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EIGHT YEAR PERFORMANCE REPORT

1985 - 1992



*EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S "REPORT CARD"*

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Asian-Pacific  
Minnesotans**

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**September 1993**

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In compliance with the 1993 Legislature Annual Performance Report (Chapter 192) requirement, the Governor's Minnesota Milestones "Report Card", and the Minnesota Statute 3,9226, subd 7, we are pleased to furnish you with the attached Eight-year Report of the State Council on Asian-Pacific Minnesotans covering the following period:

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October 1993



## The State Council on Asian-Pacific Minnesotans \*

### OUR COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

The State Council consists of 17 members. Thirteen members are appointed by the Governor who are broadly representative of the Asian-Pacific Community of the State. In addition, two members of the House of Representatives are appointed under the rules of the House, and two members of the Senate are appointed under the rules of the Senate, serve as non-voting members of the State Council.

### 14 LEGISLATIVE MANDATES

The duties of the State Council are as follows:

- I. Advise the Governor and the Legislature on issues confronting the Asian-Pacific people in this State, including the unique problems of non-English-speaking immigrants and refugees;
- II. Advise the Governor and the Legislature of Administrative and Legislative changes necessary to insure Asian-Pacific people access to benefits and services provided to the people in this State;
- III. Recommend to the Governor and the Legislature any revisions in the State's Affirmative Action Program and other steps necessary to eliminate the under-utilization of Asian-Pacific people in the State's work force;
- IV. Recommend to the Governor and the Legislature legislation designed to improve the Economic and Social conditions of the Asian-Pacific people in this State;

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- V. Serve as a conduit to State Government for organizations of Asian-Pacific people in this State;
- VI. Serve as a Referral Agency to assist Asian-Pacific people in securing access to state agencies and programs;
- VII. Serve as a Liaison with the Federal Government, the Local Government units and Private Organizations on matters relating to the Asian-Pacific people of this State;
- VIII. Perform or contract for the performance of studies designed to suggest solutions to the problems of Asian-Pacific people in the areas of Education, Employment, Human Rights, Health, Housing, Social Welfare, and other related areas;
- IX. Implement programs designed to solve the problems of Asian-Pacific people when authorized by other law;
- X. Publicize the accomplishments of Asian-Pacific people and their contributions to this State;
- XI. Work with other State and Federal Agencies and Organizations to develop Small Business Opportunities and promote Economic Development for Asian-Pacific Minnesotans;
- XII. Supervise the development of an Asian-Pacific Trade Primer, outlining Asian and Pacific Customs, Cultural Traditions, and Business Practices, including Language Usage for the use of Minnesota's Export Community;
- XIII. Cooperate with other State and Federal Agencies and organizations to develop improved State Trade Relations with Asian and Pacific Countries; and
- XIV. Review of Grant Applications and Budget Requests - State Departments and Agencies shall consult with the Council concerning any application for federal money that will have primary effect on Asian-Pacific Minnesotans before development of the Application. The Council shall advise the Governor and the Commissioner of Finance concerning any State Agency Request that will have its primary effect on Asian-Pacific Minnesotans.

## THE ASIAN-PACIFIC POPULATION

Under the 1990 Census the Asian-Pacific population in USA increased by 107.8%, in Minnesota by 193.5% and with a total population of 77,886 the Asian-Pacific community is now the second largest minority in the State. We have estimated approximately over 25,000 undercounted from special populations - adopted children, unaccompanied minors, Amerasians, and non-English speaking ethnic groups.

## ASIAN-PACIFIC COMMUNITIES WE SERVE \*\*

The Council serves over 42 Asian-Pacific Ethnic Communities, namely -

Afghanistan	Asian-Russian
Australia	Bangladesh
Belau	Bhutan
Brunei	Cambodia
China	Gilbert Islands
Guam	Hmong
Hong Kong	India
Indonesia	Japan
Korea	Laos
Malaysia	Maldiv Islands
Maori	Marianas
Marshall Islands	Melanesia
Mongolia	Myanmar
Nepal	New Guinea
New Zealand	Okinawa
Pakistan	Philippines
Polynesia	Samoa
Singapore	Taiwan
Sri Lanka	Thailand
Tibet	Tonga
Vanuatu	Vietnam

\* partial list

## COUNCIL ON ASIAN-PACIFIC MINNESOTANS

1992

### 1. COUNCIL COMMUNITY FORUMS

#### A. Girl Scout Council Of St. Croix Valley

The Council endorsed the girl scout program and invited the Girl Scout Council of St. Croix Valley to participate in the Asian-Pacific Heritage Month by organizing a Girl Scout Tour Mobile.

#### B. Peace Corps

The Minnesota Peace Corps Recruiting Office addressed the Council to request assistance in recruiting Asian-Pacific volunteers to join the Peace Corps with assignment in Asia and the Pacific. The council provided the Recruiting Office with various community events to participate in its recruitment program.

#### C. Minnesota Safety Council

The Council indicated to the Minnesota Safety Council its support for the training courses to prevent accidents and the safety programs for children, parents, neighborhood and law enforcement agencies. The Council urged the Minnesota Safety Council to publish bilingual literature for the Asian-Pacific community.

### 2. COUNCIL GRANTS - \$5,500.00

The Council received the following grants:

- A. \$500.00 - from the Minnesota State Lottery as a co-sponsor of the Asian-Pacific Heritage Month
- B. \$5,000.00 - from the Minnesota Department of Human Services to raise an awareness and recruit Asian-Pacific Minnesotans in the area of foster care and adoptive services through outreach and education.

### 3. STAFF STATUS CHANGE

The Council unanimously approved the recommendation to change status of the staff from "Unclassified" to "Classified" to remove the staff from political influence and also to restrict the Council from engaging in partisan politics which may prove detrimental to the Council's role as an advocate for the Asian-Pacific community.

### 4. ASIAN-AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF MINNESOTA

The Council reviewed and approved recommendations to "privatize" the Chamber within four years and secure private funding from corporations, foundations and membership fees. The Chamber will be re-structured as a non-profit, tax exempt organization with its own by-laws, policies and procedures.

### 5. PERFORMANCE-BASED EVALUATION

The Council reviewed the process of conducting a joint performance-based evaluation of the executive director by the Legislature and the Governor which is tied to biennium budget recommendations. The Council evaluates the working committees and task forces and the executive director presents the Council's programs and services before the various legislative committees - House of Representatives and the Senate - and finally to the Governor for appropriate action, with Minnesota Milestone as standards of measuring performance.

### 6. ASIAN-PACIFIC VOTER EDUCATION-REGISTRATION PROGRAM

The Council initiated the Asian-Pacific Education-Registration Program which consists of three parts: (1) Voter Education Program, (2) Meet Your Candidates Forum, and (3) Voter Registration Program.

### 7. ECONOMIC-BUSINESS-CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

Representatives of Western Bank and the Dale-University Area presented their economic plans to the Council which includes a redevelopment program for the Dale-University Area in the City of Saint Paul. The group submitted a Request for Proposal and won the competition for a plan which addressed the diverse population of the area which covers 32 blocks with 5 churches and 73% home owners. The project will revitalize an 18 mile long and 45,000 square foot wide to create a Multicultural Center with a Performing Arts Center - a real people place.

### 8. ASIAN-PACIFIC CHORAL GROUP

The Council was entertained with Chinese and Russian songs and received a proposal for the formation of the Asian-Pacific Choral Group which will debut at the Asian-Pacific Heritage Month Celebration.

### 9. ASIAN-PACIFIC CIVIL-HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

Representatives of the Minnesota Department of Human Rights submitted a proposal to the Council for the formation of the Asian-Pacific Civil and Human Rights Commission. The Council in order to advance the proposal created an Asian-Pacific Civil and Human Rights Task Force with a primary



mission of creating the proposed Commission which will be provided technical assistance by the Minnesota Department of Human Rights.

#### 10. ASIAN-PACIFIC HEALTH-HUMAN SERVICES CENTER

The Council reviewed a proposal for the development of the Asian-Pacific Health and Human Services Center - world class health-human services facility which is multi-purpose and wholistic in nature. The Council referred the proposal to the Health and Human Services Task Force for study, recommendation and appropriate action.

#### 11. ASIAN-PACIFIC LAW SCHOLARSHIP FUND

A proposal for the development of an Asian-Pacific Law Scholarship Fund to provide financial assistance to the "truly needy" Asian-Pacific students who wish to pursue the study of law was endorsed by the Council.

#### 12. ASIAN-PACIFIC HERITAGE CENTER

A "concept proposal" for the building of an Asian-Pacific Heritage Center was presented which provides housing in the upper floors and the lower floors for offices, retail stores and a cultural exhibit area. The Council approved the creation of three standing committees to implement the plan: (1) Steering Committee, (2) Real Estate Committee, and (3) Finance Committee.

#### 13. ASIAN-PACIFIC TRADE MISSION

The Council sponsored two trade missions to Asia and the Pacific, namely -

- A. August 1992 - trade mission to Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia and Thailand
- B. November 1992 - Governor's trade mission to Hong Kong, China, Taiwan, Korea and Japan.

#### 14. ASIAN-PACIFIC VOTERS CONVENTION

On October 24, 1992 the Council sponsored the Asian-Pacific Voters Convention and Meet Your Candidates Forum which was attended by over 100 community leaders and candidates. The forum provided the opportunity for candidates to be informed of issues affecting the Asian-Pacific community, and likewise, for the community to be informed of the candidates' political agenda.

#### 15. BOARD OF REGENTS, UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

The Council urged the Asian-Pacific community to apply for five openings in the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota - congressional districts

2, 3, 8 and two At Large seats. To-date no Asian-Pacific person has served on the UM Board of Regents.

#### 14. OUTSTANDING PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD - Dr. Albert V. de Leon

On November 22, 1992 the Council's Executive Director was awarded the 1992 Donald D. Carroll Outstanding Public Service Award by the Metropolitan Council for "demonstrating on a sustained basis **Leadership, Integrity, Grace under Pressure, and a Sense of Humor.**" Dr. de Leon dedicated his \$1000 Cash Award for the creation of the **Asian-American Foundation** to provide scholarships to Asian-Pacific needy students.

#### 15. COUNCIL-COMMUNITY NETWORKING COALITION - 229

The Council participated in the following meetings as part of its community networking coalition program with public-private sector agencies:

- 1) "A World of Difference", A Statewide Campaign Against Discrimination
  - o The Anti-Defamation League
  - o Jewish Community Relations Council
  - o KSTP TV
  - o Minnesota Coalition To Celebrate Our Differences
  - o Timberwolves Foundation
- 2) "Concert for the Cities - HARMONY"
- 3) "In-Home Health Services"/MidAmerica Healthcare Corporation
- 4) "Moving Children From Risk Towards Resiliency"/University of Minnesota
- 5) "Political Action"/National Asian Pacific American Bar Association
- 6) "Staying Power" St. Paul Initiative
- 7) "Working Through Our Differences" Workshop
  - o Mixed Blood Theater
  - o Honeywell's Department of Workforce Diversity
- 8) ACCESS Program/Minnesota Department of Education
- 9) Affirmative Action Advisory Committee, City of Saint Paul
- 10) Affirmative Action Council/Governor Carlson-Lieutenant Governor Dyrstad
- 11) AIDS Substance Abuse Partnership
- 12) Alliance for a Drug-Free Minnesota
- 13) Alternate Disposition Committee
- 14) American Cancer Society, Inc./Minnesota Division
- 15) American Cancer Society, Inc./Ramsey Unit
- 16) American Refugee Committee
- 17) Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Information Session/Minnesota Department of Employee Relations
- 18) Anytown-Minnesota Advisory Committee, The National Conference of Christians and Jews, Inc.
- 19) Area Agency on Aging Advisory Committee/ Metropolitan Council
- 20) Asian American Student Cultural Center/University of Minnesota
- 21) Asian Awareness Week/Macalester College
- 22) Asian Business & Community News
- 23) Asian Heritage Festival

- 24) Asian Heritage/Metropolitan State University
- 25) Asian Pages
- 26) Asian-American Chamber of Commerce of Minnesota
- 27) Asian-Pacific Heritage Celebration
- 28) Asian-Pacific Learner Task Force
- 29) Augsburg College
- 30) Black, Indian, Hispanic, Asian (BIHA) Women in Action
- 31) Board of Director, The Loft
- 32) Board of Directors, Minnesota Minority Education Partnership, Inc.
- 33) Cable Access St. Paul, Inc.
- 34) Camp Fire Boys and Girls, Minnesota Lakes Council, Inc.
- 35) CAPCAN Steering Committee
- 36) Census Project/The Urban Coalition
- 37) Center for School Changes/University of Minnesota
- 38) Centre for Asian and Pacific Islanders
- 39) Chicanos Latinos Unidos En Servicio (CLUES)
- 40) Children's Focus Group/Minnesota Department of Human Services
- 41) Children's Justice Act State Task Force/Minnesota Department of Human Services
- 42) Citizens Budget and Finance Advisory Committee/St. Paul Public Schools
- 43) Citizens Council
- 44) Citizens' Long Range Space Planning Advisory Committee
- 45) Civil Rights Conference Planning Committee
- 46) Coalition for Action to Prevent Child Abuse and Neglect
- 47) College of Saint Benedict
- 48) Committee on State Spending/Citizens League
- 49) Community Advisory Board, Grand Metropolitan
- 50) Community Relations Committee, Girls Scout Council of St. Croix Valley
- 51) Community Relations Service, Midwest Region/U.S. Department of Justice
- 52) Como Park High School Multicultural Group/St. Paul Public Schools
- 53) Continuing Education and Outreach/Normandale Community College
- 54) CORE Human Resources Advisory Council/Minnesota Department of Employee Relations
- 55) Councils of Color/Social Service Administration Division, Minnesota Department of Human Services
- 56) Counter-Racism Committee/The Urban Coalition
- 57) Criminal Justice Institute, Continuing Education/ Minnesota State Bar Association
- 58) Cultural Society of Filipino Americans
- 59) Day Care Facilities/Minnesota Department of Human Services
- 60) Desegregation/Integration Monitoring Committee/ Minneapolis Public Schools
- 61) Diversity Training Model/University of Saint Thomas
- 62) Division Board of Directors, American Cancer Society-Minnesota Division
- 63) Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Annual Celebration/ City of Minneapolis
- 64) Education Visioning Group
- 65) Eighth Annual Conference on Human Rights
- 66) Employment Initiative Task Force/Minnesota Department of Transportation

- 67) Environmental Education Planning Meeting/Office of Environmental Education, Minnesota Department of Education
- 68) Ethnic American Day Committee, State of Minnesota
- 69) Executive Committee/Minnesota Minority Education Partnership, Inc.
- 70) Festival of India/The India Club of Minnesota
- 71) Filipino Community Organizations Leaders' Meeting
- 72) Finance Subcommittee/Minnesota Minority Education Partnership
- 73) Fiscal Division/Minnesota Department of Administration
- 74) Four Winds Community School, City of Minneapolis
- 75) Funding for Community & School Prevention & Intervention Initiatives
- 76) Girl Scout Council of St. Croix Valley
- 77) GNP, Inc.
- 78) Governor's Advisory Commission on the Prevention of Unintended Pregnancy
- 79) Governor's Children's Sub-Cabinet
- 80) Governor's Council on the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
- 81) Haiv Hmoob, Inc.
- 82) Health and Human Services Committee/Minnesota House of Representatives
- 83) Healty Roots: A Follow-up Conference/University of Minnesota
- 84) Hepatitis B Coalition of Minnesota
- 85) Highland Elementary School, Apple Valley, Minnesota
- 86) HIV-AIDS Chemical Dependency Prevention-Child Protection Conference, Rochester, Minnesota
- 87) HIV-AIDS-Chemical Dependency Prevention-Child Protection-Multicultural Conference, Duluth, Minnesota
- 88) Human Development Studies/Saint Paul Technical College
- 89) Human Resources Division of Appropriation/ Minnesota House of Representatives
- 90) Human Rights Commission, City of Roseville
- 91) Human Rights Commission, City of Saint Paul
- 92) Human Rights Department, City of Saint Paul
- 93) Implementation Working Group/Minnesota Minority Education Partnership
- 94) Independent School District 196, Rosemount, Minnesota
- 95) Indian Child Welfare Council
- 96) Infant Mortality/Children's Home Society
- 97) Integration Review Committee/St. Paul Public Schools
- 98) Interagency Adult Learning Advisory Council/Minnesota Department of Education
- 99) Introduction to Human Relations/Lakewood Community College
- 100) Jewish Community Relations Council
- 101) Job Skills & Training Cluster, Governor's Urban and Minority Employment Initiative/Minnesota Department of Job and Training
- 102) Judiciary Committee on Violence Prevention/ Minnesota House of Representative
- 103) Korea Economic Institute of America
- 104) Korean Association of Minnesota
- 105) KTCA Report on Political Redistricting - Channels 2 & 17
- 106) Lakewood Community College
- 107) Lakewood Community College Foundation
- 108) Lead Poisoning Prevention/Minnesota House of Representatives



