, ESD is hiring for bilingual unemployment insurance specialists. Folks with Marshallese, Chuukese, Korean, and Vietnamese language speaking skills are encouraged to apply. CAPAA advocated to ESD on the importance of hiring community folks to promote access to critical services, and helped promote the job opportunity via its newsletter.

### **UW Survey on Prevalence of Covid-19 in Washington State**

The University of Washington has been hired by the state to conduct a statewide survey that will a) produce a fuller picture of the prevalence of COVID-19 and b) provide insight into our immune systems' response to the virus. Individuals who choose to participate from randomly selected households will undergo confidential nasal swabs and blood draws to identify COVID-19 infection and presence of antibodies against COVID-19. For your reference, the study is planning to allocate additional tests as needed to estimate COVID-19 prevalence in the highly impacted African American, Latinx, and Native American populations. CAPAA staff expressed concern that there is no recognition for the role of Asian

and Pacific Islanders – especially COFA islanders – as a highly impacted population, and provided multiple resources demonstrating the disparities, including:

- [PI Task Force Report](#), which was recently published and describes disparities in detail;
- [Analysis from Public Health — Seattle & King County](#) showing that the NHPI community faces a disproportionate number of cases and hospitalizations from COVID-19. Please see the following article: [King County has big racial disparities in coronavirus cases and deaths, according to public-health data](#), via Seattle Times;
- In Spokane County, NHPI people make up less than 1% of the population but make up nearly a third of cases. See this article by the [Spokesman](#) and [KHQ](#);
- According to Refugee & Immigrant Services NW, in the last week of June, 71 Marshallese community members visited the drive-thru testing site in Snohomish County. Disturbingly, of this number, 28/71 (39%) tested positive for COVID-19;
- **DOH number of cases in the NHPI community:** 615 total confirmed cases, 80 hospitalizations, 12 deaths. Last updated June 22, 11:59 PM; <https://www.doh.wa.gov/Emergencies/NovelCoronavirusOutbreak2020COVID19/DataDashboard>

CAPAA staff and Commissioners met with the research leads, Ms. Cheryl Dietrich and Dr. Keith Jerome to talk about the importance of capturing *disaggregated* data on the Asian and Pacific Islander communities. Staff and Commissioners also requested to stay engaged on the public engagement component to ensure we are maximizing participation from our community members in the survey.

### **Covid-19 Vaccine Distribution**

National efforts are underway to develop a COVID-19 vaccine to protect communities against the novel coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2) and Washington State Department of Health (DOH) is creating a plan for how to prioritize COVID-19 vaccine. CAPAA provided support to the DoH in its efforts to gain public input on 1) Recommendations on how COVID-19 vaccine should be prioritized across WA; and 2) Insight into how people are currently feeling about the vaccine in general. CAPAA staff and Commissioners participated in focus groups, invited DoH to attend existing committee, advisory group, council, or partner meeting to solicit feedback from attendees, and helped disseminate a public survey to reach broader API/NHPI communities.

### **Washington State Board of Health/Department of Health Notifiable Conditions Rules Update**

In July, the WA State Board of Health adopted an [emergency rule for COVID-19 reporting](#), which explicitly makes COVID-19 a notifiable condition. Labs, providers, and facilities must report COVID-19 results and include certain demographic information in those results, including a patient's race, ethnicity, and primary language. Collection of disaggregated race and ethnicity data would help the state to understand which communities are hit hardest by the pandemic, and helps public health agencies prioritize resources to reduce disparities and conduct outreach that is culturally and linguistically appropriate. The Board's emergency rule became effective on July 31, 2020 and expires on November 28, 2020.

After adoption of the emergency rule, DoH staff were made aware of unforeseen staffing changes at the Department as well as system limitations that prevented full implementation of the emergency rule requirements. Staff learned that the collection of data components outside of what is federally required, including detailed race, ethnicity, and language data, "is not feasible at this time." The draft emergency rule is currently open for informal public comment. To ensure the work is community-informed, E.D. Hasegawa, Commissioner Dinh & Commissioner Faitalia attended an informational & listening session hosted by DoH on 10/26 to receive a briefing and provide input on behalf of the Commission.

## 5. REVIEWING APPLICATIONS FOR STATE JOBS AND GRANTS

### **WA Immigrant Relief Fund**

Live on 10/23, this \$40 million fund was created for the sole purpose of providing assistance to individuals that have been impacted by COVID and were left out of the stimulus package and were unable to access unemployment insurance. Commissioner Huie-Pascua sat on the proposal review committee to select a successful bidder. A community-based organization was selected & in the process of rolling out the grant opportunities. Legal Foundation of Washington was the selected bidder and will sub-contract with OneAmerica, NW Immigrants Rights Project, ACRS, Nuestra Casa (Yakima County) and Raiz Planned Parenthood (Spokane County) to help distribute \$38,000,000 to families and individuals in need of support and who meet the criteria. The following is the link to apply: <https://immigranreliefwa.org/>. To date, \$5,000,000 has been distributed with 30,000 unique applications received.

### **Filipino Historical Preservation Grant**

Commissioner Carrie-Huie Pascua advised the WA State Dept. of Archaeology and Historical Preservation on a \$50,000 grant opportunity on a project to promote the story of Filipino Americans in Washington State. The RFP was published at the beginning of October and remained open through the end of the month. Commissioner Carrie-Huie Pascua and Commissioner Julio Diaz are slated to participate as part of the proposal review committee.

### **Health Care Authority Request for Proposal: COFA Outreach Specialist**

The HCA will soon be issuing an RFP to hire a COFA Outreach Specialist. E.D. Hasegawa & Cmmr. Huie-Pascua are reviewing the draft RFP prior to publication and providing input. The RFP will go live sometime in December. CAPAA may need to identify volunteers to review RFP's. Staff will share information about the RFP when it becomes available.

