

# Transition Briefing from Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs

Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs (CAPAA)

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## Agency Responsibilities

To improve the well being of Asian Pacific Americans (APAs) by ensuring their access to participation in the fields of government, business, education, and other areas. (RCW 43.117.110)

- Organizes and helps coordinate statewide economic development conferences for small minority businesses.
- Helps establish and maintain Asian Pacific American organizations and coalitions to address Asian Pacific American issues (i.e., Asian Pacific Islander Women and Family Safety Center; Asian Pacific Islander Coalition of King, Pierce and Snohomish counties).
- Organizes and helps coordinate Asian Pacific American conferences and community forums to identify, prioritize, and address Asian Pacific American issues (i.e., Asian Pacific American Leadership Conference, Asian MBA's National Conference, and legislative community forums).
- Works with state agencies and community organizations to address legislation that concerns immigrants and refugees (i.e., welfare reform, refugee assistance and naturalization).
- Issues reports on the status of Asian Pacific American affairs in the state of Washington.
- Update communities on legislation and policymaking.
- Coordinates Asian Pacific American legislative days in Olympia.
- Serves on committees and task forces that focus on Asian Pacific American and people of color issues.
- Assists with the improvement of data collection for the U.S. Census.
- Coordinates the statewide Asian Pacific American Heritage Month celebrations in May.

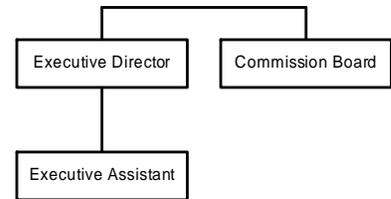
## Organization Chart and Budget

Commission consists of **1.8** full time employees and twelve commission seats.

### Commission Structure

Habib M. Habib, Chair  
Yvonne Kinoshita Ward, First Vice-Chair  
Alma Q. Kern, Second Vice-Chair  
Randolph Bolong  
Elliott Lawrence Kim  
Tony Lee

Faaluaaina Pritchard  
Douglas Heyamoto  
Charlie Chang  
Tanya Tran  
Thi Huynh  
Thuy Vu



### FY03-05 Budget

Program – Administration	Source – GF – State	Biennial Amount	\$396,000
	Source – Donations	Cumulative Amount	\$10,039

### Board Meetings

Held a minimum of each quarter.

## Activity and Program Management

Ellen Abellera, Executive Director

Economic Development

Web Site

Hmong Farmland

Newsletter

Asian Pacific Heritage Month in May

Census 2010

Community Resource Directory

Health Disparities

Education-challenges of WASL

## Most Pressing Issues and Challenges faced by the Commission

### Challenges faced by the Commission:

#### STAFFING:

At present, there are 1.8 FTE doing the tasks and achieving the goals of the Commission. The present staff consists of an Executive Director, 1 FTE, and an Executive Assistant, 0.8 FTE. The Executive Director performs the functions of a community outreach and legislative liaison, in addition to the administrative, fiscal and program management of the agency. The Executive Assistant assists in performing the administrative functions of the office (e.g. general research, policy writing, newsletter writing and production, website maintenance, meeting logistics, and filling information requests.) There are 436,000 Asian Pacific Americans in the state of Washington, the largest ethnic minority in Washington State, made up of 47 subgroups representing hundreds of languages, dialects, cultures and immigration patterns.

It is the desire of the Commission to increase the Executive Assistant position from 0.8 FTE into 1.0 FTE, and to create a new full-time Program Coordinator/Policy Analyst position in the 2005-07 biennium. The new position will coordinate and gather information on Asian Pacific American issues on economic vitality for small businesses, health care, education, immigration/ refugee, voting and citizenship. The Economic Vitality Program is in collaboration with the Commission on African American Affairs, the Commission on Hispanic Americans, the Governor's Office of Indian Affairs, the Office of Minority Womens' Business Enterprises, and the Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development with a focus on state certification and contracting, and the small business incubator program. The Health Care Convention is in collaboration with the Office of the Governor, the Department of Health, the four ethnic commissions, and the Human Links Foundation to address health disparities.