- 109) Leadership Forum, Ramsey County
- 110) Legislative Cultural Diversity and Racism Training Task Force/Minnesota House of Representatives
- 111) Longfellow Humanities Magnet School, Saint Paul
- 112) Mayor Donald M. Fraser, City of Minneapolis
- 113) Menninger Youth Program of Minnesota
- 114) Metropolitan and Community Development Subcommittee/Metropolitan Council
- 115) Metropolitan Area Agency on Aging/Metropolitan Council
- 116) Metropolitan Council
- 117) Metropolitan State University
- 118) Metropolitan System Subcommittee/Metropolitan Council
- 119) Minneapolis Advisory Committee on Drug and Alcohol Problems
- 120) Minneapolis Aquatennial
- 121) Minnesota 2000, Office of the Governor, State of Minnesota
- 122) Minnesota 2000: A Community Initiative to Educate Our Children/Rosemount Middle School, Rosemount, Minnesota
- 123) Minnesota Academic Excellence Foundation
- 124) Minnesota Advisory Committee, United States Commission on Civil Rights
- 125) Minnesota Affirmative Action Conference
- 126) Minnesota AIDS Pledge Walk
- 127) Minnesota American Indian Chamber of Commerce
- 128) Minnesota Board on Aging
- 129) Minnesota Cancer Surveillance System/Minnesota Department of Health
- 130) Minnesota Chemical Dependency Association
- 131) Minnesota Coalition for Economic Access
- 132) Minnesota Council on Black Minnesotans
- 133) Minnesota Cultural Diversity Center
- 134) Minnesota Department of Education
- 135) Minnesota Department of Finance
- 136) Minnesota Department of Health
- 137) Minnesota Department of Human Services
- 138) Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
- 139) Minnesota Higher Education Coordinating Board
- 140) Minnesota Independent School Fund Diversity Project/Minnesota Minority Education Partnership
- 141) Minnesota Indian Affairs Council
- 142) Minnesota Minority Council Directors
- 143) Minnesota Minority Education Partnership, Inc.
- 144) Minnesota Retiree Volunteer Center
- 145) Minnesota Safety and Health Conference
- 146) Minnesota Safety Council, Inc.
- 147) Minnesota Senate
- 148) Minnesota State Council on Disability
- 149) Minnesota Trade Office
- 150) Minnesota Working Capital Fund
- 151) Minnesota Youth At Risk Program
- 152) Minority Issues Advisory Committee/Metropolitan Council
- 153) Minority Senior Network
- 154) Mission Effectiveness Month/Bethesda Lutheran Hospital
- 155) New Commissioner Orientation-Instructional Plan/ Minnesota Department of Employee Relations

- 156) New University and Dale Committee
- 157) North Hennepin Chamber of Commerce
- 158) Office for School, College and Community Relations/University of Minnesota
- 159) Ombudsperson for Child Protection Advisory Board
- 160) Operation De Novo, Inc./Hennepin County Pre-Trial Division
- 161) Outcome Based Education Discussion/Minnesota Minority Education Partnership, Inc.
- 162) Outcomes-Budgeting & Performance Measurement/ Minnesota Department of Finance
- 163) Parenting Seminar III/Fil-Minnesotan Association
  - o Center for Youth, Development and Research
  - o Filipino American Women's Network
  - o Institute for Youth Work
  - o The India Club of Minnesota
  - o Minneapolis YWCA
- 164) Philippine Study Group of Minnesota
- 165) Philippines-Minnesota Chamber of Commerce
- 166) Pluralism Advisory Committee/Minnesota State Arts Board
- 167) Plymouth Plaza Development Project/Ray Harris Company, Inc.
- 168) Police-Community Retreat, City of Minneapolis
- 169) Political Activity and Ethics-The Hatch Act/ Minnesota Department of Employee Relations
- 170) President's Asian Pacific Islander Advisory Committee/University of Minnesota
- 171) Presidential Choices 1992
- 172) Pro-Diversity Partnership/The Minneapolis Foundation
- 173) Project REACH Workshop, A Ministry of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis
- 174) Racial Bias Task Force/Minnesota Supreme Court
- 175) Racial Harrassment and Racial Bias Policy Task Force/Saint Paul Public Schools
- 176) Racial Harrassment in Isanti County/Regional Human Services Center, Cambridge, Minnesota
- 177) Racism and Equality Steering Group, Minnesota Planning
- 178) Ramsey Action Programs, Inc.
- 179) Ramsey County Communities Against Violence, The Second Community Leadership Forum
- 180) Ramsey HealthCare, Inc.
- 181) Regent Candidates Advisory Council
- 182) Regional Housing Guide Charter/Metropolitan Council
- 183) Religious Freedom Act Amendment
- 184) Richfield Senior High Schools, Richfield, Minnesota
- 185) SADBOC, Federal Executive Board of the Twin Cities
- 186) Saint John's University
- 187) Saint Olaf College
- 188) Saint Paul Area Chamber of Commerce
- 189) Saint Paul Police Department - Asian American Retreat
- 190) School Awareness Day/Breck School
- 191) Self-Evaluation Task Group/Girls Scout Council of St. Croix Valley
- 192) Small Business Development Center/University of Saint Thomas
- 193) Small Business Procurement Advisory Council/Minnesota Department of Administration
- 194) Southeast Asian Ethiopian Chemical Dependency Support Project

- 195) Southeast Asian Legal Education & Assistance Project
- 196) Special Olympics in Minnesota
- 197) Sri Lankan Association of Minnesota, Inc.
- 198) State Council on Vocational Technical Education
- 199) Stillwater Senior High School, Stillwater, Minnesota
- 200) Strategic Planning Process/Minnesota Department of Employee Relations
- 201) Success by 6 Cultural Diversity Committee/United Way
- 202) Symposium on Apprenticeship/Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry
- 203) Teen Pregnancy Steering Committee
- 204) Tenth Midwest Regional Men's Conference
- 205) The Fil-Minnesotan Association
- 206) The Honorable Bill Wilson, President, City Council, City of Saint Paul
- 207) The Honorable Hubert H. Humphrey, III, State Attorney General
- 208) The League of Minnesota Human Rights Commissions
- 209) The Loft Multicultural Committee
- 210) The National Association of Minority Contractors of Minnesota
- 211) The Prudential Insurance Company of America
- 212) The Urban Coalition
- 213) Thirty-Sixth Annual Brotherhood/Sisterhood Banquet
  - o National Conference of Christians and Jews, Minnesota-Dakota Region
- 214) Tibetan American Foundation of Minnesota
- 215) Time for Effective Action on Maltreatments of Minors Conference/University of Minnesota
- 216) Training Coordinators Meeting/Minnesota Department of Employee Relations
- 217) Twin Cities Metropolitan Dialogue/Minnesota Department of Transportation
- 218) Twin City Chinese Christian Church
- 219) United States Postal Service, Minneapolis Postal Data Center
- 220) United Way, City of Minneapolis
- 221) University of Minnesota
- 222) University of the Philippines Alumni in Minnesota
- 223) Upper-Midwest Native American Religious Freedom Coalition
- 224) Violence Free Minnesota
- 225) Vista Telephone
- 226) Wealth Accumulation and Preservation Workshop
  - o Dean Witter Reynolds, Inc.
  - o Gray, Plant, Mooty, Mooty & Bennet, P.A.
  - o CIGNA Individual Financial Services Company
- 227) Window on the World
- 228) Workforce Excellence Retreat
- 229) Workplace Cultures Curriculum Advisory Committee

- partial list -

## COUNCIL ON ASIAN-PACIFIC MINNESOTANS

## COUNCIL MEMBERS

1992

GOVERNOR APPOINTEES

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 AIDS Educator/Mankato  
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 AIDS Program Coordinator/Statewide  
 AIDS Educator/Rochester  
 Community Liaison Representative



## COUNCIL ON ASIAN-PACIFIC MINNESOTANS

1991

1. COUNCIL COMMUNITY FORUMSA) Asian-Pacific Writers Group

Representatives of the LOFT informed the Council of its plans to organize the Asian-Pacific Writers Group. The LOFT is a writers' membership organization of 2000 and offers classes in reading and writing and issues a monthly publication.

B) Minneapolis Institute Of Arts

Representatives from the Institute gave a report to the Council regarding the Chinese Arts Exhibit, and the Asian-Pacific Family Day on October 6, 1991. The Institute offered its facilities for future meeting of the Council.

C) The Mall Of America

Representatives of PCL Construction Services, Inc., builders of the "Mall of America" met with our Council to express their support of the Asian-American Chamber of Commerce of Minnesota. PCL conducted an "orientation meeting" for the Council and the Chamber in May 1991.

D) Civil Rights Protection

The Minneapolis Office of the FBI informed the Council of its role in Civil Rights Protection. The Office investigates individuals who violate the constitutional rights of all U.S. residents, not only U.S. citizens. The Office is an investigating branch of the U.S. Department of Justice and encouraged the Council to report any violations.

E) The Minnesota Parent Guide

Representatives of the Minnesota Higher Education Coordinating Board presented to the Council the "Minnesota Parent Guide" - a publication to guide parents on how to get ready and prepare for a child's higher education. The Council requested the Board to include pictures of Asian-Pacific students and an insert of contact persons from Asian-Pacific ethnic groups including the list of community leaders who can provide more detailed information regarding the program, and if necessary in their own Asian-Pacific languages.

F) Meridian National Bank

The management of Meridian National Bank hosted the November 21, 1991 Council meeting and submitted a report regarding their plans to reach out to the Asian-Pacific community. The bank management provided the Council members with their programs and services.

G) Wings Program

Representatives of the Wings Program introduced their Education Program for Children and Parents which is basically a personal learning system with young children (3-6 years old) designed to promote parents' involvement. The Council endorsed the program for the Asian-Pacific community.

H) Hands On Work (H.O.W.) PROGRAM

Hands On Work (H.O.W.) Program teaches skills through the manufacture and sale of products to a market of non-profit organizations, schools, churches and individuals. This program has been operating successfully at the Monroe community School. The Council supported the plans to establish an accredited, independent high school program under the auspices of parents, community and businesses.

2. COUNCIL GRANT

The Council received the following grant:

\$4,234.64 - from the Minnesota AIDS Project as the Council's share in participating in the 1991 MN AIDS Pledge Walk to support the HIV-AIDS Education-Prevention Program.

3. ASMAT PEOPLE OF IRIAN JAYA, INDONESIA

The Council participated in the Symposium on March 8-16, 1991 during the "Embodied Exhibit - Ritual Artistic Expression of the Asmat People of Irian Jaya, Indonesia held by the Bell Museum.

4. ASIAN-AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF MINNESOTA

The Chamber Officers met with representatives of MEDTRONIC and IDS regarding the possibility of participating in their "Loan Executive Programs" and inviting their representatives to assist our Chamber in the promotion of international trade and relations in Asia and the Pacific Rim countries.

5. ASIAN-PACIFIC HEALTH CENTER

The Council reviewed a proposal for the establishment of the Asian-Pacific Health Center similar to the Indian Health Center, the West St. Paul Health Center, and the Model Cities Health Center. This is a 5-year planning

project (1992-1996) utilizing our HIV-AIDS Education and Prevention Task Forces and our Asian-Pacific Health Professionals as planning groups.

6. **"PREPARING OUR CHILDREN FOR A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE"**

The Council co-sponsored the June 1-2, 1991 "Preparing Our Children for A World of Difference" with the support of public schools, parents and media, Human Rights Departments and elected officials.

7. **IMMIGRANT EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM**

The Council endorsed the "Immigrant Employment Program" which is intended to help all immigrants/refugees in getting a job.

8. **VIETNAMESE COMMUNITY LEADERS MEETING**

The Council met with Vietnamese Community Leaders to discuss the following issues; HIV-AIDS Education Prevention Program, Refugee Awareness Week, Asian-Pacific Heritage Month Celebration and support for the Vietnamese Traditional Musicians.

9. **SRI LANKAN COMMUNITY MEETING**

The Council met with representatives of the Sri Lankan community regarding the formation of the Sri Lankan Association and a possible seat of the community in the Council.

10. **MAY - ASIAN-PACIFIC HERITAGE MONTH**

The Council sponsored the May 1991 Asian-Pacific Heritage Month with co-sponsorships from the University of Minnesota, the Export-Import Discussion Group, the Australian-American Chamber of Commerce, Minnesota Lottery, Minnesota Institute of Arts, and the Asian-Pacific Learning Resource Center of the University of Minnesota.

11. **IMPERIAL SILKS OF THE CH'ING DYNASTY**

Council members and guests viewed the exhibit - Imperial Silks of the Ch'ing Dynasty at the Minneapolis Institute of Arts.

12) **POLITICAL REDISTRICTING TOWN MEETING**

On October 29, 1992 the Council participated in the Political Redistricting Town Meeting at the Martin Luther King Center sponsored by the Metropolitan Council Minority Issues Advisory Committee. Political Redistricting plan will determine as to whether or not Asian-Pacific members of the community will be elected to public offices in Minnesota.

13. **MINNESOTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY CONFERENCE**

On November 2, 1991 the Council participated in the Annual History conference sponsored by the Minnesota Historical Society which highlights the important process of documenting and preserving buildings and sites associated with the cultural and historic significance of places in Minnesota. A "Historical Survey Questionnaire" was filled out by Council Members as part of the conference documentation.

14. **MINNESOTA SUPREME COURT RACIAL BIAS TASK FORCE**

On November 13, and 19, 1991 the Council participated in the public hearings conducted by the Racial Bias Task Force of the Minnesota Supreme Court in Minneapolis and Saint Paul.

15. **ASIAN-PACIFIC LEARNER TASK FORCE**

On November 14, and December 5, 1991 the Council participated in the public hearings conducted by the Asian-Pacific Learner Task Force attended by students, parents, educators, and community leaders. The task force was created by the State Board of Education to address the needs of the Asian-Pacific Learners K-12.

16. **BUILDING BETTER COMMUNITY-POLICE RELATIONS**

On November 14, 1991 the Council participated in this "Direct Dialogue" sponsored by the Direct Dialogue Citizens Council of Minneapolis for the purpose of building better community-police relations.

17. **NURSING JOINT PROJECT**

The Council endorsed the plans for a Nursing Joint Project under the sponsorship of Pertamina Central Hospital in Jakarta, Indonesia and the University of Minnesota School of Nursing which includes an exchange program for faculty, students and hospital staff.

18. **KOREAN COMMUNITY MEETING**

The Council hosted a Korean Community Meeting which discussed the implications regarding the proposed unification of North and South Korea and its impact on future international trade and relations with the United States and the free world.

19. **ASIAN-AMERICAN RENAISSANCE CONFERENCE**

The Council endorsed the April 24 - May 3, 1992 Asian-American Renaissance Conference sponsored by the College of St. Catherine.



20. MALAYSIAN COMMUNITY MEETING

The Council hosted the Malaysian Community Meeting on November 25, 1991 to assess the interest of the members for a designated seat in the Council which will be submitted to the Minnesota Legislature.