### **Washington State Women's Commission Director**

E.D. Hasegawa participated as a member of the interview panel to hire the Washington State Women's Commission vacant Director position. Subsequently, Governor Jay Inslee appointed Regina Malveaux in September, 2020 and is stationed in Olympia, WA.

### **Equity Office Director**

Applications to serve as the Equity Office Director are now open and accepted on a rolling basis until the position is filled. ED. Hasegawa sat upon the review panel screening all applications and making recommendations for interviews. Because a member of CAPAA applied, staff will not participate in the applicant interview process.

### **DoH COFA Program Manager**

HCA received approval to fill a COFA Health Care & Dental Program Manager that has been vacant since June. CAPAA staff and Commissioners advised on the position description and helped promote the opportunity via its newsletter. The posting was live during the month of October and interviews are currently being held.

## 6. **ADVOCACY**

### **2021 Legislative Session**

- No in-person meetings
- Buildings closed to lobbyists and public
- Meetings with constituents and legislators will be held remotely. Each building entrance will have information to help members of the public contact their legislators (phone numbers, e-mails, etc.).
- The Senate will livestream all floor and committee action to a Senate YouTube channel. TVW will also broadcast all floor and committee action via their cable and web streaming platforms. Credentialed members of the Capitol Press Corps will be permitted to observe floor action from the Senate gallery. No more than six members of the press may be present in the gallery at a time.
- Masks will be required of members, staff and press at all times.

The 2021 legislative session will provide members of the public with the opportunity to sign in and testify directly from their homes, places of business, or wherever is most convenient for them. Using the electronic sign-in process already utilized by legislative committees, the public will be able to sign-in up to one hour in advance of a scheduled committee meeting to receive a unique Zoom link. Chairs will then decide the order and length of public testimony as would be the case with an in-person committee meeting.

### **CAPAA 2021 Legislative & Budget Priorities**

CAPAA Project Manager Mai will compile a list of legislative issues from various sources to compose CAPAA's legislative priority list, which will serve as the agency's legislative advocacy guide during the 2021 legislative session. The Priority List will be presented to the full board at the January 2021 Public Board Meeting. Sources include (but are not limited to):

- Police Accountability TF recommendations (independent investigations)
- Police accountability reforms (broader)
- Equity Office
- CAPAA Funding
- COFA Health Care & Dental
- Funding CBO's to provide COVID-19 relief
- Small/Minority business COVID-19 relief
- State Bank
- Ins Commissioner piece
- APIC
- PICA
- MOCC

### **Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs Proposed Bill Language Naming CAPAA**

WASPC proposed bill language that would make CAPAA and the other Ethnic Commissions responsible for organizing, launching and maintaining a statewide program to improve community-police relations. CAPAA provided its formal feedback on 11/2 sent to WASPC Policy Director James McMahan expressing our opposition to their proposed bill language. A copy of our feedback can be found in Appendix II.

### **Police Accountability Task Force**

E.D. Hasegawa serves as an advisor upon this task force, and Pua Savusa is a voting task force member representing CAPAA. The task force has met every two weeks since September and will soon finalize its recommendations to the Governor on how to improve systems for police accountability in

Washington State, including independent investigations and prosecutions of police. Civil Rights Committee members will meet with Pua'o soon.

### **Suicide Prevention Workgroup**

An effort is underway to update training around suicide prevention and treatment modalities. Addressed under [Engrossed Substitute House Bill 2411](#), the Department of Health is required to adopt minimum standards for advanced training in treatment modalities shown to be effective in working with suicidal individuals by January 1, 2021. The first of these 2 sessions took place on October 27, 2020, where the background and workgroup content was outlined, an overview of tasks to be accomplished during the 10/29 session were offered, and any preparatory questions were answered. The second session took place on October 29, 2020, and it was a focused work session to draft proposed minimum standards language for advanced training, and training in treatment modalities shown to be effective in working with people who are suicidal. CAPAA Project Manager Brenda O'Brien has been CAPAA's rep at both these meetings. Though the required training is geared more towards the licensed mental health professionals that are required by the bill to take it, the workgroup is comprised of both licensed professionals and those that serve individuals who are more at risk of expressing suicidal ideations. As a result, it provides an important opportunity to help influence and shape the language and considerations that should be included in serving specific communities, when the final training standards are drafted.

### **COFA Health Care & Dental**

Open enrollment began November 1. This is the time for people that have COFA Islander Health Care to update their application, pick a new plan and enroll in a dental plan. The community has until 12/15/20 to apply and pick a plan for a January start date and until 01/15/20 for a February start date. CAPAA is playing a supportive role to community and the HCA in promoting awareness and outreach efforts.

## **7. CENSUS 2020 FULL COUNT EFFORTS**

The Supreme Court ruled to allow the Trump administration to shut down the census count before October 31. As a result, Census taking efforts ended on October 15<sup>th</sup>.

CAPAA adopted three counties where there are high concentrations of AAPI's in Washington State, with great risk of a population undercount. Census 2020 returns as of March 27<sup>th</sup> are as follows:

- Nationally – 67% self-response rate
- Washington State – 72.4% self-response rate, 99.9% total response rate
- Clark County – 76.7% self-response rate
- Thurston – 75.7% self-response rate
- Whitman County 62.2% self-response rate

The Census Bureau reports that 99.9% of households in Washington have been enumerated. Of that number, 72.4% have responded on their own, including 62.5% that responded online and another 9.9% that responded by phone or by mail. The other 27.5% of households were accounted for through the Non-Response Follow Up operation that began on July 23.

