



JOHN R. KASICH
GOVERNOR
STATE OF OHIO

Executive Order 2011-09K

Establishing the Ohio Asian American Pacific Islander Advisory Council

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio has a rich tradition of ethnic and cultural diversity, prides itself on the diversity of its citizens, and is committed to addressing the needs of ethnically diverse populations, particularly in the areas of health, education, and economic development.

WHEREAS, my Administration is committed to making all state services, benefits and opportunities available to Ohioans without discriminating on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, age, or ancestry.

WHEREAS, according to the 2009 American Community Survey (ACS) (the "Survey"), the State of Ohio's Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) population is 221,087; having increased by 40% between 2000 and 2009, it is one of Ohio's fastest growing demographic groups.

WHEREAS, the Survey defines "Asians" as "[a] person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent. It includes people who indicate their race as Asian Indian, Chinese, Filipino, Japanese, Korean, Vietnamese, Hmong, Pakistani, Thai, or Cambodian."

WHEREAS, the Survey defines "Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders" as "[a] person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or Other Pacific Islands. It includes people who indicate their race as Native Hawaiian, Guamanian or Chamorro, Samoan, Other Pacific Islander, Fijian, Tongan, or Marshallese."

WHEREAS, according to national and state population reports, the majority of Ohio's AAPI population live in metropolitan areas (i.e., approximately 32% of Ohio's total AAPI population live in Franklin County; approximately 29% of Ohio's total AAPI population reside in Cuyahoga and Summit Counties; approximately 11% of Ohio's total AAPI population live in Hamilton County; and, approximately 9% of Ohio's total AAPI population reside in Montgomery and Clark Counties).

WHEREAS, according to the Survey, Asian Indians comprise the largest Asian ethnic subgroup in Ohio (29% of Ohio's AAPI population), followed by: Chinese Americans (22% of Ohio's AAPI population); Filipino Americans (9.3% of Ohio's AAPI population); Korean Americans (8.9% of Ohio's AAPI population); Vietnamese Americans (7.6% of Ohio's AAPI population); and Japanese (5.0% of Ohio's AAPI population).

WHEREAS, according to the Survey, Ohio's Pacific Islander population is 0.1% of the State's total population (most of whom are Hawaiians and Guamanian Americans).

WHEREAS, in 2007, Governor Strickland established an Ohio Asian American Pacific Islander Advisory Council in a Directive to the Governor's Office of Global Relations.

WHEREAS, because Governor Strickland's Office of Global Relations ceased to exist at the end of his administration, uncertainty has developed as to whether that council continues to exist.

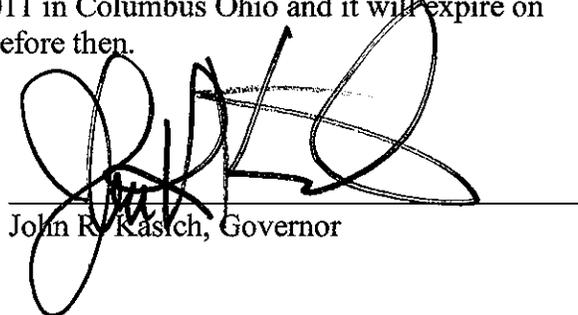
NOW, THEREFORE, I, John R. Kasich, Governor of the State of Ohio, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of this State, do hereby order and direct that:

1. The Ohio Asian American Pacific Islander Advisory Council (the "Council") is hereby established and shall advise my Administration on matters of concern to Ohio's AAPI population.
2. The Council shall consist of not more than thirty (30) individuals, all of whom I will appoint and will serve at my pleasure. The Council membership shall consist of individuals who have been or are presently serving Ohio's AAPI community in any of the following capacities:
 - a. In private industry;
 - b. In governmental service;
 - c. As a scholar or recognized achievement in the study of AAPI matters; and
 - d. Individuals concerned about issues of importance to Ohio's AAPI population.
3. The Council shall include representatives from all regions of the State and, if possible, include at least one (1) member of each ethnic group included in the ACS's definition of "Asian" and "Pacific Islander".
4. I will designate one member to serve as the Chairperson of the Council. A majority of the Council may appoint a vice-chairperson, if necessary.
5. Members of the Council shall serve without compensation.
6. No later than December 31 of each year, the Council shall submit a final written report to me addressing issues specific to Ohio's AAPI population, and make recommendations to me and each cabinet-level state agency, board, and commission that provides services to Ohio's AAPI population on how to best accomplish each of the following:
 - a. Improve access to state programs and services for Ohio's AAPI citizens;

- b. Encourage culturally relevant opportunities in areas of particular interest to Ohio's AAPI community (i.e., education, faith, and art);
 - c. Improve communication with the members of Ohio's AAPI community on state matters related to their native countries;
 - d. Promote participation by members of Ohio's AAPI communities in, and help increase the awareness of, minority business assistance programs offered by state agencies;
 - e. Reach out to Ohio's AAPI citizens and give them opportunities, as they arise, to participate on policy-making, planning, and decision-making bodies;
 - f. Increase opportunities for health screenings of Asians and Pacific Islanders;
 - g. Develop community health education efforts to increase awareness and knowledge of chronic illnesses and mental health conditions affecting Ohio's AAPI community and any available treatment plans;
 - h. Encourage compliance with such prescribed treatment plans and culturally relevant approaches to treatment; and
 - i. Help increase awareness regarding Asian Pacific Islander Heritage Month in May, Asian festivals, and other AAPI activities throughout Ohio.
7. The Governor's Director of Minority Affairs and Director of Boards and Commissions shall provide oversight and policy guidance to the appropriate state agencies, boards and commissions on how to best implement the objectives of this Executive Order and any particular recommendations from the Council's reports.
8. The appropriate state departments, agencies, boards, commissions, and officers shall cooperate and provide the necessary assistance requested by the Council, or any member or representative thereof, in the performance of its duties.

I signed this Executive Order on May 27, 2011 in Columbus Ohio and it will expire on my last day as Governor of Ohio unless rescinded before then.




John R. Kasich, Governor

ATTEST:

Jon Husted, Secretary of State