21. SEMINAR ON BANKING, INSURANCE, INVESTMENT AND IMMIGRATION

The Council, Asian-American Chamber of Commerce of Minnesota and other business and corporate agencies sponsored this seminar on December 3, 1991 which included latest amendments to the New Immigration Law, banking, insurance and investment opportunities

22. OMBUDSPERSON ADVISORY COMMITTEE

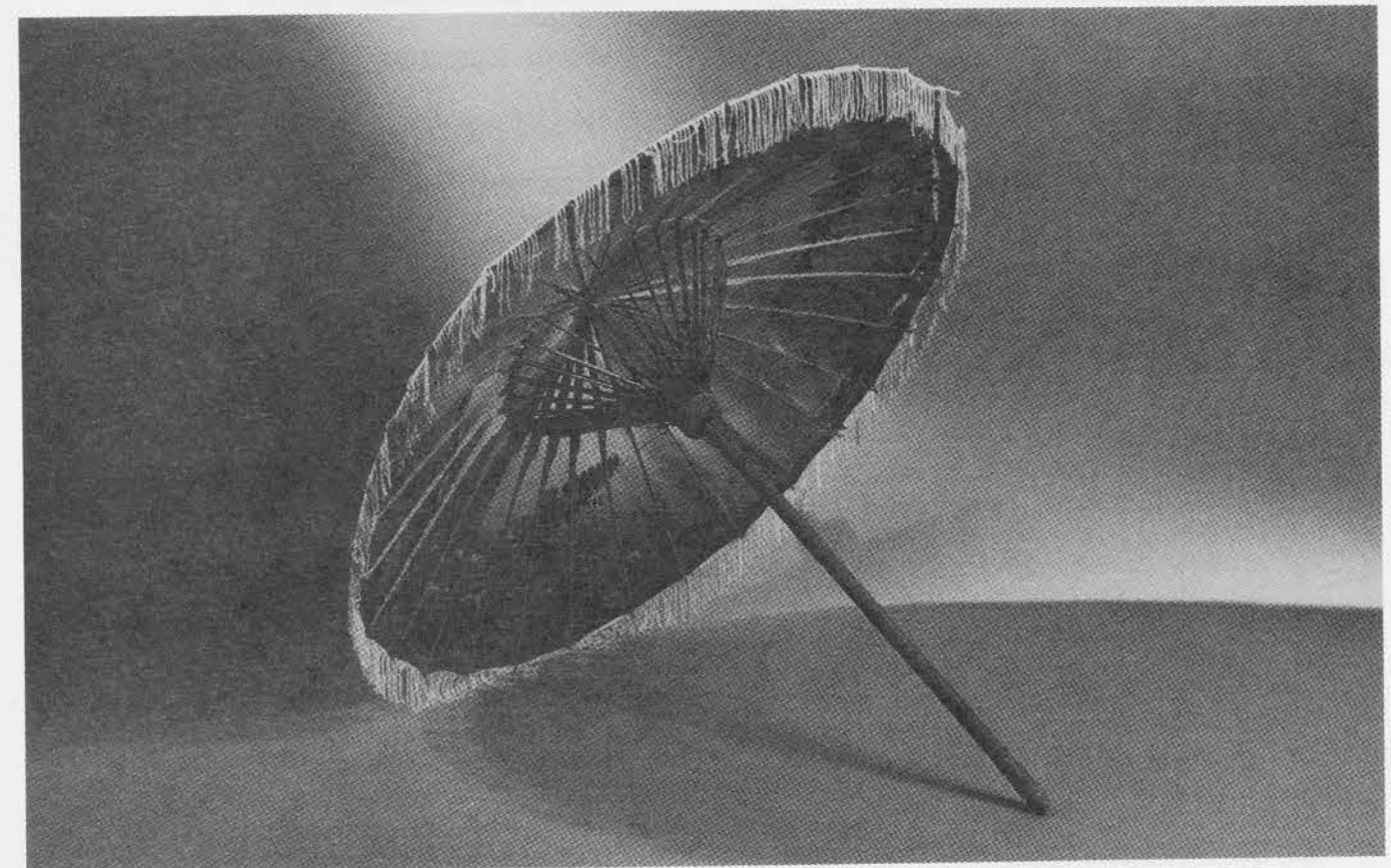
The Council created the Ombudsperson Advisory Committee for Child Protection to serve as a member of the Ombudsperson Advisory Board.

23. COUNCIL - COMMUNITY NETWORKING COALITION - 38

The Council participated in the following meetings as part of its community networking coalition program with public-private sector agencies:

- 1) Governor Arne Carlson
- 2) Lt. Governor Joanell Dyrstad
- 3) Linda Kohl, Commissioner of State Planning Agency
- 4) John B. Lenne, Commissioner of Labor and Industry
- 5) Dorothy McClung, Commissioner of Revenue
- 6) Asian-American Chamber of Commerce of Minnesota/Luncheon with Ambassador S.R. Nathan of Singapore
- 7) Goodwill Industries
- 8) Action for Children/State Planning Agency
- 9) Vietnamese Community Leaders
- 10) United Way of Saint Paul
- 11) Southeast Asian Youth Resource Network
- 12) Ramsey Medical Center
- 13) Southwest School, Minneapolis
- 14) Asian Education Network
- 15) Hamline Law School
- 16) Southeast Asian Access Project
- 17) Minnesota Refugee Consortium
- 18) The LOFT
- 19) Vietnamese Buddhist Temple
- 20) Saint Paul Public Library
- 21) Nagasaki Sister City Committee
- 22) Asian-Pacific Cultural & International Trade Seminar/Council on Asian-Pacific Minnesotans

- 23) Asian-Pacific American Learning Resource Center/University of Minnesota
- 24) Minneapolis Institute of Arts
- 25) Minnesota Coalition of Family Organization Advisory Committee
- 26) Macalester College
- 27) Family Service
- 28) Super Bowl
- 29) State Minority Council Directors
- 30) Prepare Saint Paul
- 31) Catholic Charities
- 32) Women's Consortium
- 33) Council Retreat
- 34) Pan Asian & Southeast Asian Women Association
- 35) Como High School
- 36) Metropolitan Economic Development Association
- 37) YWCA Saint Paul
- 38) State Arts Board



## COUNCIL ON ASIAN-PACIFIC MINNESOTANS

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Hoa P. Young	Community Liaison Representative

## COUNCIL ON ASIAN-PACIFIC MINNESOTAN

1990

1. COUNCIL COMMUNITY FORUMSA) Razi Foundation

Representatives of the Razi Foundation met with the Council and explained the objectives of the Foundation which is primarily to help Asian-Iranian students secure scholarships and employment. The Asian-Iranian community representatives expressed their support of the Council and the Asian-American Chamber of Commerce of Minnesota.

B) Southeast Asian Legal Education And Assistance Project

Representatives of this project explained to the Council the goal of the program, that basically is to educate the Southeast Asians on how the legal system in the United States works and how to take advantage of the project. The project hired bi-lingual coordinators who were trained as para-legal assistants.

C) Discrimination Against Koreans

Korean representatives showed a video tape regarding the boycott of Korean grocery stores in the City of New York and requested the Council's support in preventing and eliminating discrimination. The Council communicated the request to Minnesota Congressional Delegations to take appropriate action.

D) Mothers Against Drunk Driving (M.A.D.D.)

Representatives of M.A.D.D. informed the Council about their organization which is not an Anti-drinking group, but tries to separate drinking from driving. The organization works with victims of drinking/driving crashes, educates people more on the drinking driver's problems and work on programs to reduce drinking/driving crashes. The Council offered its help by translating their literatures into different Asian-Pacific languages.

E) Minnesota Jaycees

Representatives of the Minnesota Jaycees invited the Council to promote the Jaycees program which is designed for people aged 21 to 40 by providing them with personal growth through community service and covers three areas - individual program, community services, and management skills. The Council invited the Minnesota Jaycees to make presentation before various Asian-Pacific community organizations.



F) Shriners Hospital's Services For Crippled Children

Hospital representatives informed the Council of the free services for crippled children provided by the Shriners Hospital. The procedure is very simple, either by referral from the family physician or coming to the screening clinic for evaluation. The Council urged the hospital representatives to make presentations before the Minnesota Consortium and the Metro Refugee Health Task Force.

2. COUNCIL GRANTS - \$36,400.00

The Council received the following grants:

- A. \$2,000.00 - from the Friends of Saint Paul Library for the Council to develop and present four cultural and educational presentations during the month of April 1990. The Educational and Cultural Heritage Task Force provided the technical assistance in the development of the projects.
- B. \$4,700.00 - from the State Planning Agency to address the needs and problems of Amerasians, Adopted Children, Refugees and New Arrivals 16 years old and over who have literacy problems which may impede their opportunities for employment.
- C. \$5,000.00 - from the State Planning Agency for "Targeting the Needs of Children and Youth."
- D. \$24,700.00 - from the Minnesota Department of Health for HIV-AIDS Sexually Transmitted Disease Prevention Program.

3. "EAST MEET WEST" - \$6,880 GRANT

The Minnesota Humanities Commission awarded a \$6,880 grant to support the "East Meets West" project to produce 16 cross-cultural cable TV programs - a forum where scholars and experts from the Asian-Pacific countries will share ideas about the differences between Asian-Pacific and U.S. cultures in the areas such as - education, business, religion, arts, and women issues. The program utilizes the free services of the Access Channel which Saint Paul citizens may use and learn how to use TV equipment and air their products free.

4. COUNCIL RETREAT

The Council sponsored a retreat for members, staff, legislators and community leaders which developed a 1990 Council vision to implement its legislative mandates.

5. LAW ENFORCEMENT PLANNING CONFERENCE

The Council endorsed the Law Enforcement Planning Conference which is being planned to educate the law enforcement officers and the Asian-Pacific community about the legal and judicial system as well as the various Asian-Pacific cultures.

6. INAUGURATION-ASIAN/AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF MINNESOTA

The Chamber was inaugurated on February 17, 1990 which included a partnership with over 200 U.S. corporations doing business in Asia and the Pacific Rim countries.

7. COUNCIL EVENTSA. Sensitivity Training

The Council approved a recommendation to develop a Sensitivity Training for members and staff.

B. "Thank You" Reception

On June 30, 1990 the Council sponsored a "Thank You" Reception to honor and express its appreciation and thanks to the Council volunteers who served as task force and resource persons in the various activities of the Council.

8. ASIAN-PACIFIC TEACHERS

The Council reviewed a proposal for the funding by the Legislature of a program to recruit and train Asian-Pacific teachers. The program will be housed in the Metropolitan State University and when the Asian-Pacific students enrolled in the program to serve as teachers for five years, their student loans will be "forgiven."

9. COUNCIL CHAPTERS

The Council approved the recommendation that the existing HIV-AIDS Task Forces in Moorhead, Duluth, St. Cloud, Rochester and Mankato be converted into Council Chapters to address issues other than AIDS Prevention such as - education, employment, housing, transportation, refugee assistance, civil and human rights, health services, mental health services, training, and social services.

10. INDONESIAN TRADE DELEGATION

The Council endorsed the Trade and Cultural Program sponsored by the Indonesian Trade Delegation on September 19, 1990 in the Twin Cities.

11. ASIAN-PACIFIC WOMEN LEADERSHIP NETWORK

The Council served as the fiscal agent for the \$7,500 grant funding from the Minnesota Women's Fund to support the Asian-Pacific Women Leadership Network conference and projects.

12. 100% PROMPT PAYMENT RATING

The Council received a 100% prompt payment rating from the Minnesota Department of Finance together with 88 other state agencies. This is the 2nd time in two years the Council received this rating.

13. VACANCIES - BOARD OF REGENTS, UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

The Council communicated to the Asian-Pacific community the four vacancies in the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota and urged interested community members to submit their application to become Regents of the University Minnesota.

14. CITY OF SAINT PAUL FORUM

The Council met with representatives of the City of Saint Paul and discussed the following issues of common interest: (1) participation of the City of Saint Paul and a city in South Korea under the Sister City program, (2) establishment of the "Korean Town", which is included in the Korean Economic Development Program, (3) proposed funding of the proposed Asian-Pacific Community Center under a combined federal-state-city program through the Community Development Block Grant and/or the Urban Development Block Grant, (4) reception of the 30-member Indonesian Trade Delegation on September 19, 1990, and (5) Saint Paul-Japan International Trade Opportunities.

15. COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE AUDIT

Minnesota Office of Legislative Auditor issued its June 28, 1990 Financial Audit of the Council with the conclusion that the Council's "internal control structure is effective."

16. ASIAN-PACIFIC COMMUNITY "CAPITAL FOR A DAY"

November 1, 1990 was designated by the Governor as the Asian-Pacific Community "Capital For A Day" with appropriate cultural and educational events.

17. INDONESIAN CULTURAL AND TRADE DELEGATION

On September 19, 1990 the Governor hosted a breakfast in honor of Indonesian Cultural and Trade Delegation at the Governor's Mansion attended by the Indonesian community leaders.

18. PAN-ASIAN REPERTORY THEATRE

The Council agreed to co-sponsor the Pan Asian Repertory Theatre shown in the Twin Cities scheduled on February 28 and March 1, 1991.

19. COUNCIL - COMMUNITY NETWORKING COALITION - 111

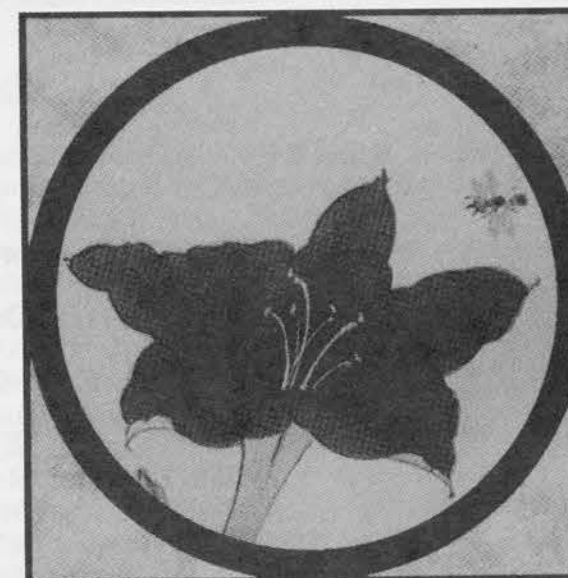
The Council participated in the following meetings/events as part of its community networking coalition program with public-private sector agencies:

- 1) Minnesota Private College Council
- 2) Saint Paul Human Rights Commission
- 3) Minnesota Affirmative Action Committee
- 4) Saint Paul Public Schools
- 5) Hubert Humphrey Institute
- 6) Centre for Asians and Pacific Islanders
- 7) Minnesota Adult Literacy Campaign
- 8) Ramsey County Public Health Department
- 9) United Way of Saint Paul
- 10) Metropolitan State University
- 11) Minneapolis Public Schools
- 12) Indianhead Council Boy Scouts of America
- 13) Minnesota Department of Human Rights
- 14) Lakewood Community College
- 15) Minnesota Senate
- 16) Urban Coalition of Minneapolis
- 17) State Minority Council Directors' Meeting
- 18) American Lung Association
- 19) Hennepin County Social Services Division
- 20) University of Minnesota
- 21) Council Retreat/New Members Orientation
- 22) Ramsey County 1990 Census Complete Count Committee
- 23) Metropolitan Council
- 24) Council AIDS Staff Meeting
- 25) UM Regent Candidate Advisory Council
- 26) KARE 11/Minority Community Forum
- 27) American Cancer Society
- 28) Minnesota Refugee Consortium
- 29) Council Health & Human Services Task Force
- 30) Minnesota Department of Health
- 31) Minneapolis Civil Rights Commission
- 32) Saint Paul 1990 Census Complete Count Committee
- 33) Council Census Ad Hoc Committee
- 34) Metcalf Junior High School
- 35) Minneapolis Public Health Advisory Committee
- 36) Interagency Adult Learning Team



- 37) Saint Paul Council of Camp Fire
- 38) Minnesota House of Representatives
- 39) Saint Paul Ramsey Medical Center
- 40) Women of Color & Chemical Dependency
- 41) Minnesota Working Capital Fund
- 42) University of the Philippines Alumni Association
- 43) Minnesota Council of Churches
- 44) Swearing-In Ceremony/Hennepin County Housing Court Referee
- 45) Minnesota Small Business Procurement Advisory Council
- 46) Minnesota Minority Education Partnership
- 47) Minnesota Private College Research Foundation
- 48) Minnesota Department of Education
- 49) Minority Encouragement Program/Saint Paul Public School
- 50) Communities of Color
- 51) Hmong Communities
- 52) Regent Affairs Committee
- 53) Council AIDS Volunteer Educators
- 54) Hennepin County Community Services
- 55) League of Minnesota Human Rights Commissions
- 56) BIHA (black, Indian, Hispanic and Asian) Women In Action
- 57) Minnesota State Arts Board
- 58) Lakewood Community College Foundation
- 59) College of St. Catherine
- 60) Hennepin County Bureau of Community Corrections
- 61) City of Saint Paul/Youth Task Force
- 62) World of Difference
- 63) Council Census Awareness
- 64) Sudan Refugee-Immigrant Officials
- 65) U.S. Bureau of Census
- 66) Filipino Community Leaders
- 67) Cultural Society of Filipino-Americans
- 68) Asian-American Chamber of Commerce of Minnesota
- 69) Minnesota Department of Human Services
- 70) Metro Refugee Health Task Force
- 71) Ethnic American Day Celebration
- 72) The Saint Paul Companies
- 73) Illusion Theater
- 74) Pro-Diversity Partnership Steering Committee
- 75) Race, Class and Addition Conference
- 76) Roosevelt Senior High School, Minneapolis
- 77) Burnsville Senior High School
- 78) Family Service of Greater Saint Paul
- 79) Piper Jaffray & Hopwood, Inc.
- 80) Fredrickson & Byron Law Offices
- 81) Minneapolis Committee on Drug & Alcohol Problems
- 82) Minnesota Department of Health/Fish Advisory Committee
- 83) Coalition For People of Color/AIDS
- 84) Vietnamese Mutual Assistance Association
- 85) Radio Station KFAI
- 86) Coalition on Race Issues
- 87) GFW Middle School, Fairfax, Minnesota
- 88) University of Minnesota/Asian-Pacific American Graduation Banquet
- 89) South Hennepin Adult Programs in Education (SHAPE)

- 90) Lutheran Social Services
- 91) The Saint Paul Foundation Forum
- 92) Moorhead Technical College, Minnesota
- 93) KARE 11/The African-American Community and the Media
- 94) Minnesota School of Professional Psychology
- 95) Macalester College
- 96) Lao Community Leaders
- 97) Multi-Cultural Gender Fair Disability Awareness
- 98) State Council on Vocational Technical Education
- 99) Minneapolis 1990 Census Complete Count Committee
- 100) Hmong American Partnership
- 101) Minnesota Literacy Coalition
- 102) Minnesota Office of the Attorney General
- 103) Men of Color and Chemical Dependency
- 104) Minneapolis Urban League
- 105) United Way Board of Directors and Staff/Retreat Speaker
- 106) Proposal for KARE 11 "Expressions"
- 107) Minnesota Task Force on Education Organization
- 108) Desegregation Policy Forum/Minnesota Department of Education
- 109) Minnesota Business Venture Conference/College of Saint Olaf
- 110) Twin Cities Opportunities Industrial Center
- 111) Cultural Diversity Forum Planning Group/The Saint Paul Foundation



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 AIDS Educator/Duluth  
 AIDS Educator/Mankato  
 AIDS Program Coordinator/Statewide  
 Grant Proposal/Writer  
 AIDS Educator/Rochester  
 AIDS Educator/Moorhead  
 Program Assistant (Adult Literacy)  
 AIDS Educator/St. Cloud  
 Community Liaison Representative

## COUNCIL ON ASIAN-PACIFIC MINNESOTANS

1989

1. COUNCIL COMMUNITY FORUMA. Health Standards for Restaurants

The Council reviewed health code regulations for restaurants required by the Saint Paul Health Department and approved a recommendation to provide training to Asian-Pacific restaurants owners, managers and their staff.