## Board Member Listing by Board Position

### ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN AFFAIRS, STATE COMMISSION (GS010)

Agency 087 - Comm on Asian Pacific Amer Affairs	Senate Conf. N	Positions: Maximum 012
Authority Governor	Public Disc. N	Minimum 000
Authoriztn. RCW 43.117.040	Term Length 036	Actual 012
Rem. Auth. GC	Meetings/Yr. 06	

Pos. #	Name and Address	Status	Race	Appointed	Expires
001	Chang, Charlie 1539 S. Snoqualmie Street Seattle, WA 98108	A	AP	09/08/2004	06/30/2007
		Terms Served	01		
		Position	a member		
		Comments	General Public		

Pos. #	Name and Address	Status	Race	Appointed	Expires
002	Bolong, Randolph F. PO Box 11001 Yakima, WA 98909	A	AP	07/01/2003	06/30/2006
		Terms Served	01		
		Position	a member		
		Comments	General Public		

Pos. #	Name and Address	Status	Race	Appointed	Expires
003	Vu, Thuy 7238 Young Rd. NW Olympia, WA 98502	A	AP	03/31/2004	06/30/2007
		Terms Served	01		
		Position	a member		
		Comments	General Public		

Pos. #	Name and Address	Status	Race	Appointed	Expires
004	Heyamoto, Douglas Spokane, WA 99201	A	AP	09/08/2004	06/30/2007
		Terms Served	01		
		Position	a member		
		Comments	General Public		

Pos. #	Name and Address	Status	Race	Appointed	Expires
005	Kinoshita Ward, Yvonne 128 14th Street SE Auburn, WA 98802	A	AP	03/17/2004	06/30/2007
		Terms Served	01		
		Position	a member		
		Comments	General Public		

Pos. #	Name and Address	Status	Race	Appointed	Expires
006	Habib, Habib M. 7020 - 67th Street NE Marysville, WA 98270	A	AP	07/01/2003	06/30/2006
		Terms Served	03		
		Position	a member		
		Comments	General Public		

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### ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN AFFAIRS, STATE COMMISSION (GS010)

Pos. #	Name and Address	Status	Race	Appointed	Expires
007	Lee, Tony 6314 20th Avenue NE Seattle, WA 98115	A	AP	07/01/2002	06/30/2005
		Terms Served	03		
		Position	a member		
		Comments	General Public		

Pos. #	Name and Address	Status	Race	Appointed	Expires
008	Pritchard, Faaluaina 5217 Arrowhead Road SW Lakewood, WA 98499	A	AP	07/01/2002	06/30/2005
		Terms Served	01		
		Position	a member		
		Comments	General Public		

Pos. #	Name and Address	Status	Race	Appointed	Expires
009	Tran, Tanya PO Box 2368 Longview, WA 98632	A	AP	09/08/2004	06/30/2007
		Terms Served	01		
		Position	a member		
		Comments	General Public		

Pos. #	Name and Address	Status	Race	Appointed	Expires
010	Kern, Alma Q. 5311 156th Avenue SE Bellevue, WA 98008	A	AP	07/01/2003	06/30/2006
		Terms Served	02		
		Position	a member		
		Comments	General Public		

Pos. #	Name and Address	Status	Race	Appointed	Expires
011	Huynh, Thi 607 6th Street Mukilteo, WA 98275	A	AP	09/08/2004	06/30/2006
		Terms Served	01		
		Position	a member		
		Comments	General Public		

Pos. #	Name and Address	Status	Race	Appointed	Expires
012	Lawrence Kim, Elliot 1478 McNeil Street DuPont, WA 98327	A	AP	07/01/2003	06/30/2006
		Terms Served	02		
		Position	a member		
		Comments	General Public		