

## ATTACHMENT 17

### Draft LC 282 (SB 530)

Changes name of Commission on Asian Affairs to Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs. Clarifies duties of commission.

# DRAFT

## SUMMARY

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### A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to the Commission on Asian Affairs; creating new provisions; and  
3 amending ORS 182.538, 185.005, 185.610, 185.620, 185.625 and 409.619.

4 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 185.610 is amended to read:

6 185.610. (1) The Commission on Asian **and Pacific Islander** Affairs is  
7 created. The commission has 11 members. Nine of the 11 members shall be  
8 appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the Senate under ORS  
9 171.562 and 171.565. The President of the Senate shall appoint one Senator  
10 as a member of the commission, and the Speaker of the House of Represen-  
11 tatives shall appoint one Representative as a member of the commission. To  
12 the extent possible, members appointed by the Governor shall provide for  
13 representation from all areas of the state. All of the members of the com-  
14 mission shall be residents of this state.

15 (2) The term of office is three years. Appointments to fill a vacancy for  
16 an unexpired term shall be made by the person who made the original ap-  
17 pointment.

18 (3) The commission shall elect a chairperson and vice chairperson for a  
19 term of one year and shall determine the duties of the officers.

20 (4) A majority of the members of the commission constitutes a quorum for  
21 the transaction of business.

22 (5)(a) Appointments to the commission shall be made to ensure ethnic

**NOTE:** Matter in boldfaced type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted.  
New sections are in boldfaced type.

1 representation of Asian and Pacific Islander Americans in Oregon.

2 (b) For the purpose of this subsection, “Asian and Pacific Islander  
3 Americans” has the meaning given that term in ORS 185.620.

4 (6) Members of the commission who are not legislators shall be paid  
5 compensation and expenses as provided in ORS 292.495 from funds appropri-  
6 ated to the Oregon Advocacy Commissions Office.

7 (7) Members of the commission who are legislators shall be paid com-  
8 pensation and expense reimbursement as provided in ORS 171.072, payable  
9 from funds appropriated to the Legislative Assembly.

10 **SECTION 2.** (1) The amendments to ORS 185.610 by section 1 of this  
11 2011 Act are intended to change the name of the “Commission on  
12 Asian Affairs” to the “Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Af-  
13 fairs.”

14 (2) For the purpose of harmonizing and clarifying statutory law, the  
15 Legislative Counsel may substitute for words designating the “Com-  
16 mission on Asian Affairs,” wherever they occur in statutory law, other  
17 words designating the “Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Af-  
18 fairs.”

19 **SECTION 3.** ORS 185.620 is amended to read:

20 185.620. (1) The Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs shall:

21 (a) [*Encourage*] Identify barriers to the economic development and  
22 trade opportunities of Asian and Pacific Islander Americans within this  
23 state, and advise state agencies and officials on issues related to those  
24 barriers.

25 (b) Establish an Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs Network to facilitate  
26 the work of the commission.

27 (c) Identify and examine the needs of Asian and Pacific Islander Amer-  
28 ican residents of this state.

29 (d) Compile information relating to services available to Asian and  
30 Pacific Islander American residents of this state, including but not limited  
31 to education and training programs, work programs, dispute resolution pro-

1 grams, [*trade opportunities*,] housing programs, health programs, mental  
2 health programs including alcohol and drug services, and welfare programs  
3 from local, state and federal sources and through private agencies.

4 (e) Develop and sponsor programs in cooperation with **Asian and Pacific**  
5 **Islander** American groups and organizations to inform **Asian and Pacific**  
6 **Islander** American residents of this state of services available to them.

7 (f) Assess all programs of state agencies operating for the benefit of **Asian**  
8 **and Pacific Islander** American residents of this state and make recommen-  
9 dations to the appropriate agencies for the improvement of those programs.

10 (g) **Serve as liaison to other state boards and commissions as re-**  
11 **quired by law.**

12 [(g)] (h) Submit to the Governor at the beginning of each biennium a re-  
13 port that describes the needs of **Asian and Pacific Islander** Americans  
14 identified under paragraph (c) of this subsection and that specifies the pro-  
15 grams, projects and activities that the commission will undertake regarding  
16 those needs.

17 (2) As used in this section, "**Asian and Pacific Islander American**"  
18 means a resident of the United States who is of **Asian or Pacific Islander**  
19 ancestry.

20 **SECTION 4.** ORS 185.625 is amended to read:

21 185.625. The Legislative Assembly declares that the Commission on **Asian**  
22 **and Pacific Islander** Affairs shall work for the implementation and estab-  
23 lishment of economic, social, legal and political equality for **Asian and**  
24 **Pacific Islander** Americans in this state and to maintain a continuing as-  
25 sessment of the issues and needs confronting **Asian and Pacific Islander**  
26 Americans in this state.

27 **SECTION 5.** ORS 182.538 is amended to read:

28 182.538. (1) There is established the Environmental Justice Task Force  
29 consisting of 12 members appointed by the Governor. The members shall be  
30 persons who are well-informed on the principles of environmental justice and  
31 who, to the greatest extent practicable, represent minority communities,

1 low-income communities, environmental interests, industry groups and ge-  
2 ographically diverse areas of the state. Of the 12 members, the Governor  
3 shall appoint one member of the task force from each of the following com-  
4 missions:

5 (a) The Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs;

6 (b) The Commission on Black Affairs;

7 (c) The Commission on Hispanic Affairs; and

8 (d) The Commission on Indian Services.

9 (2) The task force shall submit an annual report to the Governor setting  
10 forth its view of the progress of natural resource agencies toward achieving  
11 the goals established pursuant to ORS 182.542 and identifying any other en-  
12 vironmental issues that the task force determines need attention.

13 (3) The term of office of each member is four years, but a member serves  
14 at the pleasure of the Governor. Before the expiration of the term of a  
15 member, the Governor shall appoint a successor whose term begins on Jan-  
16 uary 1 of the following year. A member may be reappointed. If there is a  
17 vacancy for any cause, the Governor shall make an appointment to become  
18 immediately effective for the unexpired term.