B. Chun-Woo Acupuncture and Oriental Herbs

The Council heard testimony to request Minnesota Legislators to include acupuncture as part of the Health Insurance Program and to recognize traditional medicine within the context of the Asian-Pacific cultural beliefs.

C. Asian-Pacific Heritage Week

The Asian-Pacific American Learning Resource Center of the University of Minnesota presented its plans to the Council to celebrate the Annual Asian-Pacific Heritage Week in May. The University will be working with Lakewood Community College and Concordia College with the theme "Diversity within the Unit."

D. Hepatitis B

Representatives of the West Side Community Health Center expressed their concerns to the Council regarding the lack of information regarding Hepatitis B in the Asian-Pacific community. The disease which is caused by a virus increases the chance of developing liver cancer, and is transmitted by blood, sexual intercourse and sharing of immunization needles. The Center recommended vaccinations to the Asian-Pacific community and requested the Council to participate in providing health education.

E. Better Neighborhood Program

Representatives of the Mayor's Office of the City of St. Paul addressed the Council regarding the employment and housing programs of the City. The program encourages the community to be part of the city employment system, be self-sufficient, get out of public assistance and become a home owner. The Council provided the Mayor's Office with strategies on how to network with the Asian-Pacific community regarding this program.



F. AsiaFest

AsiaFest representative from Florida provided information to the Council regarding the role of the organization in promoting business seminars and cultural presentations of Asia and the Pacific with the focus to increase trade and joint ventures with the Asian-Pacific countries. The Miami Festival included over 70% cultural presentations and 30% businesses with a concrete result in the opening of Hong Kong and Singapore trade offices in Miami, Florida. The Council endorsed a similar AsiaFest in Minnesota in the near future.

G. Meridian National Bank

Representatives of the Meridian National Bank requested the Council's advice on determining the needs of the Asian-Pacific community. The bank informed the Council of its plans to hire Asian-Pacific staff and include Asian-Pacific representation in its Board of Directors.

H. Chinese Academy of Sciences

The Council received a request from the Chinese Academy of Sciences in Beijing, China to establish international agreement between the Academy and the Council to promote scientific programs.

2. COUNCIL COMMUNITY EVENTS

The Council approved recommendations to participate in the following community events:

- A. Minnesota Book Affair - sponsored by the "Friends of St. Paul Public Library."
- B. 1990 Census Seminar - sponsored this event to provide information to and encourage the Asian-Pacific community to register and recruited members of the community to apply for temporary jobs with the Bureau of Census.
- C. Walk for AIDS - sponsored by Minnesota AIDS Program "From All Walks of Life."

3. GRANTS TO THE COUNCIL - \$43,111.00

The Council received the following grants:

- A. \$2,000.00 - granted by the Minnesota Office of Jobs Policy (Youth 2000 Project) to organize a Youth Planning Conference
- B. \$15,000.00 - granted by the Minnesota Department of Health/Center for Disease Control as a supplement to the \$80,000 AIDS Prevention-Education grant to develop a statewide Asian-Pacific AIDS Program

- C. \$200.00 - from Honeywell to co-sponsor the First Asian-Pacific Minnesotans Day At The Capitol
- D. \$1,000.00 - from Minnesota Humanities Commission to co-sponsor the First Asian-Pacific Minnesotans Day At The Capitol
- E. \$500.00 - from H.B. Fuller Foundation
- F. \$411.00 - from the Minnesota Foundation
- G. \$1,000.00 - from the First Bank System Foundation for the Council's October Youth Conference to hire an Artistic Director for dramatic presentation
- H. \$1,000.00 - from the Minnesota Humanities Commission as a co-sponsor of the Council's Asian-Pacific Minnesotan's Day At The Capitol
- I. \$2,000.00 - from the Minnesota Job and Policy Youth 2000
- J. \$20,000.00 - from the Minnesota Department of Health for the Council to serve as a fiscal agent for the four Minority Councils to sponsor the "Women of Color Chemical Dependency Conference."

4. \$10,000 MATCHING SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Council designated a \$10,000 Matching Scholarship Fund as "Asian-Pacific Scholarship Fund" to be matched by educational institutions on a 2:1 match including private corporations and foundations. The fund will enable Asian-Pacific Needy Students to enroll in any college or university of her/his choice.

5. \$153,000 - 1990 COUNCIL BUDGET

The Council reviewed the Minnesota Department of Finance Budget Plan allocating \$153,000 for fiscal year 1990 as authorized by the Legislature and the Governor. The Council Budget Authorization reflects the recognition of the Minnesota Senate and House of Representatives and the Governor for the Council's accomplishments and programs.

6. STATEWIDE HIV-AIDS PROGRAM

The Council created four Greater Minnesota HIV-AIDS Education-Prevention Programs in the following areas - Duluth, Moorhead, Rochester and Mankato with Asian-Pacific Advisory Task Forces in each area. The statewide program was funded by an HIV-AIDS grants from the Minnesota Department of Health.

7. ASIAN-PACIFIC AIDS PROGRAM

The Council reviewed the Statewide HIV-AIDS Education-Prevention program which includes the formation of the Volunteers AIDS Educators to provide bi-lingual services to the Asian-Pacific community with offices in Duluth, Moorhead, St. Cloud, Mankato, Rochester and the Twin Cities.

8. 1990 CENSUS AD HOC GROUP

The Council participated with the Metropolitan Council in promoting the Census Awareness Week and designated this effort as a priority issue because the numbers will determine where the federal funds will be allocated.

9. SCHOLARSHIP FOR ASIAN-PACIFIC STUDENTS

The Council received information regarding the availability of five scholarships for Asian-Pacific students from the University of St. Thomas amounting to \$5,000/year with a condition that a match equivalent to half of this amount can be raised by the community. The Council agreed to secure community funding for this scholarship grant.

10. FIRST ASIAN-PACIFIC MINNESOTANS DAY AT THE CAPITOL

On April 27, 1989 the Council sponsored the First Asian-Pacific Minnesotans Day At The Capitol at the request of the Governor and the leadership of the Legislature. Corporations, government and non-profit agencies co-sponsored this important event.

11. FIRST ASIAN-PACIFIC MINNESOTANS DAY AT THE CAPITOL

On April 27, 1989 the Council sponsored this event which was attended by over 5,000 community representatives representing students, educators, parents, community leaders, corporate and business executives. Minnesota Legislators were very much impressed with presentations which included the following - cultural, folk ethnic arts and crafts, musical performances and lectures.

12. COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

The Council published its quarterly newsletter, with special feature articles regarding the Asian-Pacific Ethnic Holidays and Special Events observed in Minnesota and in Asia and the Pacific as information guide to tourists and trade missions.

13. COUNCIL - HONEYWELL PARTNERSHIP

Representatives of the Council and Honeywell met to discuss matters of common interest with the participation of the Council in Honeywell's Corporate Loan Executive Program. Honeywell indicated its support of the Asian-American Chamber of Commerce of Minnesota including the Council's project relative to the Community Center and Housing Development.

14. HONEYWELL WORKFORCE DIVERSITY SELF-HELP PROGRAM

The Council reviewed a report presented by Honeywell representatives regarding its "Workforce Diversity Self-Help Program" which assists Asian-American employees adapt to the new culture, get a higher education with internship program and organizes business seminars. The program includes the following projects - communications, education, training, community development and resource development.

15. COUNCIL-COMMUNITY MEETING

The Council concluded a total of 19 hours of community meetings attended by 77 community leaders representing the following Asian-Pacific communities - Filipino, Asian-Indian, Cambodian, Hmong, Japanese, Korean, Laotian, Vietnamese, Indonesian, Chinese, Malaysian, and Thai which were convened by the Council's Asian-Pacific Leadership Task Force.

\$2,250 - represents the total cash contributions received from 32 co-sponsors of this event.

16. COUNCIL TASK FORCE REPORTS

The Council reviewed and approved the recommendations of the following task forces:

- A. Women and Youth Task Force - proposal to sponsor an Asian-Pacific Youth Conference
- B. Education and Cultural Heritage Task Force - proposal to recruit volunteers to teach English as a Second Language to Asian-Pacific Refugees and Immigrants.

17. REFUGEE AND IMMIGRANT ASSISTANCE

Representatives of the Refugee and Immigrant Assistance Division of the Minnesota Department of Human Services expressed their appreciation to the Council for supporting the Refugee Bill which passed with the following appropriation: \$85,000 - language interpreters, \$150,000 - social adjustment, \$350,000 - Bi-Cultural Case managers for PATHS, \$118,000 - Children's Welfare Assistance for Asian Youth.



18. MONTHLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The Council approved a recommendation to publish a Monthly Calendar of Events which will highlight important activities by various Asian-Pacific community organizations.

19. MINNESOTA COLLEGE PRESIDENTS TRIP TO ASIA-PACIFIC

Representatives of the Minnesota Private College Council briefed the Council regarding the scheduled trip of college presidents to Asia and the Pacific with a mission to understand the various cultures and promote Minnesota educational opportunities and programs.

20. ASIAN-PACIFIC MUSIC AND DANCE ASSOCIATION

The formation of the Asian-Pacific Music and Dance Association was proposed to the Council as a non-profit organization to provide the following services: (1) to promote education of the Asian-Pacific arts of music and dance, (2) to provide guidance to the Asian-Pacific artists on how to do business, (3) to provide a network for people interested in Asian-Pacific music and dance arts, and (4) to organize and promote Asian-Pacific Cultural Events. The Council referred the recommendations to the Education and Cultural Heritage Task Force for appropriate action and thanked them for their support on the First Asian-Pacific Minnesotans Day At The Capitol.

21. RADIO - HMONG "FRESH AIR" PROGRAM

The Council encourage all Asian-Pacific community groups to participate in the Radio - Hmong "Fresh Air" Program every Thursday at 11:00 AM. Highlights of the Asian-Pacific Youth Conference was featured in the radio broadcast.

22. 100% PAYMENT COMPLIANCE RECOGNITION

The Minnesota Department of Finance recognized the Council as one of the 50 state agencies which achieved a 100% payment compliance of its bills within a 30-day period.

23. MINORITY WOMEN CANDIDATES

The Council participated in the National Women's Political Caucus which sponsored a "Minority Women Candidates Training Workshop" on August 2-3, 1989 as part of the Council's Citizenship Preparation Program.

24. "WORLD OF DIFFERENCE" PROGRAM

Representatives of the Twin Cities Human Rights Coalition presented a video-visual presentation of the "World of Difference" program to the Council. The purpose of the program is to encounter bigotry by teaching appreciation of cultural differences with three major emphasis: (1) schools, (2) formation of community coalition and (3) television/media's commitment. The Council endorsed the "World of Difference" program with a Letter of Support.

25. 1990 CENSUS PLANNING

The Council created the Asian-Pacific Ad Hoc 1990 Census Planning Group to support the Census Awareness Plan of the Metropolitan. The Council encouraged members of the Asian-Pacific community to apply for managerial positions with the Census Bureau to ensure bi-lingual and bi-cultural staff involvement in the 1990 Census.

26. IMMIGRATION RELATED TO EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION

The Council participated in the immigration seminar relative to employment discrimination particularly as it related to Southeast Asian refugees.

27. VIETNAMESE BUDDHIST TEMPLE

The Council endorsed the fund raising program of the Vietnamese community to expand the Vietnamese Buddhist Temple in Roseville, Minnesota.

28. CHINESE POSTER FUND RAISING

The Council endorsed the Chinese poster printed by Liberty Press to be used as a fund raising program, to support educational and informational activities in regard to the situation in China.

29. REFUGEE AND HOUSING CONCERNS

The Council received concerns and recommendations provided by the community representatives regarding Southeast Asian Refugees and Housing needs. The number of refugees entering the United States has increased, however, the Federal Assistance Budget has been reduced from 36 months to 12 months only. The Council requested the congressional representatives to provide additional funding including provisions for affordable housing and permanent housing for the homeless.

30. KILLING OF TWO ASIAN-PACIFIC TEENAGERS

The Council requested the Office of the State Attorney General to investigate the killing of two Asian-Pacific teenagers in Inver Grove Heights by a police officer with the following recommendations: (1) that the Grand Jury should include an Asian-Pacific person, (2) Asian-Pacific investigators who are bi-lingual and bi-cultural should be included, and (3) FBI investigation.

The Council convened an Emergency Community meeting on November 21, 1989 with the parents of the two boys in attendance who expressed their anger and sadness over this unfortunate incident. The police officer requested his representative to read a Letter of Apology and Regrets to their parents. He is under investigation for using "excessive force" (high powered rifle) in killing the two 13-year old boys who were both unarmed. The meeting was attended by over 100 community leaders, the media, and representatives of the Attorney General, Minnesota Department of Human Rights and Legislators.

31. COUNCIL - COMMUNITY NETWORKING COALITION - 138

The Council participated in the following meetings/events as part of its community networking coalition program with public-private sector agencies:

- 1) Stress Management Training
- 2) Computer Symposium
- 3) Lutheran Social Services
- 4) Regent Candidate Advisory Council, University of Minnesota
- 5) Minnesota Department of Education
- 6) Gay-Lesbian Community Action
- 7) BIHA (Black, Indian, Hispanic, Asian) Women In Action
- 8) KARE 11 PRISM Programming
- 9) Minneapolis Public Schools
- 10) Minnesota Department of Human Rights
- 11) Minnesota Minority Education Partnership
- 12) Saint Paul Human Rights Commission
- 13) Saint Paul Public Schools
- 14) Richfield High School
- 15) Minnesota Small Business Advisory Council
- 16) Visionary Planning/Anti-Pornography
- 17) Mount Airy Neighborhood Center
- 18) Indianhead Council Boy Scouts of America
- 19) Minnesota Adult Literacy Campaign
- 20) Minnesota Private College Council
- 21) Minnesota Affirmative Action Committee
- 22) Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry
- 23) Filipino Community Crisis Prevention and Intervention
- 24) Hubert H. Humphrey Center
- 25) Minnesota Working Capital Fund
- 26) Minnesota Department of Health
- 27) Star Tribune
- 28) Metropolitan Council
- 29) Macalester College

- 30) Acupuncture and Herbal Medicine
- 31) Interculture Study Group
- 32) Mission State/Content Meeting
- 33) Steering Committee Meeting
- 34) University of Minnesota Alumni Association
- 35) Metropolitan Economic Development Association
- 36) Minnesota Humanities Commission
- 37) Health and Human Services Legislative Committee
- 38) Minnesota World Trade Center
- 39) Metropolitan School Boards Academy
- 40) Joint Senate-House Education Committee
- 41) Saint Scholastica College
- 42) Itasca Community College
- 43) Mesabi College
- 44) Rainy River Community College
- 45) Duluth Central High School
- 46) Cloquet Elementary School
- 47) HIRED-KSI Advisory Council
- 48) Franklin Junior High School
- 49) Governor's Task Force on Prejudice and Violence
- 50) American Lung Association
- 51) Education Commission of the States
- 52) Committee on Appropriations, MN House of Representatives
- 53) Minnesota AIDS Project
- 54) Minnesota State University System
- 55) Minnesota Women's Organizations
- 56) Saint Paul Affirmative Action Committee
- 57) Minnesota AIDS-HIV Issues Team
- 58) Lakewood Community College Foundation
- 59) KARE 11 Minority Advisory Council
- 60) Minnesota Department of Human Services
- 61) Minnesota Senate Finance Committee
- 62) Twin Cities Human Rights Coalition
- 63) Human Development Action Coalition
- 64) Metropolitan Regional Arts Council
- 65) Minority Contracts
- 66) Personnel Development
- 67) Urban Coalition of Minneapolis
- 68) Saint Thomas College
- 69) Communities of Color
- 70) Heart of the Earth Survival School
- 71) Hate Crimes Bill Hearing
- 72) Minneapolis Urban League
- 73) Saint Paul Technical Institute
- 74) Philippine Study Group of Minnesota
- 75) Filipino Community Leaders Meeting
- 76) University of Minnesota
- 77) Asian-Pacific Youth Conference
- 78) Leadership Seminar II
- 79) Saint Paul Chamber of Commerce
- 80) Augsburg College
- 81) University of Minnesota, Morris
- 82) Dashe & Thompson/TOIN
- 83) Minnesota American Indian Chamber of Commerce