### **Self-Response Good News**

Washington was second in the nation in terms of self-response – and it exceeded its 2010 mailback response rate by 5.2%. Twenty-five (25) of 39 counties met and exceeded their 2010 mailback response rates, as did 19 of the 24 tribal areas that the Census Bureau tracked. The five leading counties in the state were: **Clark (76.7%), King (76.4%), Snohomish (75.8%), Thurston (75.7%) and Benton (75.3%)**. See attached for county and tribal self-response rates, which could change slightly as the Census Bureau is still accepting paper forms mailed by October 15 and received by October 22.

### **Self-Response Challenges**

Whitman County has the lowest response rate of the three target counties, and is lagging behind both the state and national response rate. Rural areas are greatly under-performing as compared to census tracts surrounding Pullman. Door-to-door efforts began in mid-August for non-responsive households or people who require some form of follow-up, which has been helpful. However, environmental conditions make it difficult to continue in-person GOTC efforts.

## **8. 2021 API Data Project (Needs Assessment Part III)**

CAPAA is interested in partnering with an independent entity to capture API community demographical information based upon Census 2020 data that could be useful to state agencies, the governor and legislature when serving the API community. This would be the third installation of a quadrennial needs assessment of the API community as funded by the state. The project would begin once Census Data becomes available (February or March 2021) and conclude no later than June 2021.

## **9. EVENTS**

### **2020 CAPAA Holiday Social**

Wednesday, December 9, 5 – 6 PM via ZOOM

### **E.D. Hasegawa Due Date**

Friday, December 18, 2020 – Parental Leave begins on birthday

### **CAPAA Closes to Observe the Holiday Season:**

Christmas Eve, December 24, 2020

Christmas Day, December 25, 2020

New Year's Day, January 1, 2021

### **First Day of Legislative Session**

Monday, January 11, 2021

### **2021 Public Board Meeting Schedule**

|                    |              |                  |
|--------------------|--------------|------------------|
| January 23, 2021   | 10:00 – 2:00 | KING COUNTY      |
| March 20, 2021     | 10:00 – 2:00 | PIERCE COUNTY    |
| June 26, 2021      | 10:00 – 2:00 | SPOKANE COUNTY   |
| September 18, 2021 | 10:00 – 2:00 | YAKIMA COUNTY    |
| November 20, 2021  | 10:00 – 2:00 | SNOHOMISH COUNTY |