19 (4) A member of the task force who is not a member of the Legislative  
20 Assembly is entitled to compensation and expenses in the manner and  
21 amounts provided for in ORS 292.495. Claims for compensation and expenses  
22 incurred in performing functions of the task force shall be paid out of funds  
23 appropriated to the Governor for that purpose.

24 (5) The task force shall elect one of its members as a chairperson and  
25 another as vice chairperson, for the terms and with the duties and powers  
26 necessary for the performance of the functions of such offices as the task  
27 force determines.

28 (6) A majority of the members of the task force constitutes a quorum for  
29 the transaction of business.

30 (7) The task force shall meet at least once every three months at times  
31 and places specified by the chairperson. The task force also shall meet at

1 other times and places specified by the call of the chairperson or of a ma-  
2 jority of the members of the task force.

3 (8) The Governor shall provide the task force with the necessary clerical  
4 and administrative staff support.

5 (9) Natural resource agencies are directed to assist the task force in the  
6 performance of its duties and, to the extent permitted by laws relating to  
7 confidentiality, to furnish such information and advice as the members of the  
8 task force consider necessary to perform their duties.

9 (10) A member of the task force who is a member of the Legislative As-  
10 sembly may serve in an advisory capacity only.

11 **SECTION 6.** ORS 185.005 is amended to read:

12 185.005. The Oregon Advocacy Commissions Office is established to pro-  
13 vide administrative support to:

14 (1) The Commission on Hispanic Affairs;

15 (2) The Commission on Black Affairs;

16 (3) The Commission for Women; and

17 (4) The Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs.

18 **SECTION 7.** ORS 409.619 is amended to read:

19 409.619. (1) The Oregon Council on Health Care Interpreters is created in  
20 the Oregon Health Authority. The council shall consist of 25 members ap-  
21 pointed as follows:

22 (a) The Governor shall appoint two members from each of the following  
23 groups:

24 (A) Consumers of medical services who are persons with limited English  
25 proficiency and who use health care interpreters;

26 (B) Educators who either teach interpreters or persons in related educa-  
27 tional fields, or who train recent immigrants and persons with limited Eng-  
28 lish proficiency;

29 (C) Persons with expertise and experience in administration or  
30 policymaking related to the development and operation of policies, programs  
31 or services related to interpreters, and who have familiarity with the rulings

1 of the federal Office for Civil Rights concerning interpreter services for  
2 various institutions;

3 (D) Health care providers, consisting of one physician and one registered  
4 nurse, who utilize interpreter services regularly in their practice;

5 (E) Representatives of safety net clinics that predominantly serve persons  
6 with limited English proficiency; and

7 (F) Representatives of hospitals, health systems and health plans pre-  
8 dominantly serving persons with limited English proficiency.

9 (b) The Governor shall appoint one representative from each of the fol-  
10 lowing agencies and organizations after consideration of nominations by the  
11 executive authority of each:

12 (A) The Commission on Asian **and Pacific Islander** Affairs;

13 (B) The Commission on Black Affairs;

14 (C) The Commission on Hispanic Affairs;

15 (D) The Commission on Indian Services;

16 (E) The International Refugee Center of Oregon;

17 (F) The Oregon Judicial Department's Certified Court Interpreter pro-  
18 gram;

19 (G) The Commission for Women; and

20 (H) The Institute for Health Professionals of Portland Community Col-  
21 lege.

22 (c) The Director of the Oregon Health Authority shall appoint three  
23 members including:

24 (A) One member with responsibility for administering mental health pro-  
25 grams;

26 (B) One member with responsibility for administering medical assistance  
27 programs; and

28 (C) One member with responsibility for administering public health pro-  
29 grams.

30 (d) The Director of Human Services shall appoint:

31 (A) One member with responsibility for administering developmental dis-

1 abilities programs; and

2 (B) One member with responsibility for administering programs for sen-  
3 iors and persons with disabilities.

4 (e) The membership of the council shall be appointed so as to be repre-  
5 sentative of the racial, ethnic, cultural, social and economic diversity of the  
6 people of this state.

7 (2) The term of a member shall be three years. A member may be reap-  
8 pointed.

9 (3) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the appointing authority shall  
10 make an appointment to become immediately effective for the unexpired  
11 term. The appointing authority may appoint a replacement for any member  
12 of the council who misses more than two consecutive meetings of the council.  
13 The newly appointed member shall represent the same group as the vacating  
14 member.

15 (4) The council shall select one member as chairperson and one member  
16 as vice chairperson, for such terms and with duties and powers as the council  
17 determines necessary for the performance of the functions of such offices.

18 (5) The council may establish such advisory and technical committees as  
19 it considers necessary to aid and advise the council in the performance of  
20 its functions. The committees may be continuing or temporary committees.  
21 The council shall determine the representation, membership, terms and or-  
22 ganization of the committees and shall appoint committee members.

23 (6) A majority of the members of the council shall constitute a quorum  
24 for the transaction of business.

25 (7) Members of the council are not entitled to compensation, but at the  
26 discretion of the Director of the Oregon Health Authority may be reimbursed  
27 for actual and necessary travel and other expenses incurred by them in the  
28 performance of their official duties, subject to ORS 292.495.

29 (8) The council may accept contributions of funds and assistance from the  
30 United States Government or its agencies or from any other source, public  
31 or private, for purposes consistent with the purposes of the council.

1       (9) The Oregon Health Authority shall provide the council with such  
2 services and employees as the council requires to carry out its duties.