- 84) Minnesota Composers Forum
- 85) COMPAS
- 86) Minnesota Minority Partnership Program
- 87) Honeywell
- 88) Minneapolis Advisory Committee on Drug and Alcohol
- 89) Police Training Working Group/Minneapolis
- 90) Minnesota Department of Employee Relations
- 91) US Housing & Urban Development/Chicago
- 92) Minnesota Lawyers International Human Rights Committee
- 93) The Salisbury's Residence/Matol Botanical International
- 94) State Planning Agency
- 95) Minnesota Department of Education/St. Cloud
- 96) Minnesota Alliance for Arts in Education
- 97) Indonesian-American Society of Minnesota
- 98) Council AIDS Task Force, Moorhead, MN
- 99) Council Leadership Program II, Monticello, MN
- 100) Council AIDS Task Force, Mankato, MN
- 101) Minnesota Interagency Adult Learning Advisory Council
- 102) Asian-Pacific Ad Hoc 1990 Census Planning Group
- 103) Council Orientation for AIDS Educators
- 104) American Cancer Society
- 105) Saint Paul Targeted Business Roundtable Discussions
- 106) Thai Community of Minnesota
- 107) Governor's Office
- 108) Minnesota Department of Human Services Minority Recruitment Project
- 109) Council Health & Human Services Task Force
- 110) HIV-AIDS Education and Prevention Conference in Moorhead, Metro Area, Mankato, Rochester and Duluth
- 111) Book Affair
- 112) Minnesota Department of Revenue
- 113) League of Minnesota Human Rights Commissions
- 114) Council AIDS Task Force, Rochester, MN
- 115) American Association of Affirmative Action
- 116) Southeast Asian Refugee Task Force
- 117) Emergency Community Meeting, St. Paul, MN
- 118) Retreat for New Council Members
- 119) Minnesota Migrant Council
- 120) New Brighton Human Rights Commission
- 121) "Good Fences Make Good Neighbors" Seminar
- 122) Minority Encouragement Program, Saint Paul Public Schools
- 123) Council Women and Youth Task Force
- 124) United Way of Minneapolis
- 125) CAPM-U.S Census Interview & Examination/Applicants
- 126) Minnesota Trade Office
- 127) Coalition of People of Color/AIDS
- 128) Coalition of Race Issues
- 129) Minnesota Housing Finance Agency
- 130) The Cultural Society of Filipino-Americans
- 131) Minnesota Teacher of the Year Recognition Luncheon
- 132) Minnesota Department of Administration
- 133) Task Force on Education Organization
- 134) CAPM - Prevention Strategy to AIDS
- 135) ITASCA Experience Follow-Up

- 136) Minnesota International Institute
- 137) AIDS Interfaith Council of Minnesota
- 138) Fil-Minnesotan Association Musical Production, Ordway



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## COUNCIL ON ASIAN-PACIFIC MINNESOTANS

1988

1. COUNCIL COMMUNITY FORUMS

The Council sponsored community forums which addressed the following issues - concerns of educators, parents and students regarding curriculum, the teaching of Asian-Pacific culture and languages, parent education, skill training to preserve traditional crafts, Limited English Proficiency programs, hiring of bilingual teachers.

The Council conducted a forum to review the complaint of an Asian-American woman who filed a discrimination case against the Minneapolis Public Schools. A presentation was made by a Malaysian Immigrant who offered her services as a volunteer.

A) Town Hall Meeting On Refugee Issues

On January 22, 1988 the Council sponsored a Town Hall Meeting on Southeast Asian Refugee Issues with a resolution that the Refugee Camps in Thailand remain open for refugees who wish to come to the third world countries.

B) "MEET YOUR CANDIDATES FORUM"

On November 5, 1988 the Council sponsored the "Meet Your Candidates Forum" attended by candidates for public office. The forum is part of the Leadership Development Program to allow New Americans to participate in the electoral process and is in accordance with the Council's Legislative Mandates to provide Voter Education Program and conduct Voter Registration for those who are eligible to vote in the next presidential elections.

C) Boy Scouts of America

The Council endorsed the Boy Scouts of America project called "Explorer Program" for boys and girls aged 14-20 years which develop courage and self-esteem to the young people and help them grow into useful citizens. Council Members agreed to identify Asian-Pacific groups-organizations-families and to network and promote the program.

D) "The Grape Boycott"

The Minnesota Department of Human Rights presented a report on "The Grape Boycott sponsored by the United Farm Workers" and to share concerns among farm workers, who are mostly minorities, and the consumers on the use of toxic pesticides which are being applied to California table grapes and which likely cause cancer and birth defect. The Council approved a resolution to support the movement.



E) Economic Conversion Program

The Council discussed a program of the Minnesota Economic Conversion Task Force which introduced the Economic Conversion Program as a form of economic development by encouraging business, community and working people to work together. The program requires that we do not waste resources nor the skill/expertise of the community by shifting the production, if a company faces layoff or loses a contract. The task force provides technical assistance in shifting production to a marketable product and encourage the Asian-Pacific community to take advantage of this resource,

F) Crime Ombudsperson

The Council was briefed on the role of the Crime Ombudsperson Office which was created by the State Advisory Board for Crime Victims - the only one of its kind in this country - where the victims Bill of Rights is observed. The Office investigates professionals such as - police officers, judges, lawyers, social service providers and others to ensure that the treatment of crime victims are treated with fairness and appropriateness. The Office provides training of professionals and volunteers and financial assistance to crime victims under its Reparations Program.

G) Crime Prevention

The Council endorsed the creation of the Crime Prevention Task Force after receiving a report that the Asian-Pacific people are very vulnerable to crimes, particularly those living in the "slums." Crimes committed range from misdemeanor to murder with problems occurring in Housing Projects which provide a bad environment for Asian-Pacific children to grow.

H) Census Data

Representative of the Bureau of Census of the U.S. Department of Commerce stressed the importance of the census considering that the allocation of funds is based on census data. All Asian-Pacific persons need to be counted and community outreach and education are needed to dispel fear. It is the law to complete the census questionnaire and all information disclosed, and all information disclosed is kept confidential. It cannot be used by the Immigration Services, the Armed Forces or anybody else; all names are stripped as they are received. For every 1% loss in the count, there is a loss of 1 million dollars in services. The gathering of census data creates bilingual jobs and in January 1989 the Department will start recruiting for management jobs with fluency in English and priority to US citizens.

2. AIDS EDUCATION-PREVENTION GRANTS - \$87,500.00

- A) \$7,500.00 - The Council authorized the Inter-Agency Agreement between the Minnesota Department of Health and the Council on Asian-Pacific Minnesotans which

provides the Council with \$7,500 for AIDS Education and Prevention Programs for the Asian-Pacific Communities.

- B) \$80,000.00 - The Council received a \$80,000 AIDS Education-Prevention Grant from the Minnesota Department of Health and sponsored the AIDS-Education-Prevention Conference on September 24, 1988 attended by volunteers, community leaders, educators, parents and students.

3. FREE ENGLISH CLASSES

The Council sponsored free English Classes. Council Members provided services in preparing materials and giving lectures to the Non-English Speaking and refugee/immigrant groups with Limited English Proficiency.

4. SECOND ASIAN-PACIFIC MINNESOTAN LEADERSHIP AWARDS

On March 31, 1988 the Council sponsored the 2nd Asian-Pacific Minnesotan Leadership Awards with 16 awardees attended by community leaders, elected officials, educators, parents and students.

5. COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLANNING RETREAT

On April 22-23, 1988, the Council conducted a Strategic Planning Retreat for Council and Staff to provide the educational setting to share with each others "visions" highlighted with the following - creation of nine task forces, formulation of 3-year Strategic Plan.

6. COUNCIL TASK FORCES

As part of its 3-year Strategic Plan the Council created the following Task Forces:

- 1) Leadership Development
- 2) Asian-American Chamber of Commerce
- 3) Health Services
- 4) Education and Cultural Heritage
- 5) Community Center & Housing Development
- 6) Asian-Pacific Women's Network
- 7) Program-Fund Development
- 8) Asian-Pacific Legal Services
- 9) Southeast Asian Refugee Services

7. ASIAN-PACIFIC LEARNER TASK FORCE

The Minnesota Board of Education approved the creation of the Asian-Pacific Learner Task Force to address the needs, problems and opportunities for K-12 Asian-Pacific Learners.

8. ASIAN-PACIFIC LEADERSHIP TASK FORCE

The Asian-Pacific Minnesotans Leadership Task Force was convened on June 29, 1988 with members of the Metro Refugee Task Force in attendance. The task force meeting was attended by 25 participants which reviewed the agenda for the September 24th AIDS Conference and the October 29th Leadership Training.

9. DOING BUSINESS WITH SOUTH KOREA

The Council endorsed the September 14, 1988 "Doing Business With South Korea" Conference sponsored by the Minnesota International Center, and approved a recommendation to co-sponsor this international event.

10. TOUR TO INDONESIA

The Council sponsored a proposal presented by the Minnesota International Center and the Indonesian Minnesotan Community to assist in promoting a March 1989 "Tour of Indonesia" for 25 Minnesotans planning to visit Java, Sumatra and Bali.

11. MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM

The Council reviewed a report regarding Family Style Homes for the mentally ill who can leave the hospital but are not well enough to get back to their communities. The Homes presently provide housing to 18 Southeast Asian Refugees (11 Laotians, 6 Vietnamese, and 1 Cambodian) and 1 Chinese. The Council approved a recommendation to work with Asian-Pacific Business Owners to support the independent living program for recovering individuals by providing them with jobs and referred the proposal to the Asian-American Chamber of Commerce of Minnesota for appropriate action.

12. ASIAN-AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF MINNESOTA

The Chamber was inaugurated on October 21, 1988 which included a forum on "Doing Business with Asia and the Pacific Rim" with over 240 American corporations doing business in Asia and the Pacific and over 100 Asian-Pacific corporations doing business in Minnesota.

13. "CHILD CARE AND FAMILIES IN NEED"

The Council provided input and advice regarding the recommendations of the Minnesota Attorney General relative to "Child Care and Families in Need" particularly as it relates to the Asian-Pacific community.

14. WCCO ANTI-ASIAN/PACIFIC REMARKS

The Council reviewed communications from the Asian-Pacific community and the Minnesota Commissioner of Human Rights addressed to the management of WCCO Radio and KMSP-TV objecting to the Anti-Asian/Pacific remarks made by Twins Television and Radio Announcer. The Council wrote to the Radio-TV management requesting for appropriate response and action.

15. "THE FORGOTTEN CHILDREN"

The December 1988 issue of the Twin Cities magazine published a special feature which designated the Council on Asian-Pacific Minnesotans as one of the 14 community organizations "to volunteer time or send contributions for the assistance of a child."

16. LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR'S FINAL REPORT

The September 21, 1988 Legislative Auditor's Final Report pertinent portion is as follows -

*"Our review indicates that the Council on Asian-Pacific Minnesotans has fully implemented all three audit recommendations. We would like to thank the staff of the Council on Asian-Pacific Minnesotans for their cooperation during the follow-up review. Also, we commend the prompt corrective action taken by you and your staff. Your responsiveness has strengthened the accounting and administrative controls of the Council."*

17. ASIAN-PACIFIC LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

On November 19, 1988 the Council sponsored the First Asian-Pacific Leadership Development Conference and with the use of the Myers-Briggs Personality Test structured the conference with positive participant attitudes and networking to plan for the future. A presentation on the demographic sociological projections of the Asian-Pacific growth was provided by the Minnesota Planning Agency.

18. LECTURE ON ANGKOR WAT

On November 26, 1988 the Council sponsored a cultural presentation on "Angkor Wat: Ancient Cambodia's City of Grandeur" attended by over 45 participants and provided a multicultural and educational information on Cambodia's heritage.

19. COUNCIL - COMMUNITY NETWORKING COALITION - 150

In accordance with its Legislative Mandates, the Council participated in the following meetings/events as part of its networking coalition building programs with public-private sector agencies:



- 1) S.E.Asian/Pacific Peoples Seminar, MN Department of Education
- 2) Twin Cities Human Rights Coalition
- 3) Governor's State Advisory Council for Refugees
- 4) Reception of Taiwanese Trade Delegation, Minnesota Trade Office/Lindquist and Vennum Law Office
- 5) Seminar on Marketing the Non-Profit Organization, Amherst H. Wilder Foundation
- 6) AIDS Education, Native American Indian Center
- 7) East Metro AIDS Task Force
- 8) Ad Hoc Task Force on Communities of Color/AIDS
- 9) Project for Pride in Living, Inc.Council on Asian-Pacific Minnesotans
- 10) Conference on Welfare Reform, Spring Hill Center
- 11) Panel "Quality of Health Care and Cost Containment", Metropolitan Council
- 12) "Hiring Incentive Program for Minority Contractors", National Association of Minority Contractors of Minnesota Foundation, Inc.
- 13) Creative Strategy for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect in MN
- 14) "Handicapped Learner Issues", MN Adult Literacy Campaign Coalition
- 15) Legalization Day - Governor's Proclamation
- 16) Saint Paul Affirmative Action Advisory Committee
- 17) "Streamline Your Organization-Process Flow Analysis", Minnesota STEP (Strive Toward Excellence in Performance)
- 18) AIDS Education and Prevention, Minnesota Department of Health
- 19) Minnesota Consortium
- 20) Special Populations, Minnesota State Board of Education
- 21) Minnesota Minority Education Partnership
- 22) "Adult Basic Education" Seminar, MN Department of Education
- 23) Urban Coalition of Minneapolis
- 24) Governor's Task Force on Prejudice and Violence
- 25) "Women Confronting Racism" Public Forum
- 26) BIHA (Black, Indian, Hispanic, Asian) Women In Action
- 27) Asian Small Business Development Center
- 28) Legalization Workshop, Council on Asian-Pacific Minnesotans
- 29) Board of Regents, University of Minnesota
- 30) Filipino Community Leaders
- 31) Integration Review Committee, Saint Paul Public Schools
- 32) Statewide Affirmative Action Committee, Minnesota Department of Employee Relations
- 33) Hennepin Parks Creative Idea Forum
- 34) Chemical Dependency Forum, Minnesota Department of Human Services
- 35) Vietnamese Community Leaders
- 36) India Club - 2nd Annual Youth Festival
- 37) City Council of Saint Paul
- 38) Citizens League of Minneapolis
- 39) Minneapolis Commission on Civil Rights
- 40) Minority Encouragement Program, Saint Paul Public Schools
- 41) Minnesota Museum of Art
- 42) Lao New Year
- 43) W.C. Morris Institute for Innovation in Science, Technology and Education, Hubert H. Humphrey Center
- 44) Minnesota Working Capital Fund

- 45) University of Minnesota School of Law
- 46) HEAD Start Child Development
- 47) Honeywell, Inc.
- 48) Regional Arts Council, Metropolitan Council
- 49) Southeast Asian Refugee Task Force
- 50) Saint Paul-Ramsey Medical Center
- 51) Minnesota Trade Office
- 52) Citizens Education Program, Hubert H. Humphrey Center
- 53) Minnesota Housing Finance Agency
- 54) Morris Campus, the University of Minnesota
- 55) Roosevelt High School, Minneapolis
- 56) Minnesota American Indian Center
- 57) American Lung Association
- 58) Lakewood Community College Foundation
- 59) American Red Cross
- 60) Laotian Community Leaders
- 61) Governor's Education Discussion Group
- 62) KARE Channel 11 Minority Advisory Council
- 63) Governor's Affirmative Action Council
- 64) Reception for Indonesian Trade Delegation
- 65) Minnesota Waste Control Commission
- 66) Minnesota Training Coordinators
- 67) Minnesota Department of Health
- 68) Minnesota Department of Education
- 69) Metropolitan State University
- 70) Moorhead State University
- 71) Moorhead Agencies Serving the Southeast Asian Refugees
- 72) Concordia College, Moorhead, MN
- 73) Cultural Society of Filipino Americans
- 74) Emergency Fund Service
- 75) Minnesota Minority Chambers of Commerce
- 76) Minnesota International Center
- 77) Lutheran Social Services
- 78) Asian and Pacific Islander Month, U.S. West
- 79) Asian-Pacific Leadership Task Force
- 80) Human Development Action Coalition
- 81) Saint Paul Human Rights Commission
- 82) Minnesota Health Commissioner's Task Force on AIDS
- 83) Asian-American Chamber of Commerce of Minnesota
- 84) Minnesota Small Business Advisory Council
- 85) Minnesota AIDS Issue Team
- 86) Fil-American Club
- 87) Korean Cultural Festival
- 88) Minnesota American Indian Chamber of Commerce
- 89) Metropolitan Refugee Health Task Force
- 90) Cambodian Leadership and Support Group
- 91) Saint Paul United Way
- 92) Wilder Foundation
- 93) Minorities AIDS Conference, Center for Disease Control
- 94) Minnesota Small Business Procurement Advisory Council
- 95) Asian-Indian Community Leaders
- 96) Southeast Asian Refugee Task Force
- 97) Regent Candidate Advisory Council
- 98) McKnight Foundation

