



# **The President's Advisory Commission on Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders**

## **Commission Subcommittee Summaries**

**December 2022**

## **Belonging, Inclusion, Anti-Asian Hate, Anti-Discrimination Subcommittee**

### **Subcommittee Membership:**

- **Co-Chairs:** Luisa Blue and Dr. Kamal Kalsi
- **Members:** Emily Chen, Grace Huang, Daniel Dae Kim, Naheed Qureshi, Smita Shah
- **DFO:** Zeyen Wu

### **Summary of Meetings and Presentations:**

The Belonging, Inclusion, Anti-Asian Hate, Anti-Discrimination Subcommittee meets bi-weekly. Following the Commission's third meeting on September 28, 2022, the Subcommittee met on October 4, October 18, November 1, November 15, and November 29, 2022. The Subcommittee received presentations from the following subject matter experts who helped to inform their recommendations:

- **Julia Liou, Chief Executive Officer, Asian Health Services; Paul Luu, Chief Executive Officer, Chinese American Service League (CASL):** Presented on what their respective organizations were doing to prevent and address anti-Asian hate in local communities as Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) Action Centers in Oakland, California, and Chicago, Illinois.
- **Yvonne Hsu, Chief Policy and Government Affairs Officer, National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum (NAPAWF):** Presented on NAPAWF's work to protect AAPI women against anti-Asian hate.
- **Anisha Singh, Executive Director, Sikh Coalition:** Presented on what Sikh Coalition is doing to prevent and address anti-Asian hate in local communities as an AAPI Action Center in New York City, New York.
- **Gloria Pan, Senior Vice President, MomsRising.org; Donna Norton, Executive VP and Chief Advancement & Strategy Officer, MomsRising.org:** Presented on gun violence prevention efforts and the AA and NHPI community.

### **Summary of Recommendations:**

The Belonging, Inclusion, Anti-Asian Hate, Anti-Discrimination Subcommittee approved the following two draft recommendations to present at the December 5 and December 6, 2022, full Commission meeting:

- Recommends that the President convene the interagency working group under Executive Order 13985 On Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities in order to review and make recommendations regarding equity issues as they relate to AA and NHPI communities, particularly regarding the recognition of ethnic, national, religious holidays, and cultural heritage months as well as eliminating bias and bigotry

within government-wide law enforcement and military trainers, training materials, and terminology.

- Recommends that the White House convene a summit on addressing and preventing gun violence targeting AA and NHPI communities.

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## Data Disaggregation Subcommittee

### Subcommittee Membership:

- **Co-Chairs:** Sarah Min, Dr. Raynald Samoa, Dr. Robert Underwood
- **Members:** Emily Chen, Ka Ying Yang
- **Non-Commission Members:** Dr. Ninez Ponce, Dr. Joseph Keawe Kaholokula
- **DFO:** Sarah Edwards

### Summary of Meetings and Presentations:

The Data Disaggregation Subcommittee meets bi-weekly. Following the Commission's third meeting on September 28, 2022, the Subcommittee met on October 3, October 17, October 31, November 14, and November 28, 2022. The Subcommittee received presentations from the following subject matter experts who helped to inform their recommendations:

- **Margo Schwab, Co-chair of the Equitable Data Working Group, Branch Chief for the Statistical and Science Policy, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), and Senior Science Policy Analyst, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA):** Provided information on language data collection in federal government surveys and an update on the Equitable Data Working Group as well as anticipated next steps. Shared about OMB public listening sessions and encouraged more AA and NHPI groups to schedule with OMB.
- **Susan Jenkins, Evaluation Officer, Director of the Division of Evidence, Evaluation and Data Policy, Office of Science and Data Policy, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services:** Provided an overview on HHS Data Council's mission and how it coordinates different parts of HHS to implement data policies across program areas, especially the current strategy for collecting data regarding languages people spoken (language proficiency and/or preferred).
- **David Raglin, Assistant Division Chief for Operational and Program Analytics, American Community Survey Office, U.S. Census Bureau; Michael Martin, Chief, Education and Social Stratification Branch, Social, Economic, and Housing Statistics Division, U.S. Census Bureau; Nicole Scanniello, Assistant Division Chief for Communications, American Community Survey Office, U.S. Census Bureau; John Baker II, Assistant Division Chief for Surveys, Field Division, U.S. Census Bureau:** Provided information on the American Community Survey's design and methodology for collecting language data.

## Summary of Recommendations:

The Data Disaggregation Subcommittee will not be proposing any recommendations during the December 2022 full Commission meeting. They will be discussing issues that include federal surveys on language data collection, survey designs that incorporate culturally and linguistically appropriate mechanisms and data reporting on hate crimes. They will solicit feedback from the full Commission and continue collaborating with subcommittees on cross-cutting issues.