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## ATTACHMENT 18

*Colors of Influence, Q&A:*

Liani Jean Heh Reeves

Oregon Commission on Asian Affairs

January 9, 2011



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## Q&A: Liani Jean Heh Reeves, Oregon Commission on Asian Affairs

### What is your primary charge as Chair of the Oregon Commission on Asian Affairs (OCAA)?

The Commission was created by statute in 1995 by the Oregon Legislature and then Governor Kitzhaber after a group of community members identified the need for a government agency that serves the needs of the APA community. Its mission is to advocate for the educational, social, political and legal rights of the APA community. Because it is a state agency, it serves as a liaison between the community and government. As the chair, I make sure that the commission is following its mandate under the statute. I'm also responsible for developing and shepherding projects that are in line with our mandate, to make sure they're implemented properly and to help establish relationships between the community and the government.



I became chair in 2007, following Carol Suzuki, who served as the Chair of the commission during the time it was defunded by the Oregon Legislature in 2003. During this time, the commission remained a state agency in statute, but it was given no funding to fulfill its statutory mandate. Carol, as the chair, had to lay off the commission's staff, sell off its assets and package up its records and essentially store them in her basement. She was able to keep the commission going out of her home until the commission was merged into the Office of Advocacy Commissions and refunded in 2007.

We've tried very hard to have members of the Commission who are as diverse as the community both in terms of ethnic backgrounds and socio-economic and professional backgrounds. We are always recruiting for new people who are willing to serve on the commission and who can bring a dedicated work ethic and diversity to the commission.

### What community need does the Commission seek to address?

Mainly, accessibility to government. Community may be disenfranchised or not able to access government for a variety of reasons. It could be mistrust of government, or language barriers, or maybe lack of understanding of how the process works. We try to work with government agencies to make sure they're addressing those types of issues, so the community feels or understands that they can access government in a way that's not threatening. We try to work with the community and especially community-based organizations like the Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon (APANO) to educate the community about different rights, such as voting, or how to lobby the Legislature. The Commission, along with its community partners, tries to break down some of those barriers to accessing government and services.

### What are some of the key priorities and initiatives?

One of our priorities is to figure out how state agencies can better serve Asian communities. Another priority is advocating for the Asian community about their rights. The Asian Pacific American Voter Education (APAVE) project was a collaboration between the Commission, the Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon, and the Oregon Asian Pacific American Bar Association. During this past election season, the APAVE project found a variety of ways to go out into the community and do non-partisan "get out the vote" work.

We held four community summits, where we talked about the importance of voting, the history of the right to vote, and educated people about their rights around voting. For example, you have the right to bring somebody along to help you understand what you're voting on. A lot of our communities are served by nonprofits; we wanted to educate nonprofits about what they can do in terms of affirming the voting rights of the community through voter education, without threatening their nonprofit status. We also engaged in phone banking and going door-to-door in different neighborhoods to encourage people to vote and worked with the Asian Reporter to publish a non-partisan APA Voter Education Guide. This guide was then translated into a number of Asian languages and posted on the APAVE website.

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### QUOTABLES

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#### **Why is voter education an important priority for OCAA?**

The right to vote was something that people have fought hard for. Some people have the notion that their vote doesn't count –which isn't true. Especially in Oregon which is a relatively small community, there are many elections that are won or lost by a handful of votes.

Important decisions are being made by legislators and elected officials that we put in office. If you don't have a say on who goes to office, you don't have a say on how they vote. If you don't vote on ballot measures that affect our community, then decisions are made without your input.

#### **Since taking on leadership of the Commission, what are the accomplishments that you are most proud of?**

One thing I'm really excited about is the Commission's series of agency and community meetings, which has included the major state agencies, including the Department of Education, Department of Corrections, and the Department of Human Services. It was an opportunity for agencies to talk to the commission and community about their services, and how they're serving the APA community. We've had some very high-ranking officials from the agencies come and talk at the meetings, to basically take ownership and establish accountability about what they have or haven't been doing to meet the needs of the Asian community.

We started the meetings in 2008, and it's been a great relationship-building exercise. The meetings have been a good way for both the community and the agency officials to learn about challenges, barriers and opportunities to improve services and outreach.

#### **Why is OCAA important for the Asian Pacific American community?**

OCAA is the only state agency dedicated to the APA community. We serve as the direct link to government – we have direct access to legislators and key decision-makers. When someone like Education Superintendent Susan Castillo comes and talks to our community, it signals more accountability and credibility.

For the community at-large, we serve as a link to government. If the community itself is not getting the response it needs, we can reach up and over into government and make that connection.

#### **From your vantage point, what are some of the most misunderstood things about the APA communities?**

Across the board, there's a belief that our different communities are all alike. I'll give you an example from a recent meeting we had with the Department of Education. We asked them to talk about how they're serving Asian communities: how many Asians are in the public school system? What are APA graduation rates?

The Education department came with a lot of statistics that they were really excited about. Out of all the races, Asians were the highest-ranking group in math, and they ranked equally with white students in reading measures. And Asian Pacific Islanders have the highest graduation rates out of all student groups. It's clear that from their perspective and the measures being used, Asians are doing pretty well. Of course, the statistics don't break down Asians by ethnicity.

Other national groups track student performance by ethnicity. There's a recent report published by the National Commission on Asian American and Pacific Islander Research and Education that found that majority of the members of the Laotian, Cambodian, and Hmong communities – age 25 and older – only have a high school degree or less. That also applies to Pacific Islander communities. Unemployment rates among Southeast Asian and Pacific Islander communities are three to five times higher than East or South Asians.

So, looking at the statistics on our communities kept by the State Education Department, it's easy to conclude that Asians are the model minority; that we're doing just fine. But that approach leaves a significant segment of the population falling through the cracks. When you get statistics that say Asians are doing fine, then they start cutting services and outreach to Asians.

With all the agency meetings we've done, our biggest message back to them is the importance of breaking down performance results by ethnicity, and that it's really important to look at the other factors that come to play in our communities. We're not all doing fine, and we really need to confront the one-size-fits-all approach to our communities.

When we make the point about the diversity and breadth of Asian Pacific Islander communities, I think agency leaders come away with a better understanding of our unique challenges. We take every opportunity to educate the public on the issue.