- 99) "Meet Your Candidates Forum"
- 100) Asian-Pacific AIDS Conference
- 101) Asian-Pacific Leadership Conference
- 102) Neighborhood House
- 103) State Capitol
- 104) Hubert H. Humphrey Institute
- 105) Cambodian-American Association of Minnesota
- 106) Saint Paul Red Cross
- 107) Minnesota Employee Development Conference
- 108) Organization of Chinese Americans
- 109) Saint Paul Public Schools
- 110) St. Andres Episcopal Church
- 111) Minnesota Club
- 112) Metropolitan Council
- 113) Affordable Housing
- 114) Fundraising and Fund Administration
- 115) League of Minnesota's Human Rights Commission
- 116) Minnesota Private College Council
- 117) Southeast Asian Communities "Brown Bag" Luncheon
- 118) Minority Issues Advisory Committee
- 119) Committee Formations
- 120) Proposals Review
- 121) Adult Sexual Transmission
- 122) Women/Youth - Southeast Asian Communities
- 123) Foundation for American Communication Workshop
- 124) Fil-Minnesotan Association
- 125) Self-Analysis, Evaluation, Needs/Problems Analysis
- 126) "Tobacco, Marijuana, Cocaine & Crack" Conference
- 127) Child Development
- 128) HIV/AIDS Task Force
- 129) Eliminating Culture and Gender Bias
- 130) Legislative Initiative Symposium
- 131) Multicultural Education Task Force
- 132) Strengthening the Family
- 133) World Press Institute
- 134) Financial and Long Range Planning
- 135) Conference on Teachers and Teaching
- 136) "New Parents"
- 137) Amerasian Planning Meeting
- 138) Learner Involvement
- 139) Multicultural Curriculum Development & Implementation
- 140) Desegregation Cost Study
- 141) Legislative Communications
- 142) Minnesota State University Research Enterprise (SURE)
- 143) "China's Changing Economy" - The Honorable Rong Yiren
- 144) University of the Philippines Staff Chorale
- 145) Korean Community Leaders
- 146) National Association of Human Rights Agencies
- 147) Personal Growth & Adjustment Task Force
- 148) Agenda Planning, Budgeting and Programming
- 149) Meeting Planners
- 150) Campaign for Character-Shape the Future Campaign

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## COUNCIL ON ASIAN-PACIFIC MINNESOTANS

1987

1. COMMITMENT TO FOCUS - TOWN HALL MEETING

The Council conducted a Town Hall Meeting on May 5, 1987 with oral testimonies from 19 speakers attended by 37 concerned citizens who discussed issues relative to the "Commitment To Focus" document of the University of Minnesota. Recommendations presented include the following issues - (1) additional funding for the Asian-Pacific American Learning Resource Center and (2) proposed "dis-establishment" of the Department of South and Southwest Asian Studies.

2. COUNCIL FUND RAISING REVENUE - \$31,835.95

The Council generated "cash" and "in-kind" contribution of \$31,835.95 which complied with the required 10% state match for the next two fiscal years (1988 and 1989).

3. FUND RAISING REVENUE - \$2700

The Council received the following donations:

- A. \$2500.00 - from the Minneapolis Foundation to sponsor the Council Leadership Development Conference which includes the formation of the Asian-Pacific Leadership Development Center. The grant is to support one 2-day planning conference to develop program for addressing training and professional development needs.
- B. \$200.00 - from Popham, Haik, Schnobrich, Kaufman & Doty Ltd. Law Office to support the Council's Asian-Pacific Diplomatic Representatives Breakfast Reception.

4. ASIAN-PACIFIC VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

The Council adopted recommendations to expand the Asian-Pacific Volunteer Program by - (1) recruiting volunteers who will be more effective and productive in carrying out the activities of the Council to the community; (2) developing an integrated volunteer program, one where volunteers will have an opportunity for personal growth, as well as service, and where the community will benefit from a meaningful involvement of volunteers; (3) involving other volunteers from other Asian-Pacific communities; and (4) inviting present volunteers to be involved in the organization and development of the Volunteer Program.

5. TRANSLATION FROM ENGLISH TO HMONG

The Council reviewed educational materials from Minnesota Higher Education Board which were translated from English to Hmong for distribution to school districts, parents and students.

6. MINNESOTA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Council accepted the invitation of the President of the Minnesota State Board of Education to a joint meeting and provide leadership in responding to the question - "What would the Council on Asian-Pacific Minnesotans like the Fiscal Year 1988 goals of the State Board of Education to be?"

7. AD HOC NOMINATING COMMITTEE

At the request of the Lieutenant Governor the Council created an Ad Hoc Nominating Committee to advise the Governor's Appointment Commission regarding vacancies in the Council. The Council adopted an Affirmative Action Plan to ensure equal representation and opportunity for all Asian-Pacific ethnic communities to be represented in the Council which considers the following guidelines - ethnic representation, gender, geographical representation, and that no community should be "under-represented" or "over-represented" in the Council. To ensure continuity of interest and commitment to the Council, former Council members and applicants are invited to serve on Council Task Forces.

8. "EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATIONAL EQUITY" AWARDS

The Council participated in submitting nominees to the "Excellence in Educational Equity" Awards sponsored by the Minnesota Department of Education to give public recognition to outstanding classroom teachers, curriculum coordinators, counseling/guidance personnel and support staff, school board members, school building and district administrators at the K-12 level.

9. SECOND ANNUAL ASIAN-AMERICAN CONFERENCE-MANKATO STATE UNIVERSITY

The Council served as a resource organization at the January 23-24, 1987 Second Annual Asian-American Conference at the Mankato State University on the subject of - "Acculturation of Asian-Americans."

10. "1000 PEOPLE WITH CANDLES"

The Council participated in the February 27, 1987 community event on "1000 People With Candles" to address the needs and concerns of Southeast Asian refugees who are "missing" or "living in the camps." The meeting focussed on

the closing of the Khao I Dang Refugee Camp in Thailand (asylum, for Cambodian refugees).

# **11. STRATEGIC WORK PLAN RETREAT**

The Council conducted a March 21, 1987 retreat for Council Members and Staff to address 1987 priorities for inclusion in the Strategic and Work Plan schedule.

# **12. ASIAN NEW YEAR FESTIVAL**

The Council co-sponsored the February 7 & 8, 1987 Asian New year Festival sponsored by the Asian Business & Community News which included a presentation of the Governor's Certificates of Commendation to three Asian Youths for Leadership. The event was highlighted with cultural performances by various ethnic groups - Cambodian, Japanese, Chinese, Filipino, Korean, Laotian, Hmong and others.

# **13. CHANNEL 4 WCCO-TV**

The Council participated in a media event on February 3, 1987 on Channel 4 at 4:30 PM on "Newsday" to discuss Asian-Pacific Issues and Concerns.

# **14. JOB SEARCH WORKSHOP GRADUATION**

The Council conferred graduation certificates to the first eight Asian-Pacific Trainees who successfully attended the Job Search Workshop on March 4, 1987 (seven female and one male). Certificates of Appreciation were conferred to the 3M Instructors for providing their services as volunteers to the Council.

# **15. CROSS CULTURAL ORIENTATION - DAHLBERG ELECTRONICS**

The Council served as the resource agency in the workshop on "Cross Cultural Orientation of Asian-Pacific Americans sponsored by Dahlberg Electronics and the University of Minnesota attended by 30 supervisors.

# **16. 1987 KOREAN TRADE DELEGATION**

The Council transmitted an official invitation from South Korean Government to the Governor to visit South Korea hosted by the Korean Ministry of Industry and Commerce. The Council co-hosted the South Korean Delegation to Minnesota on May 28-29, 1987 with a primary mission to invite Minnesota companies to participate in the U.S. Products Show in Korea in November 1987.

# **17. IMMIGRATION REFORM AND CONTROL ACT OF 1986 SEMINAR**

The Council sponsored a seminar on the 1986 Immigration Reform and Control Act on April 10, 1987 attended by 160 participants. Minnesota Immigration Lawyers volunteered their services as Seminar Resource Speakers.

# **18. ASIAN-PACIFIC COMMUNITY AND LEGISLATORS RECEPTION**

Minnesota Asian Advocacy Coalition hosted the April 27, 1987 Asian-Pacific Community and Legislators Reception to discuss legislative issues and address the needs of the Asian-Pacific community.

# **20. COURTESY CALLS ON STATE LEGISLATORS**

The Council met individually with all members of the Minnesota Senate and the Minnesota House of Representatives to inform them of the Council's Mission and Vision and to offer the Council's services on the needs of the legislators' constituencies particularly as it relates to the Asian-Pacific community.

# **21. "SUNSET PROVISION" REPEAL AND COUNCIL BUDGET \$260,000**

The Minnesota Legislature repealed the Council's "sunset provision" thus making the Council a permanent state agency and approved the Governor's Budget Recommendation of the Council's Budget at \$130,000 for each year for FY 1988 and 1989.

# **22. GRAND OPENING OF THE MINNESOTA WORLD TRADE CENTER**

The Council participated in the grand opening of the Minnesota World Trade Center with 20 foreign ambassadors in attendance.

# **23. LITERACY AND LANGUAGE TRAINING PROGRAM**

The Council conducted free English classes from July 22 - August 20, 1987 at the St. Paul Technical Vocational Institute which provided free classroom.

# **24. SOUTHEAST ASIAN REFUGEE TASK FORCE**

The Council expanded the Southeast Asian Refugee Task Force to address critical issues on housing, day care and child care for Single Parents, Amerasians and Unaccompanied Minors.



25. ASIAN-PACIFIC COMMUNITY CENTER

The Council reviewed a report regarding the establishment of the Asian-Pacific Community Center and authorized a survey to include building schedule and maintenance program including its potential usage as a "1 stop center."

26. REFUGEE ADVOCACY

The Council reviewed a communication from the U.S. Congress indicating that the Vietnamese Government has agreed to accept the proposal to renew the interviews of Vietnamese wishing to leave that country.

27. ORGANIZATION OF CHINESE AMERICANS - Mock Trial

The Council participated in the "mock trial" conducted by the Organization of Chinese Americans by recruiting Asian-Pacific the "jury members" - an important community event held on June 14, 1987.

28. ASIAN-PACIFIC DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIVES RECEPTION

On September 11, 1987, the Council hosted the Asian-Pacific Diplomatic Representatives Reception for delegates from Australia, Korea, Malaysia, New Zealand, Singapore and India. The reception was attended by over 90 community leaders, government representatives, Council members and volunteers and the staff of Minnesota Trade Office and the World Trade Center.

29. VOTER EDUCATION REGISTRATION

The Council attended Voter Education Registration training sessions on how to implement voter registration services which will allow the public to register at the Council Office. The Council authorized the establishment of the Asian-Pacific Voter Education-Registration Center.

30. COUNCIL - COMMUNITY NETWORKING COALITION - 92

The Council participated in the following meetings/events as part of its community networking coalition program with public-private sector agencies:

- 1) Minnesota Consortium, International Institute
- 2) Minnesota Department of Health
- 3) Metropolitan Council
- 4) Fil-Minnesotans Children's Christmas Program
- 5) Organization of Chinese Americans Annual Meeting
- 6) Northwestern Bell
- 7) Minnesota Adult Literacy Campaign
- 8) St. Paul-Ramsey Medical Center
- 9) Ethnic Day Planning Committee

- 10) 3M
- 11) Minnesota Housing Finance Agency
- 12) Statewide Affirmative Action Committee
- 13) Annual Asian Conference, Mankato State University
- 14) Metropolitan State University Annual Meeting
- 15) Hmong American Veterans Alliance
- 16) The American Red Cross
- 17) Minnesota Economic Development Association
- 18) Dunnedin Resident Council Special Meeting
- 19) Human Development Action Coalition
- 20) India Club
- 21) "Just Say No Week" Cleveland Junior High School
- 22) "Commitment to Focus" University of Minnesota
- 23) Twin City Chinese Christian Church
- 24) Department of Human Rights Budget Hearing
- 25) St. Paul Public Schools
- 26) Hamline University
- 27) Minnesota Refugee Office
- 28) Minneapolis Foundation
- 29) KARE 11, Minority Advisory Council
- 30) Council Fund Raising Committee
- 31) Council Long Range Planning Committee
- 32) Governor's State Advisory Council on Refugees
- 33) Educational Equity Advisory Committee, Minnesota Department of Education.
- 34) Minnesota Mutual Assistance Association
- 35) "Day of Remembrance", Japanese American Citizens League
- 36) Project R.I.S.E. Open House
- 37) Organization of Chinese Americans
- 38) Minnesota Women's Consortium
- 39) Asian-Pacific Islander Heritage Week
- 40) Laotian New Year Celebration
- 41) Cambodian New Year Celebration
- 42) Minnesota Asian Advocacy Coalition
- 43) International Institute of Minnesota
- 44) Lutheran Social Services
- 45) Minority Directors' Meeting
- 46) World Touch Heritage Week, University of Minnesota/ Morris Campus
- 47) Children's Shelter of Cebu (Philippines)
- 48) U.S., China People's Friendship Association
- 49) Integration Review Committee, Saint Paul Public Schools
- 50) Minnesota - Vietnamese Artwork and Poetry
- 51) Minnesota Department of Education Award
- 52) Annual Heritage Week and Graduates Banquet
- 53) Minnesota Attorney General
- 54) Minnesota Department of Human Rights
- 55) City Council of Saint Paul
- 56) Affirmative Action Advisory Committee, City of Saint Paul
- 57) AIDS/Coalition for People of Color
- 58) Minnesota Department of Education
- 59) Minnesota Minority Education Partnership
- 60) Inter-Cultural Conflict Study Group, University of Minnesota

- 61) Teen Pregnancy Prevention, Steering Committee for the Collaborative Project
- 62) Ramsey Action Programs Leadership Awards
- 63) Refugee Advocacy Coalition
- 64) City of Saint Paul Public Housing Agency
- 65) U.S. Constitution Bicentennial Meeting
- 66) Asian Indian Program
- 67) Minnesota Trade Office
- 68) Saint Paul Technical and Vocational Institute
- 69) Teenage Pregnancy Prevention
- 70) "The Vietnamese Experience in Minnesota", Vietnamese Community of Minnesota & National Alliance of Vietnamese Americans
- 71) Urban Coalition of Minneapolis
- 72) Minneapolis Commission on Human Rights
- 73) Home of the Good Shepherd
- 74) Saint Paul Human Rights Commission
- 75) "Preparing for Korea" Seminar, Minnesota Trade Office
- 76) "Chinese Organizations in Minnesota: Who are We?" Organization of Chinese Americans
- 77) Multi-Ethnic Coalition
- 78) Affirmative Action Conference "Renewing the Challenge"
- 79) Affirmative Action Program, Saint Paul Public School
- 80) India Day
- 81) AIDS/Minority Communities Meeting
- 82) State Policy on Children, Minnesota Planning Agency
- 83) Johnson Senior High School - Homecoming Coronation
- 84) Medical Assistance Workshop, Children's Defense Fund-Minnesota
- 85) Minority Children in Substitute Care
- 86) Refugee Providers Coordination Meeting
- 87) AIDS Conference, League of Women Voters of Minnesota
- 88) "Future Public Funding for Low/Moderate Income Housing", Project for Pride in Living, Inc.
- 89) Affirmative Action "Open House", U.S. Minneapolis Post Office
- 90) Community Partners Meeting, Minnesota Department of Human Services
- 91) Indonesian-Minnesotan Association Meeting
- 92) Parental Involvement Conference, Saint Paul Public Schools



## COUNCIL ON ASIAN-PACIFIC MINNESOTANS

## COUNCIL MEMBERS

1987

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 Cambodian Community  
 Chinese Community  
 Filipino Community  
 Hmong Community  
 Japanese Community  
 Korean Community  
 Laotian Community  
 Vietnamese Community

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 Senator Allan H. Spear  
 Representative Tony Bennett  
*replaced by Representative Karen Clark (2/87)*  
 Representative John T. Rose  
*replaced by Representative Sandra L. Pappas (2/87)*

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## COUNCIL ON ASIAN-PACIFIC MINNESOTANS

1986

1. COUNCIL FORUM ON HUMAN RIGHTS

The Council sponsored a Community Forum on Human Rights and documented the following comments and recommendations:

- A. The Minnesota Department of Human Rights met with representatives of the Minnesota Department of Administration, Housing and Urban Development, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and three major labor unions and the comments indicate that the Minnesota Department of Human Rights is functioning properly, procedures are being followed, and controls are in place. In addition, the backlog, which has been the historical problem of the Department, has been reduced.
- B. The Minnesota Department of Human Rights recorded the following complaints from the Asian-Pacific community - 11 Vietnamese, 9 Indian, 4 Chinese, 3 Hmong, 3 Filipino, 3 Japanese and 1 each from Bangladesh, Pakistani, Laotian communities. Plans have been made for the translation of human rights materials from English to Asian-Pacific languages. The categories of charges reported were as follows - 5 employee charges, 4 housing charges. Compared to other minority groups, the Asian-Pacific community do not file as many charges as the others.
- C. The "Commission concept" was proposed as a model with the Commissioners appointed by the Governor with quasi-judicial powers and to depoliticize the positions. The Commissioners will appoint the Executive Director.
- D. Creation of a Human Rights Commission as an advisory body with the ability to solve difficult and sensitive issues and work under pressure. In addition, a Selection Committee should be appointed to screen candidates for the position of Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner with strong background in the management of human and civil rights.
- E. By interaction and cooperation, the needs of the community should be addressed - the first stage being the needs of the refugees such as housing, food, etc., and the second stage - education and interpersonal skills. Access routes should be developed such as funding for community-based organizations and recognition of cultural differences. Language barriers should be minimized and that the Council on Asian-Pacific Minnesotans should serve as an "umbrella" for community groups in an advocacy role and administrative liaison.