### **2021 Statewide Elected Officials of Color Reception**

TBD



# APPENDIX I: Commissioner Activity Reports

| Date of Activity | Commissioner Name  | Name of Activity  | Issue Area   | Does this activity fulfill a strategic plan goal?                             | Location                    |
|------------------|--------------------|---|--|---|-----------------------------|
| 9/9/2020         | Carrie-Huie-Pascua | APIC Democracy Day Summit   | Civil Rights, Immigration & Justice                                  | API Legislative priorities  | Yakima County               |
| 9/12/2020        | Carrie-Huie-Pascua | CAPAA Public Hearing  | API Cultural Awareness   | Supporting API Business Owners  | Yakima County               |
| 9/15/2020        | Carrie-Huie-Pascua | Yakama Yakima 2020 Census Coalition   | Census 2020  | Support for Census 2020   | Yakima County               |
| 9/15/2020        | Carrie-Huie-Pascua | Filipino-American NPS Study Update  | API Cultural Awareness   | Grant opportunity for Filipino Amer. Historical preservation                  | Yakima County               |
| 9/16/2020        | Carrie-Huie-Pascua | COVID19 Impact on Mental Health-Lunch&Learn   | Health and Human Services  | Identifying Health Disparity Issues   | Yakima County               |
| 9/17/2020        | Carrie-Huie-Pascua | Training - Open Public Meetings Act   | Training   | Training on Open Public Meetings Act  | Yakima County               |
| 9/21/2020        | Carrie-Huie-Pascua | NAACP Board Meeting - NAMI Presentation   | Civil Rights, Immigration & Justice                                  | Support for Census 2020   | Yakima County               |
| 9/22/2020        | Carrie-Huie-Pascua | Yakama Yakima 2020 Census Coalition   | Census 2020  | Support for Census 2020   | Yakima County               |
| 9/24/2020        | Carrie-Huie-Pascua | APIC Washington Meeting   | Civil Rights, Immigration & Justice                                  | Supporting APA Communities across WA  | Yakima County               |
| 9/24/2020        | Carrie-Huie-Pascua | NAACP Town Hall Meeting   | Civil Rights, Immigration & Justice                                  | Support for Census 2020   | Yakima County               |
| 9/24/2020        | Carrie-Huie-Pascua | Coordination with Chinese Family Association  | API Cultural Awareness   | Supporting APA Business Owners  | Yakima County               |
| 9/29/2020        | Carrie-Huie-Pascua | Yakama Yakima 2020 Census Coalition   | Census 2020  | Support for Census 2020   | Yakima County               |
| 9/29/2020        | Carrie-Huie-Pascua | League of Women Voters, Study Group on Homelessness   | Health and Human Services  | Identifying Health Disparity Issues   | Yakima County               |
| 9/30/2020        | Carrie-Huie-Pascua | APIC-Yakima/YVCF Outreach Coordinator   | Census 2020  | Support for Census 2020   | Yakima County               |
| 10/1/2020        | Carrie-Huie-Pascua | Mabuhay Foundation Finance Committee  | Economic Development   | Supporting APA Business Owners  | Yakima County               |
| 10/6/2020        | Carrie-Huie-Pascua | Yakama Yakima 2020 Census Coalition   | Census 2020  | Support for Census 2020   | Yakima County               |
| 10/8/2020        | Carrie-Huie-Pascua | Racism and Redistricting: How Unfair Maps Impact Communities of Color   | Civil Rights, Immigration & Justice                                  | Redistricting and Fair representation   | Yakima County               |
| 10/13/2020       | Carrie-Huie-Pascua | Yakama Yakima 2020 Census Coalition   | Census 2020  | Support for Census 2020   | Yakima County               |
| 10/13/2020       | Carrie-Huie-Pascua | APIC-Yakima funding meeting   | Health and Human Services  | Support for API organization  | Yakima County               |
| 10/14/2020       | Carrie-Huie-Pascua | APIC-Yakima grant application meeting   | Economic Development   | Supporting APA Business Owners  | Yakima County               |
| 10/15/2020       | Carrie-Huie-Pascua | Bringing Ranked Choice Voting to Central WA   | Civil Rights, Immigration & Justice                                  | Civil rights and voting   | Yakima County               |
| 10/16/2020       | Carrie-Huie-Pascua | Cherry Hill Association Board Meeting   | API Cultural Awareness   | Supporting APA Business Owners  | Yakima County               |
| 10/17/2020       | Carrie-Huie-Pascua | NAMI Washington Virtual State Conference  | Health and Human Services  | Identifying Health Disparity Issues   | King County                 |
| 10/20/2020       | Carrie-Huie-Pascua | Yakama Yakima 2020 Census Coalition   | Census 2020  | Support for Census 2020   | Yakima County               |
| 10/20/2020       | Carrie-Huie-Pascua | CAPAA Phone Bank Training   | Economic Development   | Supporting APA Business Owners  | Yakima County               |
| 10/21/2020       | Carrie-Huie-Pascua | Phone Calling to API businesses   | Economic Development   | Supporting APA Business Owners  | Yakima County               |
| 10/22/2020       | Carrie-Huie-Pascua | Phone calling to API businesses   | Economic Development   | Supporting APA Business Owners  | Yakima County               |
| 10/22/2020       | Carrie-Huie-Pascua | FAHM Storytelling prep  | Filipino American Heritage Month event                               | Filipino American Heritage Month event  | Yakima County               |
| 10/22/2020       | Carrie-Huie-Pascua | APIC: AA and NPHI Statewide Listening - report back   | Health and Human Services  | Identifying Health Disparity Issues   | Yakima County               |
| 10/25/2020       | Carrie-Huie-Pascua | NAMI Washington Annual Board meeting and elections  | Health and Human Services  | NAMI Washington Annual Board meeting and Elections                            | Yakima County               |
| 10/27/2020       | Carrie-Huie-Pascua | Yakama Yakima 2020 Census Coalition   | Census 2020  | Support for Census 2020   | Yakima County               |
| 10/28/2020       | Carrie-Huie-Pascua | Commissioner Dinh and ED Hasegawa re: COVID-19  | Census 2020  | Support for Census 2020   | Yakima County               |
| 10/30/2020       | Carrie-Huie-Pascua | Redistricting Committee meeting   | Civil Rights, Immigration & Justice                                  | Redistricting   | Yakima County               |
| 9/9/2020         | Ekkarath Sisavatty | Ethnic Studies Curriculum Candidate: Interview with Kimsang Lor   | Education (Early Education, K-12, & Higher Education)                | Closing Educational Opportunity Gaps  | Pierce County               |
| 9/15/2020        | Ekkarath Sisavatty | AAPI 2020 Democracy Summit  | Uplift Summit featuring powerful keynotes and workshops              | Washington State election candidates shared their platforms                   | King County                 |
| 9/16/2020        | Ekkarath Sisavatty | Meet and Greet with Brenda O'Brien  | NA   | No, this activity did not fulfill a strategic plan goal.                      | Phone Call                  |
| 9/16/2020        | Ekkarath Sisavatty | Monthly Education Committee Chair one-on-one check-in with ED   | Education (Early Education, K-12, & Higher Education)                | Closing Educational Opportunity Gaps  | King County                 |
| 9/18/2020        | Ekkarath Sisavatty | Ethnic Studies Curriculum Candidate: Interview with Siu-Lan Ho  | Education (Early Education, K-12, & Higher Education)                | Closing Educational Opportunity Gaps  | King County                 |