#### **Why is the Commission important to you, from a personal perspective?**

I have spent my entire professional career in government. I have worked in the Attorney General's office and spent a lot of time in the Legislature and the Courts. It's so rare to see other Asians, and it's kind of lonely. My personal interest in OCAA is to get more Asians engaged in government, and to get them to feel more comfortable entering government, working up the ranks to high-level positions, and maybe even running for

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office.

There are a lot of reasons why communities may not want to engage in government, but there are also lots of barriers to engagement. Some of our communities come from places where there's a strong distrust of government. And with all large entities, there is a "one-size-fits-all" approach to how they conduct business or deliver services. But sometimes that just doesn't fit with our cultures.

**How does your professional background and training as a lawyer play into your leadership of OCAA?**

The Commission is a creature of statute, and being able to maneuver that world is important in making sure that the OCAA fulfills its promise. Also, the professional relationships that I have made as a lawyer certainly help in doing advocacy work.

**How does your cultural background impact the way you lead the Commission?**

I'm a Korean adoptee, raised by a Caucasian majority family. My background has taught me to function in, and navigate, a mainstream world. I have been raised as a majority person, and so I think that helps in identifying and navigating the things that the Commission needs to do to make systemic change. But of course, I look Asian, so I have also had the experience as a person of color. This helps me understand, at least to some degree, the unique needs and challenges within our communities. My transnational-interracial experience helps me understand both worlds.

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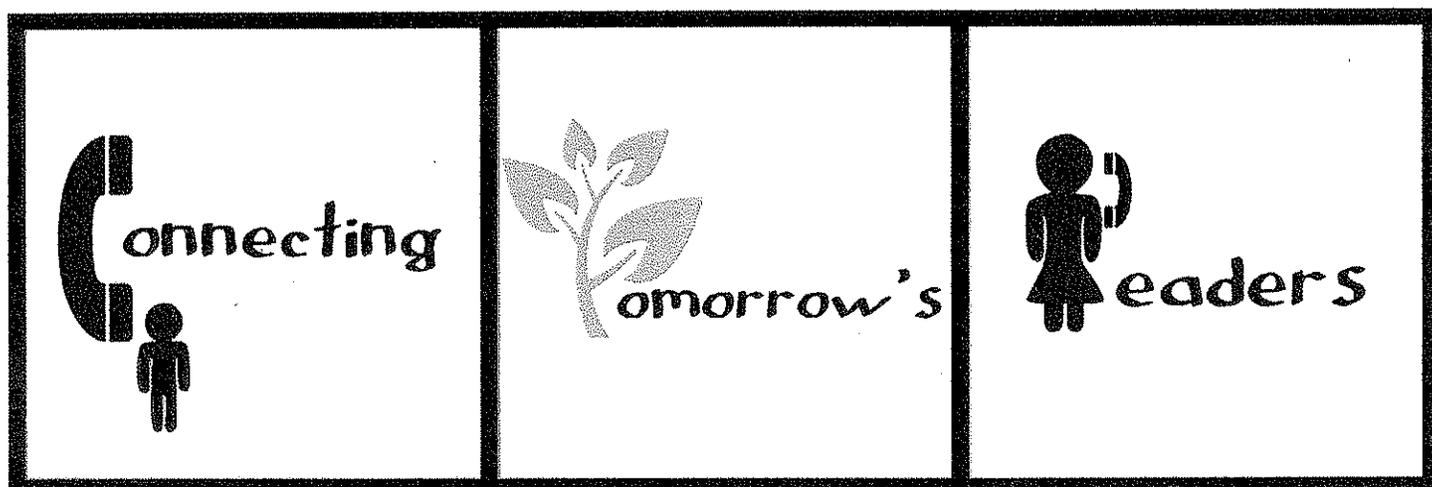
## ATTACHMENT 19

*Connecting Tomorrow's Leaders*  
Asian American Youth Leadership Conference  
April 30, 2010  
Portland Community College  
Portland, Oregon

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Asian American Youth Leadership Conference

## 18th annual Asian American Youth Leadership Conference



PCC Sylvania Campus | Friday, April 30, 2010

# Program Schedule

## 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Asian American Youth Leadership Conference "Connecting Tomorrow's Leaders"

<b>8:00 – 8:55 AM</b>	Student Check-In/Breakfast (College Center Lobby/Cafeteria)
<b>8:55 – 9:00 AM</b>	Transition to Gym
<b>9:00 – 9:50 AM</b>	Opening Program/Introductions/Linda Gerber 2nd Annual AAYLC Film Festival Keynote Speaker: Liani J. Reeves, JD
<b>9:50 – 10:00 AM</b>	Transition to Workshops
<b>10:00 – 10:55 AM</b>	Workshop #1
<b>10:55 – 11:00 AM</b>	Transition / Break
<b>11:00 – 11:55 AM</b>	Workshop #2
<b>11:55 AM – 12:30 PM</b>	Lunch – College Center Cafeteria
<b>12:30 – 12:45 PM</b>	"Hip Hop" Performance: LDT
<b>12:45 – 12:55 PM</b>	Reconnect with Chaperone
<b>12:55 – 1:00 PM</b>	Transition to Workshops
<b>1:00 – 1:55 PM</b>	Workshop #3
<b>1:55 – 2:00 PM</b>	Transition / Break
<b>2:00 – 3:10 PM</b>	Workshop # 4 (Evaluations)
<b>3:10 – 3:20 PM</b>	Transition / Break
<b>3:20 – 4:00 PM</b>	Closing Ceremony: Natasinh Sao Lao of Oregon Awards/Recognition/Door Prizes
<b>4:00 PM</b>	Dismissal

# Highlights

## Keynote Speaker: Liani J. Reeves, JD



Willamette University College of Law alumna Liani J. Reeves BA '98, JD '01 will be among the high-caliber executives under 40 who are honored this month by the *Portland Business Journal* during its annual Forty Under 40 awards reception. Reeves was selected for the award for exhibiting outstanding character and achievement in her career, engagement in civic activities, volunteerism in the community and genuine passion for what she does.

