

Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Community Development  
Wednesday, November 20, 2019, 6:30 pm  
441 4<sup>th</sup> Street NW Room 721 North  
Washington, DC 20001

Meeting Minutes

- Welcome/Introductions
  - Meeting was opened by Chair John Tinpe
  - Commissioners offered introductions. In attendance:
    - MOAPIA: Ben de Guzman, Henry Duong
    - CAPIA in Person: John Tinpe, Ronak Desai
    - CAPIA by Phone: Ben Takai, Niranjan Adhikari, KJ Bagchi, Bhavna Pandit
    - Sworn In Commissioners (actual confirmation pending Council approval)  
participating by Phone: Elena Son, Karen Kwok, Tiffany Hsieh
  
- Director's Report, Director DeGuzman, MOAPIA.
  - Director reviewed events outlined in the Director's Report
  
- Task Force Updates
  - Census Task Force will schedule a call to plan a meeting on promoting census participation. Director de Guzman shared the APIA Vote census training on December 7 in Fairfax, VA. Staff will send out information for training to Commissioners
  - Commissioner Leal is in the process of identifying events the Mayor could offer proclamations for the Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Communities. Commissioner Leal and Director de Guzman provided updates about activities identify NHPI leaders in the community to bring together for the NHPI Task Force to encourage participation and visibility of Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander communities
  - Commissioner Son and Commissioner Kwok expressed interest in participating in the Mental Health Task Force
  
- Other Items
  - Commissioner Leal moved to bypass the approval of meeting minutes and agenda for future meetings and adopt a consent agenda. Commissioners agreed to discuss this at the next meeting
  - Commissioner Son expressed support for all activities that promote AAPI civic engagement

Meeting Adjournment

Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 18, 2019, 6:30 pm

Questions:

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