



Michigan Asian Pacific American Affairs Commission Strategic Plan 2012

History:

Ever since the tragic case of Vincent Chin took place in 1982, the Michigan Asian Pacific Americans longed to have a voice. In 2009, the first permanent Asian Pacific American Affairs Commission in Michigan (MAPAAC) was established.

Before MAPAAC was created by the Governor and the Michigan legislators, Governor Jennifer Granholm established the Governor's Advisory Council on Asian Pacific American Affairs (ACAPAA) within the Department of Civil Rights by an Executive Order in 2005. The purpose of the council was to advise the Governor and the Department of Civil Rights on policy matters pertaining to Asian and Pacific Americans (APAs) in Michigan.

In 2009, Governor Granholm, in Executive Reorganization Order 2009-16, transferred powers and duties of ACAPAA to MAPAAC, thereby abolishing the advisory council. The APA community yearned to have a permanent entity, so that future generations would have continuous representation in the state government. Thanks to the determination and hard work of the APA community leaders, elected officials, and the ACAPAA appointees, that dream came true in 2009 with the passage of HB 6172 in the House. MAPAAC brought about the beginning of a new era for the Asian Pacific Americans in Michigan. The most notable difference between an advisory council and a legislatively mandated commission is that such a commission is a permanent entity in the state government, not affected by the changing administration.

Prior to the Granholm administration, Governor Blanchard created the Governor's Asian American Advisory Commission in 1986 through an Executive Order. Governor Engler established the Michigan Commission on Asia in the Schools in 2002 to assess Michigan school students' exposure to information about the Asian region.

Under the "Asian Pacific American Commissions Act" (HB 6172), the Commission is to do the following:

- a) Stimulate and encourage the study and review of the status of Asian Pacific Americans in this state.

- b) Develop a unified policy and plan of action to serve the needs of Asian Pacific Americans in this state.
- c) Advise the governor, the legislature, and the office concerning the coordination and administration of state programs serving Asian Pacific Americans.
- d) Make recommendations to the governor and legislature regarding changes in state programs, statutes, and policies.
- e) Advise the governor and legislature of the nature, magnitude, and priorities of the problems of Asian Pacific Americans in this state
- f) Review and advise the governor and the legislature on this state's policies concerning Asian Pacific American affairs.
- g) Secure appropriate recognition of Asian Pacific American accomplishments and contributions to this state.
- h) Review and approve the annual report by the office of Asian Pacific American affairs.
- i) Make recommendations to the governor and legislature regarding methods of overcoming discrimination against Asian Pacific Americans in public and private employment and civil and political rights.
- j) Work to ensure equal access to all levels of education for Asian Pacific Americans.
- k) Promote methods to ensure equal access to state services for Asian Pacific Americans.
- l) Cooperate with and coordinate activities with the commission on Spanish-speaking affairs, the Michigan women's commission, and any other commission that deals with minority or ethnic affairs.
- m) Monitor, evaluate, investigate, advocate, and initiate programs for the betterment of Asian Pacific Americans in this state.
- n) Serve as a reporting agency for incidents of anti-Asian and anti-Pacific islander American harassment in this state.
- o) Promote public awareness of Asian and Pacific Islander cultures.

Mission Statement:

The Michigan Asian Pacific American Affairs Commission's mission is to advance the full and equal participation of Asian Pacific Americans in the building of a greater Michigan.

Vision Statement:

The Michigan Asian Pacific American Affairs Commission's vision is to be an exemplary commission by adding public value to the State of Michigan and the APA community, by fully engaging APAs across the state.

Value Statement:

To collaborate, promote, and actively participate to make Michigan a greater place for everyone.

The following pages include the 2012 goals and strategies that the Commission has identified in an effort to achieve its mission and support the Global Michigan Initiative:

Business Development Committee

Committee members: EhsanTaqbeem (Chair) L.G. Almeda, Mamatha Chamarthi, Tack-Yong Kim, Anand Kumar, Leslie Wong, Peter Wong

Goal	Objectives	Measures	Progress
1. Coordinate a successful Panel Discussion, by inviting Asian Pacific Entrepreneurs during May 22 Celebration at the Capitol Rotunda 2. Encourage Foreign Investment, using EB5 Investor Program for Michigan 3. Offer Community Based Entrepreneurship Training for Asian Pacific Communities	a. Bring awareness of their concerns to Michigan Legislature and State Agencies b. New investment to Michigan business for growth c. Offer FastTrac for entrepreneurship by working with MI-SBTDC and other Universities	Invite min 5 different business owners from Asian Pacific community \$1M by creating 10 jobs in Michigan 15 graduates from the Training	

Community Development Committee

Committee Members: William Dechavez (Chair), Marilyn Nagano Schlieff (Co-Chair), Hannah Felkema, Guozhen Lu, Ernestina Mac, Jeffrey Vang.

Goal	Objectives	Measures	Progress
1. Promote public awareness of APA cultures by reaching out to various communities in Michigan. 2. Secure appropriate recognition of APA accomplishments and contributions to the state.	a. Coordinate the annual APA Heritage Month Celebration at the Capitol by working with different APA communities and organizations. b. Request from State Legislators a State Proclamation designating May as Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. a. Hold an Annual MAPAAC Gala Dinner to recognize the contributions of organizations and individuals in Michigan.		

Social and Civic Services Committee

Committee Members: Tsu-Yin Wu (Chair), Ramesh Verma (Co-Chair), Nasim Ansari, Connie Dang, Mumtaz Haque, Roland Hwang, Clyde Wu

Goal	Objectives	Measures	Progress
<p>1. Promote public awareness of APA communities and provide support for international students.</p>	<p>a. Conduct workshops to educate the staff in local/state offices about APA needs.</p> <p>b. Sponsor workshops for international students to address adjustment and retention issues (e.g., south Asian, Chinese, and other communities) in southeast and west MI.</p> <p>c. Meet with local legislators to increase awareness of APA communities.</p>	<p>List of workshops conducted/sponsored.</p> <p>List of workshops conducted/sponsored.</p> <p>List of location/date for the meetings.</p>	