Reeves is assistant to the chief trial counsel in the Employment Litigation Section of the Oregon Attorney General's Office. She also chairs the Oregon Commission on Asian Affairs and serves on the board of the Oregon Minority Lawyers Association. Reeves majored in religious studies and English at Willamette before earning her J.D. at the College of Law. She previously worked as a clinical instructor and staff attorney for the National Victim Law Institute, where she focused on violence against women and human trafficking issues.

## Lunchtime Performance: LDT



LDT (Liza's Dream Team) is currently one of Portland's freshest and coolest hip-hop crews around. LDT's first performance was at the Rose Garden as the opening act for the America's Best Dance Crew Tour in 2008. Since then LDT has performed at numerous events and competitions around the Portland-metro area, such as Nike's Asia Pacific Employee & Friends Network Ceremony and the Foundation. LDT also uses their talents to give back to the local community with great promise. This is LDT's first performance at the AAYLC, and they are very honored and excited to be a part of this event.

## Closing Ceremony Performance: Natasinh Sao Lao of Oregon



Natasinh Sao Lao of Oregon was established purely because of the strong belief in preserving Lao culture and heritage through the fine art of dancing. This team consists of ten dancers who regularly perform for the local community and The Portland Lao Buddhist Temple. This Lao traditional style of dancing is called "Fon", which is considered to be very elegant and classical as it incorporates delicate and precise movements of both the hands and feet. It is through their dancing that Natasinh Sao Lao of Oregon hopes to create a greater awareness and shed more light on Lao traditional dancing.



## ATTACHMENT 20

*Equity & Accountability*  
*Oregon Primary Candidate Forums*  
April 29 and May 4, 2010  
Portland, Oregon

# EQUITY & ACCOUNTABILITY Oregon Primary Candidate Forum

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- Metro Council President
- Multnomah County Commission
- Portland City Council

Dialogue led by Oregon's Communities of Color, Immigrants, Refugees and Women

## Thursday April 29th

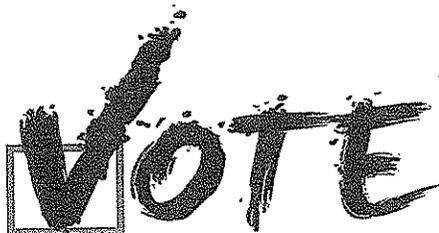
5:00 PM Meet and Greet  
6:00 PM Candidates for Metro President  
7:30 PM Candidates for Governor

Native American Youth & Family Center  
5135 NE Columbia Blvd.  
Cully Neighborhood  
TriMet #75

## Tuesday May 4th

5:00 PM Meet and Greet  
6:00 PM Candidates for Multnomah Co. Comm.  
7:30 PM Candidates for Portland City Council

Emmanuel Community Services  
1033 N Sumner,  
Humboldt Neighborhood  
(between N Alberta and N Killingsworth off I-5)  
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# Equity & Accountability



## Primary Candidate Forums

Governor & Metro President

April 29, 2010

NAYA Family Center

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Multnomah County Commission &

Portland City Council

May 4, 2010

Emmanuel Temple

*Questions and Dialogue with Oregon's Communities of Color,  
Immigrants, Refugees and Women*

All candidates for Oregon Governor, Metro President, Multnomah County Commissioner Seat #2, Multnomah County Chair and Portland City Council Position #2 and #3, were invited April 8 to respond to the **following question:**

*•What experience and accountability prepares you to represent the interests of Oregon's communities of color, immigrants, refugees and women?*

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African American Alliance, African Women's Coalition, Albina Ministerial Alliance, Alpha Kappa Alpha, Asian Education Foundation, Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon, Asian Reporter Foundation, Black United Fund, Center for Intercultural Organizing, Chinese American Citizens Alliance, Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association, Delta Sigma Theta, Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization, Iraqi Society of Oregon, JustPortland, Latino Network, Native American Youth and Family Center, Oregon Commission for Black Affairs, Oregon Commission for Hispanic Affairs, Oregon Commission for Women, Oregon Commission on Asian Affairs, Oregon Women Lawyers, Portland African American Leadership Team, Urban League of Portland, Young Professionals of Urban League.



## Candidates for Office of the Governor

The governor provides leadership, planning and coordination for the executive branch of state government. S/he appoints many department and agency heads within the executive branch and appoints members to more than 200 policymaking, regulatory, and advisory boards and commissions. The governor proposes a two-year budget to the Legislature, recommends a legislative program to each regular session and may also call special sessions. S/he reviews all bills passed by the Legislature and may veto measures s/he believes are not in the public interest. The governor chairs the State Land Board, which manages state-owned lands. S/he also directs state government's coordination with local and federal governments and is commander-in-chief of the state's military forces. The governor appoints judges to fill vacancies in judicial office, has extradition authority and may grant reprieves, commutations and pardons of criminal sentences. The governor is elected to a 4 year term.

### Bill Bradbury (Democrat)

In August of 1963, I went with my sister for the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom. This was the march when Martin Luther King, Jr. delivered his "I Have a Dream" speech. I have carried that message with me throughout my career in public service, as a Legislator from the South Coast and as Secretary of State, and will continue to carry it as Governor. In addition, as a person with a disability, I am a member of a different class of minority. I am daily made aware of discriminatory attitudes. I have and will continue to work to protect the civil and human rights of all Oregonians.

As Secretary of State, I made access to voting a top priority. I create multi-language voter information materials and made sure that any barriers to voting based on language, race or community were removed. In particular, I will work to ensure minority contractors can participate fully in the highway program and other public works programs. As a committed environmentalist, I understand the connection between pollution, health and disadvantaged citizens. I will fight to protect the health all Oregonians, especially communities of color.