- F. Employment opportunities should be provided including the hiring of additional staff in the Minnesota Department of Human Rights. The Department should be charged with the responsibility to oversee the needs of minorities, women, handicapped, youth, senior citizens, veterans, single parents as it relates to civil and human rights.
- G. The Minnesota Department of Human Rights should provide a "check and balance" monitoring system to ensure that state agencies are in compliance with the Human Rights Statutes.
- H. The Minnesota Department of Human Rights should emphasize conciliation rather than the legalistic approach in its conflict resolution mandates and provide more community education.

The Council recommended to the Minnesota Legislature that the Minnesota Department of Human Rights should be an independent agency.

2. COUNCIL REVENUES - \$3,850.00

The Council received the following revenues:

- A. \$2,350.00 - funding support for the "Meet Your Candidates Night"
- B. \$1,500.00 - funding for translation of materials from English to Asian-Pacific languages

3. ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION

The Council accepted the \$150.00 donation from Dr. Albert V. de Leon, Executive Director of the Council, representing his honorarium as speaker at the University of Minnesota, Morris Campus, on April 13, 1986.

4. YEAR OF THE TIGER CELEBRATION

The Council co-sponsored the Year of the Tiger Celebration (formerly Lunar New Year Festival February 20-23, 1986) by supporting the Asian-Pacific Community Leadership Awards and Miss Asian-Pacific Community Pageant.

5. CULTURAL BARRIERS

The Planning, Implementation and Legislation Committee of the Council advocated a research program to determine the existing needs of the Asian-Pacific community, coordinate its research efforts with the other Minority Councils with a focus on any "cultural barriers" which impede community networking and neighborhood alliance-building.

6. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TRADE

The Economic Development and Trade Committee of the Council with a primary role of providing information, education and promotion developed the following priorities - (1) to determine the existing needs and develop services which will be required in the future; (2) to analyze existing profile of Asian-Pacific businesses in Minnesota; and (3) to provide information and education through seminars relative to market identification, income taxes and assets evaluation.

The Council participated in three important seminars - Individual (Personal) Income Tax, Small Business Income Tax, and Going Into Business/Importing and Exporting.

7. COMMUNITY LIAISON

The Community Liaison Committee of the Council presented its work plan which includes (1) identification of community needs and development of proposals to meet these needs; (2) collection of data and information on the status of Southeast Asian Refugees in the State and the services available to them; and (3) formation of a permanent liaison capability program to serve as the central source of information.

8. LAOTIAN AND CAMBODIAN NEW YEAR

The Council participated in the Cambodian and Laotian New Year (April 12th) by providing resource speakers to both community events.

9. STRATEGIC PLAN

The Council reviewed and adopted the following Strategic Plan:

- A) Increase Council visibility in the community and develop strong working relationships with the Governor, Legislature, and State Agencies. Establish linkages within Asian-Pacific community organizations and support programs and services beneficial to the Asian-Pacific clientele. The Council under its legislative mandate serves as a Clearing House regarding the application of state agencies for federal funds.
- B) Ensure "equal representation" of Asian-Pacific communities in the Council. The Council's role is to bring the Asian-Pacific communities together recognizing that the movement for Asian-Pacific cooperation is relatively new with a diversity of economic and educational backgrounds.

The Council should adhere to a policy of a "sense of fairness" and always be concerned that many of our Asian-Pacific peoples have difficulty with the English language. The primary role of the Council is that of "advisory to the Governor and the Legislature" and should develop attainable goals.

- C) The Council should participate actively in the cultural and educational activities designed to promote Asian-Pacific Heritage. Priority should be given to conducting community meetings and long range planning programs.
  - D) The Council must address Asian-Pacific concerns such as - mental health, problems affecting the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd generation, the "un-represented and under-represented groups," and integration of Council programs with other community organizations. The Council must work on "team building" efforts and promote cohesiveness, including board and staff development, continuing education programs and provide training and technical assistance to the Asian-Pacific Community Organizations.
  - E) The Council must develop a Fund Raising Program to ensure the financial foundation of its programs and services. The Council must address critical issues in the Asian-Pacific community such as - employment, education, housing, and the Asian-Pacific Woman. The Council should schedule public hearings and secure the support of state agencies and community organizations serving the Asian-Pacific community to secure maximum input from all interested parties.
- The Council should define its role, duties and responsibilities particularly as it relates to policy implementation and its structure. The Council should work with educational institutions in the development of Asian-Pacific Student Interns.
- F) The Council's important role is to unite the Asian-Pacific community and publish a quarterly newsletter to highlight its activities in the community. The Council should sponsor the formation of the Asian-Pacific Chamber of Commerce of Minnesota and actively support the employment and promotion of Asian-Pacific people in the State Government. The Council should endorse the Asian Business and Community News as a vehicle for communicating the achievements of various ethnic groups and as a positive support for various Asian-Pacific advocacy community leaders.
  - G) The Council should participate and co-sponsor community meetings, public hearings, seminars, institutes and conferences to secure maximum support in the implementation of the Council's programs and services.
  - H) The Council should address significant Asian-Pacific problems affecting the refugees and immigrants in the areas of - employment, language barriers, mental health and legal services. The Council should monitor State Agencies to determine whether or not adequate funds, programs and services are being provided to the Asian-Pacific peoples. The Council should support programs of Asian-Pacific corporations and higher education opportunities to ensure the promotion of Asian-Pacific peoples to management levels.
  - I) The Council must make a periodic assessment of the concerns and problems of the Asian-Pacific community, analyze the issues and



develop coordinative efforts to avoid over-lapping of services. The Council should address the process of integrating refugees and immigrants who are now U.S. citizens at the same time ensuring the retention of their values and traditions. The Council should be non-partisan and develop close working relationship with the Legislature including constructive and positive legislative dialogue during public hearings and comments and recommendations on pending bills.

- J) The Council should develop a Fund Raising Program to raise 10% of the required match to our annual appropriation. This effort should begin before the end of its fiscal year to demonstrate to the Legislature of our sincere commitment to increase our programs and services via private funds.
- K) The Council should serve as a watchdog against discrimination in the state government and function as a liaison to refugees, immigrants and citizens for services available to the community.
- L) The Council should be informed of Asian-Pacific visitors to Minnesota and should host foreign guests so that they may be more appreciative of our American values and way of living.
- M) The Council should provide continuing education workshops for Southeast Asian refugees particularly in the areas of - driver education, liability, and the need for insurance coverage.
- N) The Council should consider "Voter Education and Registration" as a priority to implement its legislative mandate: "that Asians in Minnesota are more fully incorporated into the governmental and policy making process."
- O) For humanitarian reasons, the Council should support the "Missing In Action (MIA) Program".
- P) The Council should develop a work plan to develop the following projects - 1) Asian-Pacific Shopping Center; 2) Quarterly Newsletter; 3) Development of a Job Bank; 4) Fund Raising Program for Scholarships and Business Development; 5) Lease/Purchase computer for data sourcing and research; 6) Develop opportunities for Southeast Asian Refugees; and 7) Audit Affirmative Action Programs in the Public/Private Sectors for compliance.

#### 10. COLLABORATIVE PROGRAMS WITH MINORITY COUNCILS

The Council adopted networking activities to promote collaborative programs with the other minority councils - Council on Black Minnesotans, Indian Affairs Council, Spanish Speaking Affairs Council, Council on Disability and Legislative Commission on Women. Periodic get-together of the Minority Council Directors to promote coordination of efforts and positive linkages was adopted. Joint planning activities include the following - development of the State Minority Residency Map, Cooperative Education Programs for Student Interns, participation in the State Fair, formation of

Community Development Corporations, Cultural Events Calendar, and maximum utilization of advisory boards and legislative advocacy task forces.

#### 11. FORMATION OF SHARED INTEREST PROGRAMS

The Council adopted the policy of forming "shared interest groups" with the Legislative Advisory Commission, Standing Committees, and Task Forces in the Legislature. These efforts include addressing legitimate broad-based concerns which would be very helpful in setting priorities and submitting the Council's recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature.

#### 12. LEADERSHIP TRAINING PROGRAMS

The Council's Leadership Training Programs include the inner workings of the legislative finance, appropriation and governmental operations to secure positive budgetary support. This "legislative action plan" provides for the inclusion of "local co-sponsors" of community meetings and public hearings vital to setting priorities and submitting recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature.

#### 13. MINNESOTA ASIAN ADVOCACY COALITION

The Council authorized its participation as a co-sponsor for a Conference on Asian-Pacific Issues in Minnesota under the sponsorship of the Minnesota Asian Advocacy Coalition to provide an opportunity to discuss issues, share experiences and expertise and to promote the visibility of Asians. As a co-sponsor the Council will provide logistical support, community contact and expertise, and serve as the fiscal agent for the conference scheduled in the Fall of 1986.

#### 14. ADVOCACY FOR SOUTHEAST ASIAN REFUGEES

The Council conducted a public meeting regarding assistance to the Hmong refugees in the State of Minnesota and authorized the following - 1) request all state agencies to continue services to the Hmong community; 2) convene a meeting of all officials and public agencies to review the services to all refugees; 3) discuss refugee issues with the U.S. Department of State; 4) ensure that all educational programs for Hmong refugees should continue; and 5) organize a Volunteer group to assist the Hmong and all Southeast Asian refugees in developing their skills and knowledge and address their health needs and programs; 6) create a Southeast Asian Refugee Task Force to develop a Plan of Action.

#### 15. VOTER EDUCATION PROGRAM

The Council designated June 27, 1986 as "Meet Your Candidates Night" as part of its Voter Education Program. In addition, the Council participated in the Asian-Pacific Political Action Workshop on May 24-31, 1986.



16. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Council conducted meetings for the following Committees - By Laws, "Open House", Fund Raising, Selection (Contractor/Consultant) and MN Southeast Asian Refugees Issues.

17. COUNCIL "PUBLIC HEARINGS"

The Council in compliance with its legislative mandates conducted public hearings in five (5) different cities with the following schedule -

- May 29, 1986 - Rochester
- June 11, 1986 - Minneapolis
- June 19, 1986 - Saint Paul
- June 24, 1986 - Saint Cloud
- June 30, 1986 - Duluth

The Council registered over 27 hours of public testimonies articulated by one hundred eighteen (118) speakers in five (5) public hearing sites, attended by two hundred eighty (280) interested citizens.

Designated to solicit public comments on our Strategic Plans and to invite community input on critical issues affecting the Asian-Pacific Minnesotans, our public hearings held in five (5) cities provided the Council with the most effective public relations coverage within a relatively short period of our existence.

Summary of Public Participation

	<u>Speakers</u>	<u>Attendees</u>
City of Rochester	13	40
City of Minneapolis	42	120
City of Saint Paul	28	45
City of Saint Cloud	20	25
City of Duluth	15	50
TOTAL	118	280

18. COUNCIL PARTICIPATION IN CONFERENCES

The Council participated in the following conferences:

- May 14, 1986 - Minnesota Consortium, International Institute
- May 16, 1986 - "The Changing Workforce and Un-employment", Minnesota Department of Jobs and Training
- Asian-Pacific Heritage Week, University of Minnesota
- May 19, 1986 - Ramsey County Community Human Services Department
- May 22, 1986 - State Board of Vocational Technical Education Task Force
- May 24, 1986 - Asian Political Education Workshop, Urban Concerns
- June 4, 1986 - Minnesota Asian Advocacy Coalition

19. COUNCIL OPEN HOUSE

The Council sponsored a Council Open House on June 13, 1986.

20. STATE OPEN APPOINTMENTS

The Council met with Lieutenant Governor Marlene Johnson on July 1, 1986 to brief her on the Council's progress and activities. Ms. Johnson has been following-up public information regarding the Council's statewide public hearings and expressed support in the implementation phase of our recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature.

Lt. Governor Johnson chairs the State Open Appointment Commission and in this regard she recommended that the Council create its own Nominating Committee to recruit and submit the names of qualified and interested Asian-Pacific Minnesotans for consideration in vacancies in the State Boards and Commissions under the "Open Appointment" process.

21. WELCOME RECEPTION TO "NEW AMERICANS"

On the eve of Independence Week which highlighted the contributions of refugees and immigrants including those who will receive their U.S. Citizenship, Lt. Governor Johnson recommended that the Council serve as the "Welcome-Reception" body to honor our "New Americans" especially our Asian-Pacific Minnesotans to underscore the important role they will play in our electoral and political process. Lt. Governor Johnson indicated that she is anxious to join the Council in mailing out letters of "Welcome and Congratulations" to our new citizens as they embark in a new and exciting life in America as equal partners in our democratic society.

22. "NAME ME " CONTEST - QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

The Council invited the Asian-Pacific community to participate in a "Name Me" contest to provide the name of the Council's Quarterly Newsletter. Executive Director Albert V. de Leon donated his \$50 honorarium as a speaker at the Hubert H. Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs to the winning entry and a dinner for two (2) at one of the fine Asian-Pacific restaurants in the Twin Cities for the second choice.

The Council received the following entries for this contest and voted on the first and second choices:

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| - MINASIAN-PACIFIC HERITAGE    | - 1st Choice |
| - MINASIAN-ECHOES              | - 2nd Choice |
| - HERITAGE - ASIAN AND PACIFIC |              |
| - THE COUNCIL LANTERN          |              |
| - THE LANTERN                  |              |
| - COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER         |              |



23. ASIAN-PACIFIC BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER

The Council reviewed the proposal for the establishment of the Asian Business Development Center and referred the recommendation to the Fund Raising Committee for appropriate action.

24. ASIAN-PACIFIC MUSICAL PRESENTATION

The Council reviewed a fund raising proposal for a "Spring Musical Event" through which the Asian-Pacific Culture will be shown via a musical production and restore community pride which will be participated by different groups in the Asian-Pacific community. The proposal was referred to the Fund Raising Committee for appropriate action.

25. EMPLOYMENT PREPARATION PROGRAM

The Council approved a proposal presented by 3M regarding employment preparation which outlines job seeking skills workshops and provides job seekers the skill to find a job. The program will be conducted in five sessions for five consecutive weeks (3 hours per session) with a commitment for the participants to attend all the sessions. 3M program presenters will volunteer their time to conduct the workshop and it will be at no cost to the Council. The program will be implemented with the development of the Council's Employment Preparation Institute.

26. MINNESOTA WORLD TRADE CENTER

The Center's mission and future events were presented to the Council which provides Minnesota with the international atmosphere by serving as the resource center for information for individuals and corporations interested in international trade, particularly with Asian-Pacific countries. The Council was briefed about the December 7-9, 1986 conference entitled - "Preparing for the Century of the Pacific - A Four Country Overview." To support the Center's programs the Council reviewed its plans to develop the Asian-Pacific Minnesotans Economic Development Institute.

27. DEATH OF ASIAN MAN

The Council discussed a report regarding the procedure in determining the death of an Asian man in South Minneapolis due to the inability of the Asian community to secure this information from the Minneapolis Police Department. The procedure provided by Minnesota Law was reviewed with a request to secure the information from the Hennepin County Medical Examiner.

28. ROTATION OF COUNCIL MEETING LOCATION

The Council as a state agency approved a recommendation to rotate its meetings in various areas of the state and, whenever possible alternate its

meetings between Saint Paul and Minneapolis and between Metro Area and Greater Minnesota. In addition, the Council approved the recommendation to schedule Council and Committee meetings not earlier than 6:00 PM to enable more Council and community members to attend.

29. INDO-CHINESE COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP CONVENTION

The Council was presented with a special report on the Indo-Chinese Community Leadership Convention which was held on June 22-24, 1986 in Washington, D.C. which addressed international and domestic refugee programs and refugees. In addition, a Rally for Freedom was held at the Lutheran Church at the Lutheran Church in Minneapolis on August 23, 1986 to raise funds to send 20 advocates to Washington, D.C. to lobby for refugee programs. The Council took positive action to help keep the refugee program open and recommended that the government proclaim a refugee day.

