

# **CAPA L.S. Summit 2011**

## **Afternoon Session: Report-Out (Table discussions)**

### **1. What can Michigan do to attract more Asians to invest and to live here?**

- Create awareness and publicize the world class education system (pre-K-college) system in MI; jobs; the business environment and low cost of living
- Offer in-state tuition for out of state students
- Create a competitive healthcare system, good public transportation, and safe neighborhoods for the citizens; subsidize homeownership
- Enhance opportunities for small business
- Create free market zones to invest in MI
- Create incentives for immigrants and make it attractive for bilinguals
- Translate some of the websites highlighting MI into different languages
- Create a specific bureau catering to Asian businesses coming to MI
- Give tax incentives for businesses and create a one stop shop (legal, state...)
- Faster track citizenship process and easier access to VISA. Encourage families to move.
- Advocacy for better immigration rights (driver licenses...)
- Against anti-immigration bills (form coalition)
- Let immigrant population know that America is the best place to LIVE
- Attract qualified professionals
- Community outreach and use social media for promoting the positives of Michigan (quality of life, support groups etc.)
- Other positives of MICHIGAN: the fresh water & resources and natural beauty in MICHIGAN (seasonal change...)
- Spotlight the role models in the community
- Promote Asian products through media campaigns (radio, TV, film, internet, yellow pages)
- Having an org like CAPA!!!

## **2. What are some opportunities for us to collaborate to revitalize Michigan's business, health, education, civics, and culture?**

- More collaboration among Asian orgs. Share & promote events with others.
- Set up brainstorming-groups; survey- feedback from community
- Create a networking effort, encourage and build relationships with other orgs.
- More events (festivals, fairs...) ,talent show competitions among groups
- Create exchange programs, scholarships, co-host activities together
- Develop foreign language curriculum (public schools)
- Create more outlets (international student academy)
- Collaborate to do voter registration drives and healthcare expos
- Have better communication with other organizations and follow up action
- Volunteer with each other's activities
- Have intergenerational activities!

## **3. How can we increase our cross-organizational collaboration?**

- All organizations should combine to create long- term objectives for MI- Global Detroit and think Michigan- One Vision & Mission
- Regular, bigger summits; mentorship; partnering youth & experts in the industries; internships; increased scholarships; improve networking among Asian groups
- Promotional programs- different Asian communities
- Get technical guidance
- More leadership programs and opportunities like summit (statewide)
- City/suburbs should promote cultural activities
- Cross cultural events (food, social networking, volunteering, positive communication)
- Use social media...
- Similar missions should come together
- Join forces and continue participating with other groups not just Asian groups
- Create a directory list (function & mission)
- Roundtable organization visits and more meetings within organizations