



COUNCIL OF ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICANS

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**CAPA Plays Significant Role in Governor Granholm's Newly Created
'Governor's Advisory Council on Asian and Pacific American Affairs'**

On May 4, 2005, in conjunction with the Asian Pacific American (APA) Heritage Month, Governor Granholm appointed 29 APA leaders throughout the state of Michigan to the Governor's Advisory Council on Asian and Pacific American Affairs (ACAPAA).

Six (6) CAPA Advisory Board members are appointed to serve as members of the Council. They are Dr. Sook Wilkinson, Nati Jenks, Dr. Ernie Mac, Dominic Pangborn, Dr. Marie Weng, and Peter Wong. Roland Hwang on the Council is a CAPA member. Dr. Sook Wilkinson, the immediate Past President of CAPA, is appointed to chair the ACAPAA by the Governor.

Rep. Hoon-Yung Hopgood contributed significantly in the Council's formation.

The Council, created by Executive Order 2005-10, is charged with serving in an advisory capacity to the Governor and alerting her to pertinent issues within the Asian and Pacific American community. It will also make recommendations about programs and policies for the betterment of Asian and Pacific Islanders in Michigan and will help promote public awareness of Asian and Pacific American culture and accomplishments.

The Council will work through the Michigan Department of Civil Rights and will meet as quickly as possible to activate the members and begin the work. The Council represents all Asian and Pacific Americans in Michigan.

URL to the Press Release from the Office of the Governor,
<http://www.michigan.gov/gov/0,1607,7-168-23442-117290--,00.html>.

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