| 9/18/2020        | Ekkarath Sisavatty | Monthly ED and Chair of Education Committee Meeting   | Education (Early Education, K-12, & Higher Education)                | Closing Educational Opportunity Gaps  | King County                 |
| 9/22/2020        | Ekkarath Sisavatty | APDC Meeting  | Lots of Issue Areas were discussed and covered                       | Closing Educational Opportunity Gaps  | King County                 |
| 9/22/2020        | Ekkarath Sisavatty | Laotian Community: Farmer's to Family Food Distribution Meeting   | Supporting Laotian Communities United                                | No, this activity did not fulfill a strategic plan goal.                      | King County                 |
| 9/23/2020        | Ekkarath Sisavatty | Executive Workgroup Q&A with Vesna and OSPI   | Education (Early Education, K-12, & Higher Education)                | Closing Educational Opportunity Gaps  | ZOOM                        |
| 9/25/2020        | Ekkarath Sisavatty | Ekkarath Sisavatty  | Education (Early Education, K-12, & Higher Education)                | Closing Educational Opportunity Gaps  | ZOOM Meeting                |
| 9/30/2020        | Ekkarath Sisavatty | Laotian Community: Farmer's to Family Food Distribution Meeting   | Lao Community Food Distribution                                      | 2nd meeting to organize a Laotian Community Food Distribution                 | ZOOM Meeting                |
| 10/3/2020        | Ekkarath Sisavatty | Laotian Community: Farmer's to Family Food Distribution Meeting   | Food Distribution for the United Laotian Community                   | No, this activity did not fulfill a strategic plan goal.                      | King County                 |
| 10/7/2020        | Ekkarath Sisavatty | Community Debrief - Laotian Community: Farmer's to Family Food Distribution Meeting                                       | Community Food Distribution Event                                    | No, this activity did not fulfill a strategic plan goal.                      | King County                 |
| 10/15/2020       | Ekkarath Sisavatty | Executive Committee Meeting   | CAPAA Executive Team Meeting   | Executive Team Meeting  | King County                 |
| 10/16/2020       | Ekkarath Sisavatty | Monthly Education Committee Meeting   | Education (Early Education, K-12, & Higher Education)                | Closing Educational Opportunity Gaps  | ZOOM Meeting                |
| 10/16/2020       | Ekkarath Sisavatty | October ED and Chair of Education Committee Meeting   | Education (Early Education, K-12, & Higher Education)                | Closing Educational Opportunity Gaps  | King County                 |
| 10/20/2020       | Ekkarath Sisavatty | Laotian Community: 2nd Farmer's to Family Food Distribution Meeting   | Community Food Distribution  | No, this activity did not fulfill a strategic plan goal.                      | King and Snohomish          |
| 10/31/2020       | Ekkarath Sisavatty | Laotian Community: 2nd Farmer's to Family Food Distribution Meeting   | Community food Distribution  | No, this activity did not fulfill a strategic plan goal.                      | King and Snohomish          |
| 10/31/2020       | Ekkarath Sisavatty | Laotian Community: 2nd Farmer's to Family Food Distribution Meeting   | Community Food Distribution  | No, this activity did not fulfill a strategic plan goal.                      | King and Snohomish location |
| 10/31/2020       | Ekkarath Sisavatty | Kinnaly Dance Troup Halloween Drive Thru Event  | API Cultural Awareness   | No, this activity did not fulfill a strategic plan goal.                      | King County                 |
| 11/6/2020        | Ekkarath Sisavatty | Health and Human Services Committee Meeting   | Health and Human Services  | Identifying Health Disparity Issues   | MS Video Conferenci         |
| 9/12/2020        | Helen Christensen  | September Board Meeting   | issues on the agenda   | Board meeting   | Clark County                |
| 11/6/2020        | Helen Christensen  | Health & Human Services Committee Meeting   | Committee planning meeting   | Identifying Health Disparity Issues   | Clark County                |
| 9/15/2020        | Julio Diaz         | 2020 Democracy Summit - Zoom  | API Cultural Awareness   | Identifying Health Disparity Issues   | King County                 |
| 9/28/2020        | Julio Diaz         | Ongoing promotion of Small Business Resiliency program grant funding  | Economic Development   | Supporting APA Business Owners  | via FB, email distribut     |
| 10/7/2020        | Julio Diaz         | Washington Retail Association   | Economic Development   | Supporting APA Business Owners  | King County                 |
| 10/5/2020        | Lalita Uppala      | Candidate forum   | Civil Rights, Immigration & Justice                                  | Civic Engagement  | King County                 |
| 10/9/2020        | Lalita Uppala      | Economic development committee meeting  | Economic Development   | Economic impetus  | King County                 |
| 10/13/2020       | Lalita Uppala      | Immigration   | Civil Rights, Immigration & Justice                                  | Immigration policy  | King County                 |
| 10/19/2020       | Lalita Uppala      | Ballot Party  | Civil Rights, Immigration & Justice                                  | No, this activity did not fulfill a strategic plan goal.                      | King County                 |
| 10/19/2020       | Lalita Uppala      | Small business support  | Economic Development   | Supporting APA Business Owners  | King County                 |
| 10/22/2020       | Lalita Uppala      | Rent Assistance for impacted families   | Health and Human Services  | Rent assistance emergency efforts   | King County                 |
| 9/10/2020        | Lori Wada          | Economic development with Department of Commerce  | Economic Development   | Supporting APA Business Owners  | Pierce County               |
| 9/11/2020        | Lori Wada          | Interview with Radio Korea  | Economic Development   | Supporting APA Business Owners  | King County                 |
| 9/21/2020        | Lori Wada          | Youth Development Grant TA training   | Health and Human Services  | Identifying Health Disparity Issues   | Pierce County               |
| 10/1/2020        | Lori Wada          | Interview with Korean media with Korean Chamber of Commerce of WA   | Economic Development   | Supporting APA Business Owners  | King County                 |
| 10/2/2020        | Lori Wada          | Training for Small Business Resiliency Assistance grant by NDC  | Economic Development   | Supporting APA Business Owners  | Pierce County               |
| 10/20/2020       | Lori Wada          | Training for planning for outreach efforts for SBRA grant   | Economic Development   | Supporting APA Business Owners  | Pierce County               |
| 10/26/2020       | Lori Wada          | Youth Development grant review meeting  | Education (Early Education, K-12, & Higher Education)                | Identifying Health Disparity Issues   | Pierce County               |
| 10/29/2020       | Lori Wada          | Non profit relief grant training  | Health and Human Services  | Identifying Health Disparity Issues   | Pierce County               |