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## Language Access Subcommittee

### Subcommittee Membership:

- **Co-Chairs:** Dr. Amy Agbayani, Victoria Huynh, Dr. Kimberly Chang
- **Members:** Kerry Doi, Grace Huang, Ajay Bhutoria, Simon Pang
- **Non-Commission Member:** Deena Jang
- **Ex-officio Member:** Lauren Laglagaron, Attorney Advisor, Federal Coordination and Compliance Section, Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice
- **DFO:** Maysee Jacobs

### Summary of Meetings and Presentations:

The Language Access Subcommittee meets bi-weekly. Following the Commission's third meeting on September 28, 2022, the Subcommittee met on October 14, October 28, November 4, and December 2. The Subcommittee received presentations from the following subject matter experts who helped to inform their recommendations:

- **Joann Lee, Special Counsel at the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles (LAFLA):** Provided an overview of language access in the judicial process including access to counsel, translation services, and working with AA and NHPI communities.
- **Ana Paula Noguez Mercado, Language Access Coordinator, Office for Access to Justice, Department of Justice; Emy López, Language Access & Stakeholder Engagement, Office for Access to Justice, Department of Justice:** Provided an overview of the Department of Justice, Office for Access to Justice (ATJ) and the activities that are provided, including collaboration with federal agencies to ensure limited English proficient (LEP) persons have meaningful language access to programs.

### Summary of Recommendations:

The Language Access Subcommittee approved the following three draft recommendations for presentation at the December 5-6, 2022, full Commission meeting:

- Recommends that an Office of Language Services be established to facilitate the provisions of language services to include centralized contracts, agency-wide website guidelines, coordinating agency resources for language access, and create a directory of community-based organizations serving AA and NHPI LEP communities.
  - Recommends that transcripts of major key speeches by the President and Vice President be translated into multiple AA and NHPI languages as soon as possible.
  - Recommends that the CDC should conduct the National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey in AA and NHPI languages, invest in culturally and linguistically accessible research, and expand data collection, as well as a specific survey among NHPIs.
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## Economic Equity Subcommittee

### Subcommittee Membership:

- **Co-Chairs:** Ajay Bhutoria, Simon Pang, Smita Shah
- **Members:** Luisa Blue, Dr. Kimberly Chang, Kerry Doi, Michelle Ka‘uhane, Kevin Kim, Ai-jen Poo
- **DFO:** Maysee Jacobs

### Summary of Meetings and Presentations:

The Economic Equity Subcommittee meets bi-weekly. Following the Commission’s third meeting on September 28, 2022, the Subcommittee met on October 14, October 28, November 4, November 18, and December 2. The Subcommittee received presentations from the following subject matter experts who helped to inform their recommendations:

- **Aditi Dussault, Senior Advisor, U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA); Shalei Holway, Senior Advisor, Office of Investment and Innovation (SBA); Daniel Upham, Senior Loan Specialist, Office of Capital Access, SBA:** Provided an overview and data on the SBA Microloans and Small Business Investment Company (SBIC) Programs.
- **Seema Agnani, Executive Director, National Coalition for Asian Pacific American Community Development (CAPACD); Anju Chopra, Director of Policy, National CAPACD; Neel Saxena, Director of Development, National CAPACD:** Provided an overview of National CAPACD and the available resources and programs for AA and NHPI communities to address job training, housing, financial services, and economic development.
- **Joshua Johnson, Director, National Innovation Hub for Diversity, Equity, Innovation & Accessibility in Registered Apprenticeship; Deborah Kobes, Interim Vice President, Jobs for the Future’s Center for Apprenticeship & Work-Based**

**Learning:** Provided an overview of Jobs for the Future (JFF) and the Innovation Hub, specific to apprenticeship programs including supporting data.

- **Wendy Chun-Hoon, Director, Women’s Bureau, U.S. Department of Labor; Katherine Swain-Smith, Advisor, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Labor:** Provided an overview about apprenticeship programs, grants/loans for career development, and access to childcare and paid leave.

## Summary of Recommendations:

The Economic Equity Subcommittee approved three draft recommendations for presentation at the December 5-6, 2022, full Commission meeting:

- Recommends that the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) award no less than 2% of annual contracts to new AA and NHPI entrants to the federal marketplace.
- Recommends that the U.S. Department of Labor and all federal grantees who have an apprenticeship program increase the number of AA and NHPI apprenticeship participants with a 2025 target goal where 5% of the overall number of nationwide apprenticeship participants are AA and NHPI.
- Recommends that the U.S. Small Business Administration, U.S. Treasury, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and the U.S. Department of Commerce create a multi-year funding commitment to enable local Community Development Corporations to build capacity, finance projects and stabilize small businesses focused on creating jobs and improving the economy.

