Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs

A presentation by Mayor Marilyn Strickland
 Tacoma Demographics

- 11.2% of residents identify as African American, vs. 3.6% of Washington’s population
- 8.2% of residents are Asian, vs. 7.2% of the state’s population
- 11.3% of Tacomans identify as Hispanic or Latino, vs. 11.2% of Washington’s population
- 1.8% identify as Native American, vs. 1.5% of the state’s population
- 13.4% of Tacomans were born in another country, compared to 13.2% of the state as a whole
Tacoma 2025 Strategic Framework

- Five agreed upon pillars for our shared future:
  - Livability
  - Economy and Workforce
  - Education
  - Civic Engagement
  - Equity and Accessibility
Welcoming City Initiative

- Steps Tacoma is taking:
  - Prioritize a vibrant cultural sector
  - Supporting the continuation of the EB5 program
  - The Equity and Empowerment Initiative
  - Supporting President Obama’s executive order on immigration reform
Sister Cities Program

- Tacoma has 13 Sister Cities, 5 in Asia
  - Davao City, Philippines (1994)
  - Fuzhou, China (1994)
  - Gunsan, Korea (1978)
  - Kitakyushu, Japan (1959)
  - Taichung, Taiwan (2000)
Equity and Empowerment

- Why equity?
Equity and Empowerment goals

- Diversify City workforce
- Improve outreach efforts in to marginalized communities
- Equitable distribution of resources
- Commit to racial and cultural equity
Chinese Reconciliation Park

- Construction began in 2005
- Addressing difficult past
- Fuzhou Ting
Lincoln Revitalization
Lincoln Project Overview

- Strategic Priority in 2014
- 7 City departments and TPU
- Lincoln office open M-F
Lincoln Project, cont.

- Work with property owners
- Infrastructure improvements
- Streetscape improvements
Questions/Discussion?