| 11/2/2020        | Lori Wada          | Zoom meeting with Dept of Commerce  | Economic Development   | Supporting APA Business Owners  | Pierce County               |
| 9/9/2020         | Lydia Fattalia     | WA CAPAA Facebook Live Talk on NHPI Communities   | API Cultural Awareness   | Issues in NHPI Communities, What is CAPAA doing and intro NAMI                | Pierce County               |
| 9/10/2020        | Lydia Fattalia     | Resources   | Civil Rights, Immigration & Justice                                  | Identifying Health Disparity Issues   | King County                 |
| 9/10/2020        | Lydia Fattalia     | Community Meeting via Zoom  | Census 2020  | Support for Census 2020   | Pierce County               |
| 9/12/2020        | Lydia Fattalia     | Unenclaw Complaint Follow-up  | Civil Rights, Immigration & Justice                                  | Racism  | King County                 |
| 9/12/2020        | Lydia Fattalia     | Samoa Educators and Cultural Specialists  | Education (Early Education, K-12, & Higher Education)                | Closing Educational Opportunity Gaps  | Pierce County               |
| 9/13/2020        | Lydia Fattalia     | Foodbank Assistance   | Health and Human Services  | Supporting APA Business Owners  | Pierce County               |
| 9/14/2020        | Lydia Fattalia     | PHB Emergency - Tukwila Fire Victim   | Health and Human Services  | Identifying Health Disparity Issues   | King County                 |
| 9/15/2020        | Lydia Fattalia     | NHPI Elder Meeting  | Health and Human Services  | Identifying Health Disparity Issues   | Pierce County               |
| 9/16/2020        | Lydia Fattalia     | UCLA Center for Community College Partnership   | Education (Early Education, K-12, & Higher Education)                | Closing Educational Opportunity Gaps  | King County                 |
| 9/17/2020        | Lydia Fattalia     | Chukeseese Community Meeting  | All of the above   | Identifying Health Disparity Issues   | Pierce, King and Thurston   |
| 9/21/2020        | Lydia Fattalia     | APCC CRISP Meeting  | Health and Human Services  | Identifying Health Disparity Issues   | Pierce County               |
| 9/30/2020        | Lydia Fattalia     | KC DOH and COFA Leader Check-in   | Health and Human Services  | Identifying Health Disparity Issues   | King County                 |
| 10/1/2020        | Lydia Fattalia     | Mental Health Referrals   | Health and Human Services  | Identifying Health Disparity Issues   | Clark County                |
| 10/1/2020        | Lydia Fattalia     | Call with Senator Hasegawa  | Health and Human Services  | Identifying Health Disparity Issues   | King County                 |
| 10/2/2020        | Lydia Fattalia     | Check with KC DOH and COFA Leaders  | Health and Human Services  | Identifying Health Disparity Issues   | King County                 |
| 10/2/2020        | Lydia Fattalia     | CAPAA & HCA re: COFA Program Manager Position   | Health and Human Services  | Identifying Health Disparity Issues   | King County                 |
| 10/6/2020        | Lydia Fattalia     | Exec Committee Inaugural Call   | 2020-2021 CAPAA Executive Meeting                                    | First Exec meeting  | King County                 |
| 10/9/2020        | Lydia Fattalia     | Meeting with Community API/NHPI Community Leaders   | All of the above   | Identifying Health Disparity Issues   | Pierce County               |
| 10/20/2020       | Lydia Fattalia     | CRISP Program - COFA Community Presentation   | Health and Human Services  | Identifying Health Disparity Issues   | Pierce County               |
| 10/28/2020       | Lydia Fattalia     | DCYF Child Near Fatality Review   | Health and Human Services  | Identifying Health Disparity Issues   | King County                 |
| 9/29/2020        | Nam Nguyen         | Legislative Poverty Taskforce   | Health and Human Services  | No, this activity did not fulfill a strategic plan goal.                      | Thurston County             |
| 10/15/2020       | Nam Nguyen         | Police Reform Grant   | Civil Rights, Immigration & Justice                                  | Identifying Health Disparity Issues   | King County                 |
| 9/9/2020         | Ping Ping          | Steering committee of Peer Navigating Training Program of Spokane   | Economic Development   | For Spokane community's well being  | Spokane County              |
| 9/15/2020        | Ping Ping          | Finding ESL class for a newly migrated student from China   | Civil Rights, Immigration & Justice                                  | Closing Educational Opportunity Gaps  | Spokane County              |
| 9/15/2020        | Ping Ping          | Help an immigrant's daughter take advantage of middle school's ESL  | Civil Rights, Immigration & Justice                                  | Closing Educational Opportunity Gaps  | Spokane County              |
| 9/16/2020        | Ping Ping          | Meeting of Steering committee of Peer Navigating Training Program   | Economic Development   | Support well being of the general community including API                     | Spokane County              |
| 9/16/2020        | Ping Ping          | Attend steering committee for PNTP (Peer navigation training program) for previously incarcerated youth to be functioning | Education (Early Education, K-12, & Higher Education)                | Goal is to help reduce recidivism in general community                        | Spokane County              |
| 9/17/2020        | Ping Ping          | Attended Ethnic Studies forum by National Civic Leadership Forum  | Education (Early Education, K-12, & Higher Education)                | Closing Educational Opportunity Gaps  | It is a national confere    |
| 9/18/2020        | Ping Ping          | Review and edit Ballot's Chinese translation in Spokane   | Civil Rights, Immigration & Justice                                  | improve life quality of API community, esp. Chinese community                 | Spokane County              |
| 9/22/2020        | Ping Ping          | Listen to a Palau community member's working experience, connect with community   | Civil Rights, Immigration & Justice                                  | improve life quality of API in WA   | Spokane County              |
| 9/23/2020        | Ping Ping          | Attended zoom meeting of East Side Annual Summit of Police Training   | justice brutality, API included in its impact                        | Social Justice is in strategic plan of CAPAA but not set up in Spokane County | Spokane County              |
| 9/30/2020        | Ping Ping          | 8 Called Korean Community Leader Aunki, about their community's immigration, education, health and human services         | Health and Human Services  | Goal is to establish relationship as commissioner, to improve API             | Spokane County              |
| 9/30/2020        | Ping Ping          | PNTP steering committee meeting   | justice, reduce recidivism in Spokane community by youth functioning | Youth functioning   | Spokane County              |
| 10/7/2020        | Ping Ping          | Talk to Yang Vong, API leader in Spokane about re-uniting API, while  | everything about well-being of API in Spokane, con                   | It fulfills all of the above  | Spokane County              |