30. CITIZENSHIP PREPARATION INSTITUTE

As recommended by the Minnesota Legislators, the Council created the Citizenship Preparation Institute inaugurated on August 21, 1986 with a "Meet Your Candidates Night" as a special feature with thirty (30) Candidates attending this event.

31. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE

The Council initiated the formation of the Economic Development Institute as the "umbrella" to house the following Centers of the Council:

- Small Business Opportunities Center
- Housing Development Center
- Employment Development Center
- Community Development Center
- Asian-Pacific Mall
- Asian-Pacific Community Center.

Significant in the development of the institute is the creation of the Asian-American Chamber of Commerce of Minnesota which developed working relationships with the Minnesota Trade Office, Minnesota World Trade Center, Minnesota Department of Energy and Economic Development, various Chambers of Commerce and other public/private sector agencies interested in the promotion of international commerce and trade with special emphasis on the Asian-Pacific market.

The Institute's Advisory Committee includes the finest in our community representing the disciplines of - finance, banking, economics, commerce, trade, marketing, investment planning, export-import and loan sourcing. Educational institutions and private small business and corporations "Doing Business in Asia and the Pacific" serve as the Institute's Primary Sponsors in contributing to the Council's long range plans to promote Minnesota's economic growth and development as defined by our Legislative Mandate.



32. ASIAN-PACIFIC MINNESOTAN LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

The Council established and convened the first meeting of the Institute on August 14, 1986 at the State Capitol composed of Chairpersons, Presidents, and Executive Directors of Asian-Pacific Community Organizations.

33. ASIAN-PACIFIC MINNESOTAN GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES NETWORK

The Council established and convened the first meeting of the Network on April 19, 1986 composed of Asian-Pacific government employees at the federal, state, county, city governments in the executive, legislative and judicial branches of the government including educational institutions.

34. ASIAN-PACIFIC CULTURAL CO-SPONSORSHIPS

The Council co-sponsored the following cultural events:

- o Vietnamese Musical Instruments Performance
- o "Makisig" Little Hero of Mactan  
Anak Bayan (Philippines)

35. CHINESE-AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF MINNESOTA

The Council reviewed the proposal of the Chinese-American Association of Minnesota to request the Metropolitan Council to provide financial support for Chinese Arts Exhibition in Minnesota and recommended that the project be funded.

36. METROPOLITAN COUNCIL CONFERENCE

The Council co-sponsored the December 12, 1986 conference sponsored by the Minority Issues Advisory Committee of the Metropolitan Council which addressed the following issues - human services, health care, employment and training.

37. ADVOCACY FOR REFUGEE PROGRAMS

The Council officially communicated its opposition to the proposed change in the U.S. policy of converting the present refugee program to strictly an "immigration program" in official communication to the President of the United States, U.S. Congress, Members of the Cabinet and Minnesota Elected Officials.

38. ITASCA SEMINAR - MINNEAPOLIS FOUNDATION

The Council participated as a resource participant in the Itasca Seminar sponsored by the Minneapolis Foundation from September 29 - October 3rd.

The participants numbering 100 include representatives from foundations, grant directors, fund raisers, educators and community leaders.

39. TV/RADIO BROADCASTERS MEETING

The Council participated in the Twin Cities Broadcasters Community Leader Ascertainment Participants Meeting on September 15, 1986 sponsored by the University of Minnesota - KUOM Radio held at the KEEY/WDGY Studios in Saint Paul consisting of seven TV Public Affairs Directors and 15 Radio News Directors. Topics discussed were as follows - discriminations, affirmative action, equal opportunity, refugee programs, immigration, citizenship, educational opportunities, ESL, housing, credits and loans, small business opportunities, international trade and commerce, mental health and legal services, and the advocacy role of the Council on Asian-Pacific Minnesotans.

40. ASIAN-PACIFIC STUDENTS

The Council deliberated on complaints regarding incidents involving Asian-Pacific students at school and their work place and recommended that a dialogue be organized between parents, school officials and employers and students with appropriate recommendations.

41. REFUGEE ADVOCACY COALITION MEETING - WASHINGTON, D.C.

The Council was briefed on the highlights of the Refugee Advocacy Coalition meeting in Washington, D.C. attended by the 23 Asian-Pacific delegation composed of 14 Cambodians, 2 Hmong, 2 Vietnamese, and 5 Caucasians. The Minnesota delegation met with 70 congressional representatives (US Senators and US Representatives) and provided them with first hand information concerning refugee camps and requested that the refugee program should not be converted into an immigrant program.

42. PHILIPPINE AMERICAN COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS-NETWORKING

The Council participated in the historic first Joint Meeting of seven Philippine-American Community Organizations in Minnesota attended by 35 officers and board members on September 24, 1986. The get-together served as a community model for networking efforts to develop similar forums for other ethnic communities.

43. ASIAN-AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF MINNESOTA

The Council approved the recommendation for the formation of the Asian-American Chamber of Commerce of Minnesota in accordance with its Legislative Mandates, Strategic Plan, Economic Development Proposals and results of statewide public hearings.



44. CONFERENCE ON ASIAN-PACIFIC AFFAIRS

The Council co-sponsored the 1986 Statewide Conference on Asian-Pacific Issues sponsored by the Minnesota Asian Advisory Coalition. The conference provided the momentum to plan for the 1987 National Conference with Joint Co-sponsorship of the Public-private Sector Organizations.

45. ASIAN-PACIFIC JOB BANK

The Council created the Asian-Pacific Job Bank to match our Asian-Pacific applicants who graduated from the 3M - Council Employment Preparation Program. The Job Bank was endorsed by General Mills, Inc., by hosting a Job Market at its corporate headquarters on November 5, 1986. The next phase would be the sponsorship of an Annual Job Fair which will become a special feature at the Minnesota State Fair.

46. "BREAKFAST WITH THE EXPERTS"

The Council served as resource at the Employer Education Service sponsored by the Industrial Relations Center of the University of Minnesota on November 7, 1986 at the Hubert Humphrey Institute.

47. U.S. CONSTITUTION BICENTENNIAL

The Council was invited to participate in the celebration of the 200th Anniversary of the U.S. Constitution on September 17, 1987 and assist in planning the following programs - public education regarding the constitution, diverse responsibilities on civic life, envisioning the future of democracy, youth constitutional convention, art projects, citizen forums in 500 small town-hall forums on "what does it mean to be an American citizen", celebration-birthday party for the founding document of American democracy. The Council created the Citizenship Preparation Institute which will co-sponsor seminars for refugees and immigrants who wish to become naturalized U.S. citizens.

48. WOMEN OF COLOR IN MINNESOTA

The Commission on the Economic Status of Women presented a report to the Council which indicated that Asian-Pacific women are doing better compared to the general population as it relates to educational levels and employment in managerial occupations.

49. ASIAN-AMERICAN STUDENT CULTURAL CENTER

The Center Director gave a report to the Council regarding the activities of the organization which works with six different ethnic groups at the University of Minnesota - Cambodian, Hong Kong, Filipino, Korean, Laotian

and Vietnamese with projects involving art, cooking, dancing and multicultural presentations.

50. JAPANESE-AMERICAN COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

The Council hosted a networking get-together with representatives of the Japanese-American community which focused on the presentation by the Minnesota World Trade Center regarding the 4-Nation Conference - Japan, China, Korea and the Philippines on December 7, 8 & 9, 1986.

51. ADVOCACY ON EMPLOYMENT ISSUES

The Council requested the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry to investigate the non-payment of wages due to Asian-Pacific employees on private industries.

The Council met with the Teamster Labor Union relative to the termination of Asian-Pacific employees working in a private organization which was featured in the Saturday evening TV news and local newspapers on November 14 and 15, 1986.

52. ASIAN-PACIFIC ISSUES IN MINNESOTA CONFERENCE

The 2-day conference sponsored by the Council on November 14 and 15, 1986 featured Asian Art Exhibits and Asian Book Display addressed local, state, national and international issues of interest to refugees and immigrants with recommended solutions to problems.

53. ASIAN-PACIFIC MINNESOTANS VOLUNTEER CENTER

The Council endorsed the plan for the establishment of the Asian-Pacific Minnesotans Volunteer Center and requested the Minnesota Office on Volunteer to conduct Volunteer Training Programs. The creation of this Center acknowledged the contributions of many Asian-Pacific volunteers in "making things happen."

54. COUNCIL-NORTHWESTERN BELL WORKING RELATIONSHIP

The Council reviewed its working relationship with Northwestern Bell particularly with the Northwestern Bell Foundation, its priorities in economic development, mentoring program provided by Northwestern Bell employees. The Council proposed the development of an Asian-Pacific Training Center with Northwestern Bell as its primary sponsor.

55. COUNCIL - MINNEAPOLIS FOUNDATION

The Council was provided a Mission Report of the Minneapolis Foundation which was created as a public trust with two important guidelines - (1) to determine the cause of problems and (2) to eliminate discrimination

particularly among disadvantaged population. In addition, the Foundation administers the Emma Howe Fund which are for statewide projects dedicated to children and education. The Council has participated in the Foundation's Itasca Seminars with 17 corporate co-sponsors which addressed the following issues - effecting change, economic power, racial and sex issues.

#### 56. FUTON FACTORY IN THE TWIN CITIES

The Council endorsed the business plans of 7th Heaven Futon, Inc., to open a futon factory in the Twin Cities and hire Asian-Pacific employees and integrate the high quality of Hmong art in their futon designs. The company will offer a competitive salary, English as a second language and meditation courses to eliminate stress.

The Council will assist the company in finding interested applicants through its Job Bank, provide tax information, and assist in sourcing "start-up" funds with the possibility of opening the factory in April 1987 in a building with 18,000 square footage in Minneapolis.

#### 57. MADONNA CORPORATION - COSTUME JEWELRY

The Council's Small Business Opportunities Center provided technical assistance to the Madonna Corporation in developing a costume jewelry business in the Twin Cities.

#### 58. PARTNERSHIPS FOR REFUGEES AND YOU

The Council participated as resource agency on the subject of economic development on November 18, 1986 Panel on Partnerships for Refugees and You sponsored by the Governor's Advisory Council on Refugees particularly in the area of education.

#### 59. JOB BANK AND TRAINING DEVELOPMENT CENTER

The Minnesota Department of Jobs and Training provided support and endorsement for the creation of the Job Bank and Training Development Center of the Council, as an integral part of our Employment Development Center. The Council received 30 pledges from private corporations, including 3M and General Mills, in support of the Council's Job Market concept.

#### 60. AFFILIATION AGREEMENT - STATE PLANNING AGENCY

The Council signed an Affiliation Agreement with the State Planning Agency designating the Council as a member of the Minnesota Census Data Center. The agreement enhanced the Council's accessibility to demographics, census data, statistical resources, information and publications.

#### 61. COUNCIL - COMMUNITY NETWORKING COALITION - 120

The Council participated in the following meetings/events as part of its community networking coalition program with public-private sector agencies:

- 1) Minnesota Refugee Resettlement Consortium
- 2) Statewide Affirmative Action Committee - State Department of Employee Relations
- 3) Ecumenical Conference on the Philippines
- 4) Office of the Governor
- 5) American Refugee Committee
- 6) Asian-Pacific Lawyers Association
- 8) Minnesota Asian Advocacy Coalition
- 10) Asian Business and Community News
- 11) State Bilingual Services Task Force
- 12) Philippine Study Group
- 13) Wilder Foundation
- 14) Metropolitan Waste Control Commission
- 15) Fil-Minnesotan Association
- 16) Northrup King Company
- 17) Lakewood Community College
- 18) Saint Paul Pioneer Press and Dispatch
- 19) The Saint Paul Foundation
- 20) Minnesota Office of Attorney General
- 21) Minnesota Housing Finance Agency
- 22) Minnesota Department of Education
- 23) Minnesota Department of Administration
- 24) Minnesota Trade Office
- 25) Minnesota Department of Revenue
- 26) Minnesota Department of Human Rights
- 27) Minnesota Department of Trade and Economic Development
- 28) Minnesota State Council for the Handicapped
- 29) Governor Rudy Perpich
- 30) Mayor Chuck Hazama, City of Rochester
- 31) Laotian New Year
- 32) Cambodian New Year
- 33) Thai New Year
- 34) Sawatdee Restaurant Inauguration (Minneapolis)
- 35) Governor's Advisory Council on Refugees
- 36) State Board of Vocational and Technical Education
- 37) St. Paul Public Schools Urban Affairs (Integration Review)
- 38) Lao Family Community of Minnesota, Inc.
- 39) U.S. Catholic Conference
- 40) Minority Council Directors
- 41) American-Vietnamese Veteran Alliance Parade
- 42) Minority Student Cultural Emphasis Program
- University of Minnesota, Morris Campus
- 43) Minnesota Department of Human Services
- 44) Minnesota Department of Employee Relations
- 45) Minnesota Area Vocational-Technical Institute (Brainerd)
- 46) Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
- 47) Minnesota Printing & Mailing Services Division
- 48) Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry
- 49) Minnesota Refugee Office



- 50) Minnesota Literacy Council
- 51) Minnesota Legislative Reference Library
- 52) Minnesota Higher Education Coordinating Board
- 53) Minnesota Department of Jobs and Training
- 54) Representatives, United States Congress
- 55) City of Saint Paul
- 56) City of Duluth
- 57) St. Louis Park School District
- 58) Marquette Bank
- 59) Vietnamese Cultural Association in Minnesota
- 60) Helping Industry Resolve Employment Disabilities
- 61) Lutheran Social Services of Minnesota
- 62) City of Saint Cloud
- 63) Fil-American Club
- 64) Civil Rights Compliance In-Service/Minnesota Department of Education
- 65) Vietnamese-American Small Business Seminar
- 66) Community University Health Care Center
- 67) Tennant Company
- 68) The Leonard Parker Associates - Architects
- 69) Minnesota Department of Energy and Economic Development
- 70) Zhejiang (China) Academy of Fine Arts
- 71) Council on Black Minnesotans
- 72) Regional Transit Board
- 73) Minneapolis Public Schools
- 74) Fund Raising Committee
- 75) Small Business Seminar
- 76) Small Business Development Center Planning Committee
- 77) Metropolitan Council/Minority Issues Advisory Committee
- 78) University of Minnesota/Refugee Mental Health Program
- 79) University of Minnesota/Human Resources Training Program
- 80) Minnesota World Trade Center
- 81) Secretary of State
- 82) Hamline University
- 83) Urban Coalition of Minneapolis
- 84) State Planning Agency
- 85) Hubert H. Humphrey Institute/University of Minnesota
- 86) U.S. Small Business Administration
- 87) Minnesota Small Business Development Center
- 88) 3M Management Staff
- 89) Employer Education Service/University of Minnesota
- 90) Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services, Inc.
- 91) American Red Cross
- 92) Legislative Hearings on Human Rights
- 93) Mutual Aid Association
- 94) Twin Cities Opportunities Industrialization Center
- 95) Ramsey County Medical Center
- 96) Amnesty International, Inc.
- 97) By-Laws Committee
- 98) Refugee Mental Health Office
- 99) Honeywell
- 100) WMIN Radio Station
- 101) Cultural Society of Filipino Americans
- 102) Excellence in Educational Equity Advisory Committee

- 103) Metropolitan State University  
Class "Anthropology of Aging"
- 104) Political Action by Youth (PAY) Planning Group
- 105) Census Data Center Annual Meeting
- 106) Minneapolis Technical Institute Evaluation
- 107) Japanese American Citizens League
- 108) Mankato State University
- 109) United Way of Saint Paul Area
- 110) Put It All Together (PAT)
- 111) INROADS
- 112) Minnesota Office of Volunteers
- 113) VTC, Inc.
- 114) Tempco, Inc.
- 115) St. Paul Ramsey Medical Center
- 116) Minnesota Refugee Health Task Force
- 117) Department of Urban Affairs
- 118) Metropolitan Council Conference on "Teenage Pregnancy"
- 119) The Governor's Council on Youth
- 120) Northwestern Bell



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1. SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

The Council participated in the Vietnamese Small Business Seminar in accordance with its legislative mandate to assist small business owners in developing business plans and complying with state tax requirements.

2. SOUTHEAST ASIAN REFUGEES

The Council reviewed the unmet needs of Southeast Asian Refugees in Minnesota and the effectiveness of the systems to provide adequately for those needs. The Council developed guidelines to evaluate existing social delivery systems and how access to these services are provided to the Southeast Asian Refugees. The Council endorsed the proposal to coordinate its efforts in this regard with the Governor's Council on Refugee Issues by developing priorities and setting goals.

3. MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

The Council developed a work plan to collaborate with the Health Committee of the Metropolitan Council particularly in the area of mental health where there is a need for more minority input. The Council supported the recommendation for securing additional funds for mental health services.

4. MEDIA SERVICES

The Council endorsed the plan for developing community and public relations program with cable television access to communicate the various public and private sector programs and services to the Asian-Pacific community.



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