### Clark Colvin (Republican)

I'm Clark Colvin and I'm running for Governor. I entered late in the race because of a illness in my family. My business experience in saving companies all across the U.S., as well as my educational background and military service qualifies me above all other candidates in understanding the importance of being color and gender blind. In restructuring companies as CEO for the past 20 years I always created new management teams, so the tasks of hiring, firing, promoting and demoting were part of my job. In all cases I was gender blind and color blind in my selection process. In business as in life the quality of the person is what counts above all else--period. And for all those who have served in the military you know it is the team that counts, no matter who is on it. The military today is color and gender blind, and you will find no better military than in the U.S. In fact my daughter is in the Air Force ROTC at OSU. Regarding legal immigrants, the U.S. is a country founded on immigrants. That is what made us great.

### John Lim (Republican)

As a first generation Korean immigrant, I have a deep understanding of minority culture. My experience as a minority member of the Senate and House has shaped me. I always stood with minorities for equal opportunity. I was the major sponsor of the Commission on Asian Affairs. My legislative history of supporting minorities is public record.

### Rex O Watkins (Republican)

My response here may offend some people, but I think if people will read it for what it is, they will understand. If elected I would represent the interests of ALL Americans living in Oregon. I do not believe the fracturing and hyphenation of the fabric of our society results in strong families, strong communities, or a strong country. By continuing to encourage the separation of our peoples by race, national origin, gender, or other categories means we will never be "One Nation, under God". We must realize we are all Americans first!

### NO RESPONSE

- Allen Alley (Republican)
- William Ames Curtright (Republican)
- Chris Dudley (Republican)
- Bob Forthan (Republican)
- Darren Karr (Republican)

- John Kitzhaber (Democrat)
- Bill Sizemore (Republican)

### COULD NOT REACH

- Roger Obrist



## Candidates for the Office of Metro Government President

Metro is the only regional government agency in the U.S. whose governing body is directly elected by the region's voters. The Metro Council consists of a president who is elected regionwide and six councilors who are elected by district every four years in nonpartisan races. The president presides over the council, sets its policy agenda and appoints all members of Metro committees, commissions and boards. The Metro Council provides leadership from a regional perspective, focusing on issues that cross local boundaries and require collaborative solutions. The council oversees the operation of Metro's programs, develops long range plans and fiscally responsible annual budgets and establishes fees and other revenue measures.

### Tom Hughes

I have strong connections to minority and immigrant communities. In college, I volunteered with the Valley Migrant League, and worked with the migrant farmworkers of Washington County who founded the Centro de Cultural and Virginia Garcia Medical Center. As a teacher, for five years I taught "ESL Shelter" classes, which serve a very diverse group of kids who've mastered spoken, but not written, English. As Mayor, I oversaw the police department, and the chief, Ron Louie launched a study of how often police stop different ethnicities, and it was pretty proportionate. Training and incentives had great results. Most officers are now relatively fluent in Spanish. Minority communities were included in important decisions too, like community visioning, which had significant Latino participation. While I was Mayor, the library launched a fifteen-language children's reading program. And I was an active member of the poverty-fighting Washington County Community Action Board. Through those efforts, I saw how poverty affects people, especially communities of color and recent immigrants. This showed me how quality jobs lift families out of poverty. As Metro President, I'll use my experience to create jobs, which are key to prosperity, and I'll make it a priority that communities of color participate.

### NO RESPONSE

▪ Rex Burkholder

▪ Robert Stacey



## Candidates for Office of Multnomah County Chair

The County Chair is a nonpartisan office elected from the county at large, is the chief executive officer and personnel officer and administers all county programs except those under the elected Sheriff, Auditor, District Attorney and Commissioners. The Chair presides over Board meetings and votes. The Chair executes Board policies, contracts, bonds and other instruments, and prepares the executive budget for submission to the Board. The term of office is four years.

### Jeff Cogen

We need to ensure that diversity is seen and treated as an opportunity rather than a problem. Having grown up in Miami and lived in Los Angeles- I know that cultural diversity is what makes a community strong and vibrant. Every person in our community- regardless of where they're from, the color of their skin, or who they love - should feel welcome and safe here. That fundamental belief is part of what drew me to public service in the first place, and has guided my work since being elected to the Multnomah County Commission. I am proud to have chaired the Portland Human Rights Commission, whose charge is to take action toward ending discrimination in our community, and I'm particularly proud of the dialogues on race and racism created by the Commission. Representing District Two has kept me fully engaged on issues surrounding equity as it pertains to gentrification in our community. I have supported programs focused on serving people of color, immigrants and people who have experienced abuse. Moving forward as County Chair, I am committed to making progress toward ensuring this community a great place to live for all of our residents.

### NO RESPONSE

▪ Mike Darger

▪ Wes Soderback



## Candidates for Office of Multnomah County Commissioner District 2

County Commissioners conduct all legislative activities of the County, adopt policies, sit as the budget committee, review and amend the executive budget, hold hearings, adopt the County budget; act as liaisons to departments, advisory boards and commissions, make changes in administrative departments; fill vacancies in elective offices and adopt labor agreements. County Commissioners are elected at large on a non-partisan basis and serve four-year terms.

### Karol Collymore

I am originally from Panama – my great-grandparents arrived there from the Caribbean – and grew up in Albuquerque, New Mexico. My lens on the world is through the eyes of a Black woman born overseas. I know what my life has been and I have a passion to represent the groups I embody. Of course, a passion to serve isn't enough. Working at Multnomah County for the past three years, I've learned the value of collaboration, the need to build consensus on tough issues, and above all the need to take the lead on issues that matter in District Two. This district includes communities of color, immigrants, refugees and women. I've led amazing projects including laying the groundwork for a library in Kenton that opened on March 8, 2010 and helping to start a farmer's market in St. Johns that opened summer 2009. This market had a particular eye on immigrant and refugee communities. The market continues to choose farmers that grow foods that are familiar to various communities and shoppers can use their WIC/EBT cards. These experiences, and the people I meet along the way, remind me why I am in the business of serving others.