| 10/9/2020        | Ping Ping          | Attended/Volunteer for "Voices, Votes, Protect Our Democracy" at N  | "Get out the vote" civic engagement of API and all o                 | Vote is one fundamental rights of democracy, in 2020 it is espe               | Spokane County              |
| 10/16/2020       | Ping Ping          | 14.Help interview for Spokane Law and Enforcement administration  | Volunteer for Law and Justice department's hiring                    | Helping hiring in Spokane's Law and justice department                        | Spokane County              |
| 10/22/2020       | Ping Ping          | As CAPAA Spokane, attended AA and NHPI statewide listening set  | Share and review: How API townhall meetings in A                     | All of the above  | Spokane County              |
| 10/23/2020       | Ping Ping          | Phone banking for Chinese businesses in three Counties (Thurston)   | Economic Development   | Supporting APA Business Owners  | Spokane County              |
| 10/24/2020       | Ping Ping          | Breakfast, picked up breakfast from Chinese community member  | Build API community relationships with Spokane Pe                    | Yes, this activity will lead to API and POC communities involven              | Spokane County              |
| 10/24/2020       | Ping Ping          | API in Spokane is planning to have a business professional network  | Bringing API communities in Spokane together, unit                   | All of the above is covered by discussion in this meeting                     | Spokane County              |
| 10/28/2020       | Ping Ping          | Phone banking Spokane County's Chinese businesses for Small Bu  | Economic Development   | Supporting APA Business Owners  | Spokane County              |
| 11/4/2020        | Ping Ping          | Meeting with a key API community leader for building a united API   | Community Development, about how to re-build API                     | Yes it is about improve the well being of API in Spokane                      | Spokane County              |
| 9/17/2020        | Sam Cho            | Keep Washington Working Meeting   | Economic Development   | All 3 priorities  | King County                 |
| 9/19/2020        | Sam Cho            | Korean American Coalition Voter Registration Drive  | Civil Rights, Immigration & Justice                                  | No, this activity did not fulfill a strategic plan goal.                      | King County                 |
| 9/24/2020        | Sam Cho            | Asian American Advocates Podcast  | Civil Rights, Immigration & Justice                                  | No, this activity did not fulfill a strategic plan goal.                      | King County                 |
| 9/28/2020        | Sam Cho            | Korean American Coalition Board Meeting   | Civil Rights, Immigration & Justice                                  | Monthly board meeting   | King County                 |
| 10/26/2020       | Sam Cho            | Korean American Coalition <- Radio Hankook Candidates Forum   | Civil Rights, Immigration & Justice                                  | No, this activity did not fulfill a strategic plan goal.                      | King County                 |
| 9/18/2020        | Tam Dinh           | Edu Community Meeting   | Education (Early Education, K-12, & Higher Education)                | Closing Educational Opportunity Gaps  | online                      |
| 10/16/2020       | Tam Dinh           | CAPAA Edu Committee Meeting   | Education (Early Education, K-12, & Higher Education)                | Closing Educational Opportunity Gaps  | online                      |
| 10/23/2020       | Tam Dinh           | Meeting with Serousurvey research team  | Health and Human Services  | Identifying Health Disparity Issues   | online                      |
| 10/26/2020       | Tam Dinh           | SBCH/DOH Notifiable Conditions  | Health and Human Services  | Identifying Health Disparity Issues   | online                      |
| 10/28/2020       | Tam Dinh           | Census Meeting  | Census 2020  | Support for Census 2020   | online                      |
| 11/6/2020        | Tam Dinh           | Health and Human Services Committee Meeting   | Health and Human Services  | Identifying Health Disparity Issues   | online                      |
| 9/9/2020         | Toka Valu          | CAPAA Live Conversations  | All the above  | No, this activity did not fulfill a strategic plan goal.                      | King County                 |
| 9/14/2020        | Toka Valu          | Hei Hei Doc! Live interview with Pasifika health professional, Dr. M  | Health and Human Services  | Identifying Health Disparity Issues   | King County                 |
| 9/15/2020        | Toka Valu          | AAPI Democracy Summit   | All the above were discussed in some shape or form                   | All the above   | King County                 |
| 9/15/2020        | Toka Valu          | Radio Tonga Guest Appearance  | Health and Human Services  | Identifying Health Disparity Issues   | King County                 |
| 9/17/2020        | Toka Valu          | PICAW A King County Weekly Food Distribution  | Health and Human Services  | Identifying Health Disparity Issues   | King County                 |
| 9/19/2020        | Toka Valu          | PHBWA Prenatal Focus Group  | Health and Human Services  | Identifying Health Disparity Issues   | King County                 |
| 9/25/2020        | Toka Valu          | CAPAA Education Committee Meeting   | Education (Early Education, K-12, & Higher Education)                | Closing Educational Opportunity Gaps  | King County                 |
| 9/26/2020        | Toka Valu          | ERISE Weekly Planning Meeting   | Education (Early Education, K-12, & Higher Education)                | Closing Educational Opportunity Gaps  | King County                 |
| 10/1/2020        | Toka Valu          | COFA Benefits Concerns Meeting  | Health and Human Services  | Identifying Health Disparity Issues   | King County                 |
| 10/6/2020        | Toka Valu          | Pacific Islander COVID-19 Taskforce   | Health and Human Services  | Identifying Health Disparity Issues   | King County                 |
| 10/14/2020       | Toka Valu          | Health Coalition for Children & Youth Meeting   | Health and Human Services  | Identifying Health Disparity Issues   | King County                 |
| 10/14/2020       | Toka Valu          | Seatac Arts, Culture, and Library Advisory Committee Meeting  | Arts Engagement in Community   | No, this activity did not fulfill a strategic plan goal.                      | King County                 |
| 10/15/2020       | Toka Valu          | Live Community Navigator Feature  | Health and Human Services  | Identifying Health Disparity Issues   | King County                 |
| 10/20/2020       | Toka Valu          | College Admissions 101 Live Session   | Education (Early Education, K-12, & Higher Education)                | Closing Educational Opportunity Gaps  | King County                 |
| 10/27/2020       | Toka Valu          | Live College Admissions 101 - 2-year college option   | Education (Early Education, K-12, & Higher Education)                | Closing Educational Opportunity Gaps  | King County                 |
| 10/29/2020       | Toka Valu          | Tongan COVID-19 Community Focus Group   | Health and Human Services  | Identifying Health Disparity Issues   | King County                 |

