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Governor Wolf Names Three New Members to Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs

Harrisburg, PA – Governor Tom Wolf today announced the appointment of three community leaders to serve on his Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs. The new commissioners were sworn in by Acting Secretary of State Robert Torres in the Governor's Reception Room.

"The Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community today still faces remarkable challenges in accessing equitable education, language access for government services, civil rights protections, and capital to create and expand small businesses, which is why it's so important to have a strong statewide Commission for Asian Pacific American Affairs," said Governor Wolf.

"This commission has worked tirelessly over the past three years to represent the best interests of our diverse AAPI communities, and with the addition of these three new members who are equally as passionate and dedicated, we will work together to ensure that AAPIs have access to state resources and that their rights are protected," said Commission Chair Bibhuti Aryal.

The Governor's Advisory Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs, which was created by Executive Order and consists of volunteer members, is responsible for advising the governor on policies, procedures, legislation, and regulations that affect the AAPI communities. The commission also assists federal, state and local agencies and community groups to expand and enhance the civic, social, educational, cultural, and economic status of AAPI communities.

A full list of the newly appointed members of the Governor's Advisory Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs is below:

New Appointees

- Lanica Angpak (Philadelphia County)
- Thanh Quach (Lancaster County)
- Stephanie Sun (Philadelphia County)

Current members of the commission include:

- Bibhuti Aryal (Allegheny County)
- Abbas Badani (Centre County)
- Brad Baldia (Philadelphia County)
- Rob Buscher (Philadelphia County)
- Dr. A. Suresh Canagarajah (Centre County)

- Niken Astari Carpenter (Erie County)
- Anuj Gupta, Esq. (Philadelphia County)
- Naimah Hares (Philadelphia County)
- Amy J. Hever (Chester County)
- Dr. anupama jain (Allegheny County)
- Dr. Fariha I. Khan (Delaware County)
- Rep. Patty Kim (Dauphin County)
- Dr. Helene K. Lee (Cumberland County)
- Thomas S. Lee, Esq. (Dauphin County)
- Marian M. Lien (Allegheny County)
- Wasiullah Mohamed (Allegheny County)
- Alka A. Patel (Allegheny County)
- Padam Lal Rizal (Dauphin County)
- Dr. Anjali Sahay (Erie County)
- Richard Tsai Ting (Allegheny County)
- Hani White (Philadelphia County)
- Carol Wong (Philadelphia County)
- Kay Kyungsun Yu, Esq. (Philadelphia County)
- Wen Qin Zhang (Cumberland County)

For more information, visit the Governor's Advisory Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs [online](#).

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