### Tom Markgraf

I have lived in North and Northeast Portland virtually my entire life. I studied under and worked for former Congresswoman Barbara Jordan – the first African American and woman in the Texas State Senate and was on the committee to impeach President Nixon. I was responsible to write her speeches and prepare her weekly for the McNeil Lerher Newshour. I have been a sponsor for an African refugee family for the last 3 years (mother father and 7 children) and have extensive experience here getting the children their medical care, the parents employment and managing the finances of this family that has never had running water or electricity. The cultural shock this family has gone through has been amazing. As a north Portland neighborhood association chair, know what it is to live in a diverse community.

### Maria Rubio

As a Latina born to immigrant parents, I know firsthand how institutional racism, poverty, and language barriers affect our communities. I've worked to promote equity throughout my 30 years in public service as demonstrated by:

- Worked with Southeast Asian and Cuban refugees to remove barriers to employment and to integrate into American life.
- As a volunteer, I assisted people in applying for amnesty through the Immigrant Reform and Control Act (IRCA) of 1986.
- Established the Portland Office of Youth Violence Prevention in the Mayor's Office to address issues impacting immigrant and youth of color.
- Administered the Independent Police Review (IPR) evaluation process to increase citizen review authority and community trust.
- Worked to repeal city ordinances that disproportionately impacted African-Americans and Latinos.
- Led the effort to examine the public safety/mental health nexus following the death of James Chasse while in police custody.
- Developed court interpreter certification process for Washington County.
- Worked throughout Indian Country through USDOJ to identify public safety and community needs; and to develop culturally specific solutions for issues that affect these sovereign nations.

I have experience in policy work and professional, trust, relationships with minority community leaders.

### Loretta Smith

One trait of an effective leader is someone having the courage to make tough decisions and live with those decisions even if they're not popular. An example of this was when I pushed Senator Wyden to draft a private relief bill for an immigrant of the former Soviet Union. She married a U.S. citizen while bringing her son to Oregon for medical care. Once married, she was a victim of domestic violence but took the abuse and lived with her husband to gain a visa. The abuse became so frequent and violent that she fled her husband without staying with him for the two years needed to get her visa. Learning of her story, I convinced the Senator to draft a private relief bill that would keep her in the country legally. This bill was introduced and passed later under the Clinton administration. This was the first and last private relief bill that Senator Wyden drafted in Congress. It took determination and commitment to persuade many who felt this was an unpopular issue to tackle. In the end, this private relief bill was the foundation for broader federal reform that addresses immigrant women who are victims of domestic violence.

## NO RESPONSE

- Chuck Currie
- Gary Hansen
- Roberta Phillip
- Paul Van Orden



### Candidates for Office of City of Portland Commissioner Position 2

The City of Portland has the last remaining Commission form of government among large cities in the United States. The Mayor and the Commissioners together make up the City Council. Commissioners have legislative, administrative and quasi-judicial powers. City Commissioners are elected at large on a non-partisan basis and serve four-year terms.

#### **Walt Nichols**

I live in the Mt. Scott-Arleta neighborhood. While we are not an affluent neighborhood, we are blessed with a variety of people with different experiences, cultures and employment statuses. My experience as Chair of the Mt. Scott-Arleta Neighborhood Association has prepared me to represent the interests of all Portlanders, including those of color, immigrants, refugees and women.

#### **T.O.Y. Timothy O. Youker**

I Timothy O. Youker's (TOY) have on the job experience working with senior citizens, children and handicap folks, from Oregon to Florida's communities of color, immigrants, refugees, women and men. At public schools and libraries i taught the general public to use both sides of their brain and body with the tool of Juggling. I have performed at over 7200 engagements over the last 30 years. Juggling, Unicycle riding and Volunteering to help my neighbors. The Port of Portland, New Hope Church, City of Camas Wa, City of Portland, Omsi and the Children's museum are just a few of my references with letters from satisfied customers. I was a Owner operation of a Print Shop on 89th se Stark for 18 years. I am currently an employee by the City of Portland Journey-man Repo-graphic Operator 2. I consider my self a person of high integrity just as TV/12 did when they reported i stopped bank robbers. My life experiences and having been homeless is what prepared me for public service. Being Accountable all of my life has prepared me to represent the interests of the people.

## NO RESPONSE

- Jason Barbour
- Nick Fish



### Candidates for Office of City of Portland Commissioner Position 3

#### **Jesse Cornett**

As the son of a waitress and plumber, I saw struggle from a young age and my life experience drives me to make sure that everyone has an equal chance for success in life. Growing up in communities more diverse than Portland, I learned the importance of making sure that you consider the views of other communities before making a decision. I have carried this ethic forward in my campaign and am proud of a diverse steering committee that challenges my world view. As the Government Relations Director at Portland State University, I was proud to lobby in support of the Rooney Rule, making sure that anytime a state university interviews a head coach, they have to interview a minority candidate. Why does that matter: because just getting the qualified coach in front of the hiring committee makes a world of difference. My experience as a political activist has revolved around making sure folks have a say in the government process and know they have a say in the government process, which makes me well prepared to lead Portland's diverse community.

#### **Edward "Ed" Garren**

I grew up in central Florida, in the midst of the Civil Rights movement. It was a completely segregated society until I was 15. A product of my culture, I was not inclined to easily accept the changes that were coming, but, I had my galvanizing moment when I realized that being a Child of God transcended all differences. Those early lessons helped me deal with being Gay/Queer, and with being the object of arbitrary hatred for simply existing. I am grateful for the lessons I have learned from a diverse array of friends over the years who have honestly shared their experiences, and helped me realize that their experience of "America" is not the experience of straight, white, gentile, native born, men. I am constantly aware of my "privilege" because I "pass", and one of the reasons I am very open about being Gay is to challenge the status quo about privilege and all the assumptions that go along with it. Oregon has a horrific past with regard to race and other forms of "difference." I have already offered leadership on these issues because as a mental health clinician, I know that there is no mental health without justice.

