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## **Governor Wolf's Advisory Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs Hosts Town Hall in Erie**

**Erie, PA** – Governor Tom Wolf's Advisory Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs, in partnership with the City of Erie, held a town hall today to discuss issues affecting the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community in the Greater Erie region at the City of Erie Municipal Building. The theme for the town hall was, "Our Vision for Erie."

"This is the thirteenth town hall this Commission has held across Pennsylvania in the past 21 months and our first in Erie," said Chair of the Commission Bibhuti Aryal. "It is important for us to create a platform for engagement where we can bring together members of the local AAPI community to meet with their elected officials and discuss their needs and concerns."

"This is also an opportunity for us to share the work that Governor Wolf and the administration are doing in an effort to share state and local resources, and leverage collective strengths to effectively advocate, promote resources for and best serve the state's diverse AAPI communities."

The Commission was joined by Mayor Joseph V. Schember, County Executive Kathy Dahlkemper, Senator Robert Casey's Office, State Representative Ryan Bizarro, City Councilmember Liz Allen, Erie District Attorney Jack Daneri and representatives of the Erie Police Department who provided Erie-specific updates on major initiatives and accomplishments to make Erie more inclusive and a welcoming city. This was followed by a question-and-answer session with the audience.

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