## APPENDIX II: CAPAA Response to WASPC Proposed Bill



October 30, 2020

Dear Policy Director McMahan,

On behalf of the Washington State Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs (CAPAA), thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs (WASPC)'s proposed law enforcement reforms, which we received from you via e-mail on October 5, 2020.

CAPAA is a state agency whose mission is to improve the lives of Asian Pacific Americans in Washington State. We advise the Governor, State Legislature, and all other state agencies on law, programs, and policies affecting Asian and Pacific Islander communities. Over the years, CAPAA has proactively participated in a number of state-level efforts to bring law enforcement and communities together to work on solutions to complex policing issues. These efforts include the 2016 Task Force on Deadly Force, the 2019 Negotiated Rulemaking process led by the Criminal Justice Training Commission (CJTC), and the 2020 Police Accountability Task Force.

We reviewed the proposed bill language offered in Point 12 of the "defining the role of law enforcement" section of your proposal. For easy reference, [click here for text of your proposed bill language](#). Our feedback is outlined below.

### **1) The proposed bill lacks specificity, vision, goals and direction.**

No justification is given as to why CAPAA is the most appropriate entity to house a statewide program. Mandating CAPAA to launch such a program instead of law enforcement negates the need for community trust-building programs to be adopted by law enforcement directly, as a part of their primary function. It is CAPAA's position that law enforcement must embrace its own charge in proactively leading the effort to improve community-police relations. Law enforcement is an arm of government tasked with serving all members of the public. Instead of mandating that CAPAA launch and manage a new program to improve community-police relations, we recommend law enforcement promotes conduits for the public to engage and inform the CJTC, Washington State Patrol and other law enforcement entities on policing issues including: hiring panels, training curriculum development, independent investigations, officer discipline, police agency oversight, participation in use of force and driving review boards, and community advisory boards. **It is important that community has entry points to overseeing, advising, and participating with the policing systems they don't trust.**



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During the negotiated rulemaking process, the CJTC had rejected the notion of a statewide training program whereby new officers would complete community service hours by engaging with diverse communities to improve their cultural competency (and community-police relations). The CJTC argued that such training should happen in a localized context and tailored to the jurisdiction where the officers are slated to serve. It was generally accepted by the stakeholders engaged in the negotiated rule making process that this sort of community-building would be best championed by local departments, as opposed to a statewide entity. In this way, asking CAPAA to champion a statewide program to improve community-police relations falls short of addressing the nuances between departments, geographic regions, and communities. Furthermore, CAPAA is not an entity to oversee local programs.

WASPC offers no specific objectives on the statewide engagement program. Without vision, objectives, deliverables or strategies in mind from WASPC or law enforcement, CAPAA isn't equipped with the directive needed to successfully construct, launch and manage a meaningful, effective program.

**2) The bill's mandate is not inclusive of all the necessary stakeholders and champions of this work.**

This law would give CAPAA a leadership role in the effort to improve community-police relations. Although we appreciate that you considered engagement with Asian and Pacific Islander communities, this proposal undermines the important leadership role of community-based organizations, grass roots leaders and law enforcement entities who have championed this effort so far. Glaringly, it doesn't account for the many important stakeholder groups who deserve visibility and should be engaged when addressing issues of improving public trust in policing, including (but not limited to) immigrants and refugees, LGTBQIA+ populations, people with disabilities, people with mental health issues, and transient populations.

As you know, in February 2019, HB 1064 was signed into law by Governor Jay Inslee, and the CJTC opted into a negotiated rule making process to update the state's rules on police training, which included parameters on cultural competency training. As a participant in that process, CAPAA helped identify stakeholders that law enforcement should continuously engage. **WASPC should aim to engage stakeholders as listed in the updated rules for police training in [WAC 139.11 \(m – s\)](#), which was voted upon and passed unanimously by the CJTC in 2019.**

[In Section 1.2 of your proposed bill draft](#), you state that the media has, “a direct advertising driven profit motive to facilitate and exacerbate mistrust between the public and the police.” If this is truly your view, representatives of the media must be engaged. Addressing the



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role of media in shaping public perceptions and narratives is not directly within the scope of CAPAA's mission nor is it a part of our strategic plan.

**In sum, CAPAA should be removed from the bill language.** In its pursuit to meaningfully engage communities, CAPAA is committed to supporting law enforcement as it supports all state agencies: by opening the doors of stakeholders, offering perspectives from Asian and Pacific American communities, and advising in efforts to serve our diverse constituency.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide feedback on this legislation. We appreciate your consideration of our feedback and remain committed to working with you and others towards the shared goal of achieving meaningful reforms.

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