## **Martha Perez**

I am the only female Latina, who is running for Portland City Council, who speaks Spanish (I ran for office in 2008, previously). I am the first in my family to graduate college (Portland State University) and a former single parent. I overcame many obstacles, in order to enjoy a successful career in government (federal, state, county & city) working on a range of topics, such as: healthcare, energy efficiency, transportation, education and positive income revenue. I also am proud of my community service, as a general political activist. All of my experiences, have led me to this point in my career, where I believe I am fully prepared and committed to represent Oregon's diverse citizenry.

## **Dan Saltzman**

Doing right by all Portlanders is the principle that has guided my work as an elected leader. In light of recent tragedies, I have worked tirelessly on ways to improve training and use of force policies, while increasing accountability and restoring trust. I have made the unprecedented request for Grand Jury transcripts to be made public, and am pleased that our request to the Department of Justice to launch a formal investigation into the death of Aaron Campbell has been granted. This progress would not be possible without the engagement and hard work of leaders in the African American community. Being a voice for underrepresented citizens is what led me to public service- and I have taken notable initiative on that charge. I am proud of my work to call attention to Portland's human trafficking epidemic and to establish the Portland Children's Levy - which serves thousands of Portland's neediest kids each year. Creating lasting, positive change is not simple- but I have shown that I am up for the job, and will continue working with the Communities of Color Coalition, my colleagues on Council and the community at large as we make Portland a better place for future generations.

## **Mary Volm**

I have 24 successful years of public service, four at the State of Oregon in Economic Development and Transportation, and 20 at the City of Portland; Transportation, Planning, Management and Finance, Parks and Recreation, Emergency Management, city-wide projects and working with all bureaus in the areas of policy and strategy development, communications and public outreach with special attention to marginalized communities. As a woman, I have been discriminated against throughout my career as I have worked in white-male dominated fields and organizations. I was hired as the first woman to shoot news film for a TV station in the U.S. because I "was doing the work of three men." As an intelligent, experienced and talented woman, I have had to dumb down my speaking internally in order to keep my position. I understand what it's like to work in a hostile environment, and I am speaking of the City of Portland. Employee hires in management must reflect the community we serve. The Police Bureau recently hired over 60 new recruits with two being African-American. As your Commissioner, I will change that.

## **NO RESPONSE**

- Spencer Burton
- Michael J. Courtney
- Jason Renaud
- Rudy Soto

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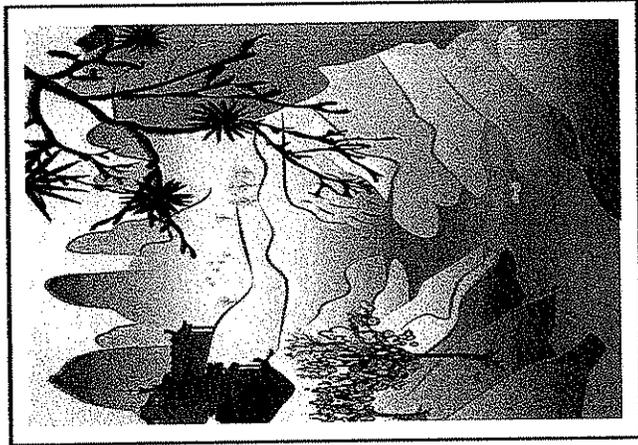
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## ATTACHMENT 21

*Celebrating the Journey:  
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Community in Oregon and Fifteen Years with  
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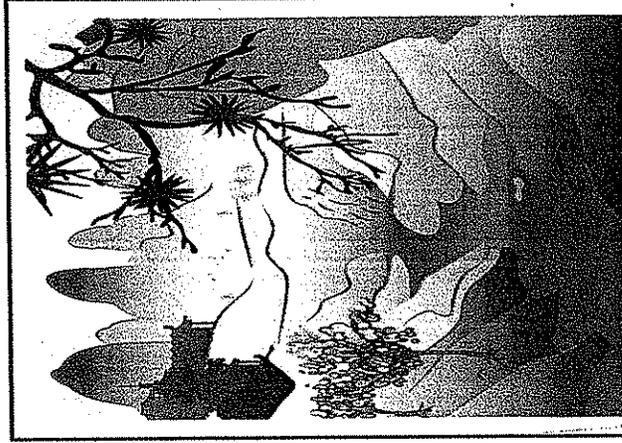
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## *Dmae Roberts & Kilong Ung*

**Dmae Roberts** is a two-time Peabody award-winning radio artist/writer whose work often airs on NPR. Her work is often autobiographical and cross-cultural and informed by her biracial identity. Her Peabody award-winning documentary *Mei Mei, a Daughter's Song* is a harrowing account of her mother's childhood in Taiwan during WWII. She won a second Peabody-award for her eight-hour *Crossing East* documentary, the first Asian American history series on public radio. She received the Civil Rights and Social Justice award from the Asian American Journalists Association and was selected as a United States Artists (USA) Fellow. Ms. Roberts is a regular columnist for the Asian Reporter and hosts a weekly arts show called Stage & Studio on KBOO FM. She is currently working on her memoir, *Lady Buddha and the Temple of Ma*.

**Kilong Ung** came to the United States in the summer of 1979 after nearly starving to death during the Khmer Rouge genocide. Four years later, he graduated from Cleveland High School and four years after that, graduated from the prestigious Reed College. He eventually went on to get his masters in science and is currently a software engineer. Mr. Ung recently published his memoir, *Golden Leaf*, the term he coined to describe the extraordinary journey of a Khmer Rouge genocide survivor. He is active in the Cambodian American Community of Oregon, Rotary Club of Portland, Royal Rosarians, Oregon Council on Civil Rights, and a number of other civic endeavors. He is currently raising funds through the Golden Leaf Education Foundation to build schools in Cambodia. He speaks often about his journey, hoping to inspire others to celebrate life, put things in perspective, hope, dream, have courage, and live a balanced life. His speaking venues include Columbia University, M.I.T., University of Portland, Portland State University, University of Oregon, and Rotary clubs.

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