Improving the well-being of Asian Pacific Americans by examining issues, advancing advocacy, and ensuring access to government.
Staff report to the Commission covering activities, progress, and updates from September 11, 2021 to November 12, 2021.

1. **STAFF AND COMMISSION ACTIVITY**

**Staff Update**
Staff has performed admirably during the ongoing state of emergency, with a notable increase in existing responsibilities and taking on additional responsibilities outside the scope of their original description. Yet, they have been asked to do more with less – experiencing a cancellation of the 3% annual wage increase, as well as cuts through mandatory furloughs. Both positions make less than the average state employee, yet bring unique and valuable expertise. Therefore, raises were approved for the Project Manager & Project Coordinator Position in order to attract and retain an experienced, skilled and diverse workforce. A decision package was submitted to fully fund both positions, which is available to the public online.

**Commissioner Activity**
Commissioners submitted activity reports for the time period of September 11, 2021 – November 12, 2021. Total events reported = 96; Activity Report response rate = 100% (11/11 respondents). Outstanding reports for this period: None. Details of Commissioner Activity can be found in Appendix I.

**Appointments:**
Commissioner Yasmin Trudeau was appointed by the Pierce County Council to the Washington State Senate, representing the 27th Legislative District. She submitted her resignation from the Commission to the Governor, effective immediately. Applications to serve upon the Commission were opened on Friday, November 5th, 2021 to fulfill the remainder of the term vacated by Senator Trudeau through June 30th, 2024. Interviews will be held the week of November 29th to identify three finalists to recommend for the position to the Governor.

Other appointments include:
- CAPAA Commissioner Toka Valu and Commissioner Ekkarath Sisavatdy were both appointed to serve upon the Washington State Pandemic After Action Review Task Force.

2. **FINANCE**

The September 2021 Financial Status Report shows CAPAA is in good financial condition. If the agency’s decision packages are not funded, the agency will overspend its budget by $14k. However, this is not a problem, because the agency has $34k in its donation account that it can use if necessary. If the agency’s decision packages are funded, the agency will underspend its budget by $11k.

**Sponsorship:** During the previous reporting period, CAPAA received and approved a sponsorship request for Asian Counseling and Referral Service (ACRS)’s Virtual Benefit Gala. The request was fulfilled, and the event proceeded on October 2nd. CAPAA also sponsored a table at Asia Pacific Cultural Center (APCC)’s 25th Year Anniversary Event on November 6th, which was attended by Chair Nguyen, 1st Vice Chair Faitalia, 2nd Vice Chair Huie-Pascua, Cmmr. Abbott, Cmmr. Diaz, and Cmmr. Sisavatdy.

3. **COMMUNICATIONS**
Newsletter: CAPAA’s newsletter is sent to an e-mail listserv of 2,551 contacts (+74 from September Staff Report). CAPAA has transitioned entirely from MailerLite to GovDelivery, which will help us expand our reach, particularly amongst government contacts.

Facebook: 2,403 Likes (+43)
2,706 Follows (+54)

Webpage: Health Care Resources
Population Data
Updates to COVID-19 Resources to reflect vaccine booster information
Updates to Small Business Assistance, Financial Aid for Students, LGBTQ+ Resources, Report Hate/Discrimination

Social Media: COVID-19 updates
Resources for reporting hate and discrimination
Filipino American History Month social media campaign
Holiday graphics (Mid-Autumn Festival, Chuseok, Diwali, Hmong New Year)
Excerpts from CAPAA Demography Report
Statement on assault at Khmer Theravadin Buddhist Temple
Statement on Indigenous People’s Day
Statement on appointment of Yasmin Trudeau to the State Senate
Call for applications to join the Commission
Open enrollment

4. EVENTS

Conversations with CAPAA
CAPAA continued its Conversations with CAPAA series. On September 14th, Project Manager Mai held a conversation with newly-appointed Commrs. Abbott, Kosai, and Trudeau to introduce them to the public and discuss their public service before CAPAA and their hope for the Commission.

On October 6th, Executive Director Hasegawa held a conversation with Secretary of Health Shah, in continuation of a previous conversation that focused on the state’s COVID-19 response. This latest conversation focused primarily on the Secretary’s personal journey to Washington’s highest public health official.

Demography Report Presentations
Following the public release of CAPAA’s ANHPI Community Demography Report at the previous board meeting, staff presented to a variety of audiences during this period, including Asian Pacific Islander Coalition (APIC-WA), the Governor’s Small Agency Cabinet, and the Executive Cabinet Deputy Directors. On social media, CAPAA shared charts and graphs from the report for public use, with links to the full report.

Anti-Asian Hate Crimes Community Meeting
After an assault on a Buddhist nun at the Khmer Theravadin Buddhist Temple in Tacoma, members of the community held a meeting with elected officials and other governmental representatives to raise awareness, stand in solidarity, and discuss resources and next steps. The meeting occurred on October 5th and was attended by CAPAA staff as well as multiple Commissioners, including Chair Nguyen, 2nd Vice Chair Huie-Pascua, and Civil Rights & Immigration Committee Chair Kosai. On social media, CAPAA also released a statement along with our Resources for Reporting Hate/Discrimination.
White House Initiative on Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders (WHIAANHPI) Listening Session
CAPAA met with the WHIAANHPI on October 22nd to discuss AANHPI community priorities in Washington State. CAPAA was represented in the meeting by Executive Director Hasegawa, the Executive Committee members, and the Chairs of CAPAA Standing Committees. The meeting discussed ongoing issues, community priorities, and points of collaboration.

White House AA & NHPI COVID-19 Health Equity Task Force Stakeholder Briefings
Over the past few months, the Presidential COVID-19 Health Equity Task Force held several stakeholder meetings to share resources and updates to organizations and agencies that worked with AANHPI communities. CAPAA staff and Commissioners attended these meetings in a listening capacity.

Bellevue School District
On November 1, CAPAA Executive Director Hasegawa and Project Manager Mai held a meet and greet with the Bellevue School District’s AAPI Staff Affinity Group. In the meeting, staff discussed current events and issues relevant to K-12 education, particularly on ethnic studies.

5. UPCOMING EVENTS

People of Color Legislative Summit
December 4, 2021
10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

January Public Board Meeting – Online via Zoom
January 15, 2022
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

March Public Board Meeting – Thurston County
March 19, 2022
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

June Public Board Meeting – King County
June 28, 2022
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

September Public Board Meeting – Pierce County
September 17, 2022
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

November Public Board Meeting – Snohomish County
November 19, 2022
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM