

Mission

The Denver Asian American Pacific Islander Commission (DAAPIC) serves as a support liaison and facilitator between the 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 a catalyst, educator, collective voice, and respond to issues and/or advocate based on community assessment of need, and create awareness and visibility of the AAPI community to the community at large.

Statement of Purpose

The purpose of the Commission is to link the AAPI community and the Mayor's Office, Agency for Human Rights and Community Relations and other City Agencies and Offices and to respond to emerging issues of importance to the Denver AAPI communities in areas most critical including but not limited to education, mental health, cultural acculturation, immigration and integration.

Goals

- Enhance the infrastructure of DAAPIC
- Increase the visibility of DAAPIC
- Connect AAPIs to opportunities, resources and tools
- Identify and advocate for AAPI community members

Major Projects

2017 AAPI Listening Session

In order to better address the issues of the AAPI community, DAAPIC plans to host a listening session in early 2017. During this listening session, AAPI service providers will give testimony on those issues/problems they feel are affecting the AAPI community in the Denver/metro area. The results of the listening session will be used to guide the commission's work.

#AAPIvisible Showcase

#AAPIvisible is a photo project two years in the making, which is finally culminating in a showcase at Corky Gonzales Library. Through #AAPIvisible, DAAPIC aimed to celebrate the many voices of AAPIs through capturing narratives from AAPI communities to dispel myths, educate, and explore the diverse experiences of the AAPI community.

Additional Highlights

DAAPIC newsletter – In response to multiple requests for Commission updates, DAAPIC's first newsletter was published in mid-October of 2016. The second edition was just released on January 12th.

DAAPIC AAPI Resource Guide – Created to connect AAPI community members with services and programs

Recurring Meetings

DAAPIC meets the third Wednesday of every month from 6pm-7:30pm at the Daniels Fund, 101 Monroe St, Denver, CO 80206.

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