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## Health Equity Subcommittee

### Subcommittee Membership:

- **Co-Chairs:** Teresita Batayola, Kerry Doi, Mia Ives-Ruble
- **Members:** Victoria Huynh, Dr. Kimberly Chang, Michelle Ka‘uhane, Kamal Kalsi
- **Non-Commission Member:** Dr. Quyen Ngo-Metzger
- **DFO:** Caroline Goon

### Summary of Meetings and Presentations:

The Health Equity Subcommittee meets bi-weekly. Following the Commission’s third meeting on September 28, 2022, the Subcommittee met on October 6, October 20, November 3, November 17, and December 1, 2022. The Subcommittee received presentations from the following subject matter experts who helped to inform their recommendations:

- **Katherine Chon, Director, Office on Trafficking in Persons (OTIP), Administration for Children and Families, Senior Advisor on Human Trafficking, U.S. Department**

**of Health and Human Services (HHS):** Provided an overview of OTIP’s mission, program services, funding opportunities for AA and NHPI organizations.

- **Dr. Ashish Jha, White House COVID-19 Response Coordinator:** Provided an overview of the current COVID-19 status and the White House’s plan for the upcoming fall and winter season for the AA and NHPI communities to get boosters. Discussed misinformation about the COVID vaccine, especially on culturally specific social media platforms, and ways to fight the misinformation with accurate information.
- **Julie Wong, Secretary’s Advisory Committee on Apprenticeship, Staff Lead for Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility (DEIA) Subcommittee, U.S. Department of Labor (DOL), Employment and Training Administration (ETA); Lauren Smith, Region 6 State Director, Healthcare Industry Liaison DOL, ETA; Bernie Treml, Regional Director of Healthcare Industry Liaison, DOL, ETA; Corinna Pereira, Region 6 Multi-State Navigator, DOL, ETA:** Provided an overview of DOL funding resources and determinations for the Apprenticeship Program and possible collaborations with the HHS Bureau of Health Workforce on strengthening resources for healthcare workers in the AA and NHPI communities.
- **David Dyjack, Executive Director of National Environmental Health Association (NEHA):** Provided an overview of NEHA’s mission, services, and insights on impacts of environmental health on AA and NHPI communities.

### **Summary of Recommendations:**

The Health Equity Subcommittee approved the following two draft recommendations for presentation at the December 5 and December 6, 2022, full Commission meeting:

- Recommends that the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services take a number of steps to address the high lung cancer rates in AA and NHPs due to tobacco use, and ensure that more funding and resources should go towards lung cancer screening, disaggregated data collection and research, as well as efforts towards the prevention and cessation of e-cigarettes and other tobacco use.
- Recommends that the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services take a number of steps to address intimate partner violence and its health impacts in AA and NHPs by ensuring all HHS healthcare delivery programs and funding mechanisms include language accessibility for AA and NHPI populations, that universal education and screening should be included in data collection and quality measures, that guidance should be issued on the inclusion of medical advocacy and trauma services are covered by Medicaid, and that guidance is issued on privacy, safety, and confidentiality of medical records for intimate partner violence survivors.

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## **Immigration and Citizenship Status Subcommittee**

### **Subcommittee Membership:**

- **Co-Chairs:** Grace Huang, KaYing Yang
- **Members:** Ajay Bhutoria, Simon Pang, Dr. Amy Agbayani, Dr. Robert Underwood

- **Ex-Officio Member:** Amanda Baran, Chief, Office of Policy and Strategy, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS)
- **DFO:** Sarah Edwards

## Summary of Meetings and Presentations:

The Immigration and Citizenship Status Subcommittee meets bi-weekly. Following the Commission's second meeting on September 28, 2022, the Subcommittee met on October 5, October 19, November 2, November 16, and November 30, 2022. The Subcommittee received presentations from the following subject matter experts who helped to inform their recommendations:

- **Sharvari Dalal-Dheini, Director of Government Relations, American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA):** Presented on AILA's work regarding administrative solutions that could help remediate the issue of children aging out of immigration benefit applications.
- **Jocelyn Howard, Chief Executive Officer, We Are Oceania:** Presented on Compact of Free Association (COFA) migrants and access to "mainstream benefits."
- **Joanne Lin, former Director of Advocacy and Government Affairs, Amnesty International USA:** Presented on barriers to Asian and Pacific Islander asylum seekers within the U.S. immigration system.
- **Ben D'Avanzo, Senior Health Policy Analyst, National Immigration Law Center (NILC):** Presented on barriers to COFA migrants in accessing healthcare and other benefits, particularly at the federal level.

## Summary of Recommendations:

The Immigration and Citizenship Status Subcommittee approved the following three draft recommendations for presentation at the December 5 and December 6, 2022, full Commission meeting:

- Recommends that the U.S. government take a number of actions to clarify the status and eligibility of Compact of Free Association (COFA) migrants for services in the U.S. and the territories.
- Recommends that the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services take a number of steps to address children aging out of their eligibility to be included in their parent's green card application and losing their legal status at the age of 21.
- Recommends that the U.S. State Department take steps to reduce the growing delay in visa appointment times in U.S. Embassies globally, especially in India, Pakistan, Nepal, Bangladesh, and other countries.