

MEMORANDUM – DENVER AAPI COMMISSION

TO:	Denver City Council
FROM:	Office of Boards & Commissions
DATE:	4/23/25
PURPOSE:	Appointment for Denver AAPI Commission

Purpose of Commission:

The Denver Asian American Pacific Islander Commission (DAAPIC) serves as a support liaison and facilitator between the Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) community in Denver, the Agency for Human Rights and Community Partnerships and the office of the Mayor of Denver.

Further, it is the Commission's objective to act as catalyst, educator, collective voice, and respond to issues and/or advocate based on community assessment of need and create awareness and visibility of Asian American Pacific Islander community.

Appointment Process:

The Mayor appoints no less than 7 members and no more than 21 members and City Council confirms appointments for a term of 3 years.

Appointment Candidate:

Term: 6/1/2025-5/31/2028 or until a successor is duly appointed.

Summer Lee (Female, Asian), Founder/CEO Send HEPI (Immigration services for YA and adults to navigate life in the US)



Summer's journey began in Korea, moving from country to country, navigating language barriers, and learning to adapt and survive from the age of 8. In 2005, she came to the U.S. as an F-2 visa student and later lived under DACA, experiencing firsthand the challenges many immigrants face and eventually becoming a permanent resident in 2023. Summer's leads a life of service from supporting homeless shelters to environmental cleanups and donating her hair to children with hair loss. Additionally, Summer has a brother with autism which has further strengthened her passion for advocacy, inclusion, and her passion for empowering immigrants and strengthening communities.

Tri Nguyen (Male, Asian), Senior Technology Consultant BlackFin Group



Tri is a refugee from Vietnam and was sponsored to come to the U.S. in 1995. Tri's lived experience as a young refugee navigating a new city and country fueled his passion to make a difference in community, particularly for Asian/Pacific Islanders with similar migration stories. He believes that his personal experiences as a refugee has given him a unique "superpower" that many immigrants share—the ability to face adversity and overcome obstacles with grace, pride, and integrity. Currently, he is a proud partner with Convivir Colorado, a community organization founded by an undocumented immigrant to support youth impacted by migration.