

Executive Order
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Governor's Office

Subject: Governor's Advisory Commission on Asian American Affairs	Number: 2012-07
 By Direction of: Tom Corbett, Governor	Date: April 30, 2012

WHEREAS, the number of Asian Americans and Asian American businesses in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania continues to grow rapidly and the Asian American community remains a vital and valued part of the culture, society and economy of the commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, Asian American businesses and communities have expressed great interest in doing business and pursuing educational opportunities in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and participating in the revitalization of Pennsylvania's economy; and

WHEREAS, the commonwealth is committed to providing equality and opportunity for all its citizens and increasing access for Asian Americans to civic, economic, and educational opportunities in Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, it will benefit the commonwealth to define and address the unique contributions, needs and concerns of the Asian American community, in order to improve the lives of all Pennsylvanians.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tom Corbett, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and other laws, do hereby reestablish, in the Office of the Governor, the **Governor's Advisory Commission on Asian American Affairs** (hereinafter referred to as "Commission") as the commonwealth's advocate agency for its Asian American citizens as hereinafter set forth.

1. Functions.

- a. Advise the Governor on policies, procedures, legislation and regulations that impact the Asian American community;
- b. Develop, review and recommend to the Governor policies in the areas of health and human services, housing, education, employment, business formation and other relevant areas, which impact the Asian American community;

- c. Provide appropriate assistance and advice to the Pennsylvania Minority Business Development Authority and work with the Bureau of Equal Employment Opportunity, within the Office of Human Resources Management, in the Governor's Office of Administration, to strengthen the enforcement of the commonwealth's anti-discriminatory hiring, retention and promotion policies;
- d. Serve as a liaison to federal, state and local agencies to ensure that programs affecting Asian Americans are effectively utilized and promoted;
- e. Serve as a resource for community groups and provide forums for developing strategies and programs that will expand and enhance the civic, social, educational, cultural and economic status of the Asian American community;
- f. Identify programs, scholarships, mentoring programs, sources of funding or other resources for the benefit and advancement of Asian Americans; and
- g. Promote the cultural arts of the Asian American community throughout the commonwealth.

2. Composition of the Commission.

- a. The Commission shall consist of no more than 20 members, to be appointed by the Governor, who are representatives of the commonwealth's Asian American community or others who have an interest in the success of the Asian American community and provide value to the work of the Commission;
- b. The Governor shall designate one Commission member or the Executive Director of the Commission to serve as chairperson. Also, the Governor may designate one Commission member or the Executive Director of the Commission to serve as vice-chairperson of the Commission. The chairperson and vice-chairperson shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor; and
- c. The Governor shall appoint an Executive Director of the Commission, who shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor and who may be a member of the Commission.

3. Terms of Membership.

- a. Members shall be appointed for terms of two years and serve until their respective successors are appointed. A member may be reappointed for one or more additional terms. All members shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor;
- b. Should a vacancy occur on the Commission, the Governor shall appoint a successor; and the successor shall be appointed for a full two year term. A successor so appointed may thereafter be reappointed for one or more additional terms; and

- c. A member who is absent from two consecutive meetings of the Commission, without excuse, shall forfeit membership on the Commission.
- 4. **Compensation.** Members of the Commission shall receive no compensation for their service, except that members may be reimbursed for travel expenses in accordance with commonwealth policy.
- 5. **Relationship with Other Agencies.** All agencies under the Governor's jurisdiction shall cooperate with and provide assistance and support as needed by the Commission to carry out its functions effectively.
- 6. **Reports.** The Commission shall submit reports to the Governor or the Governor's designee, as it deems necessary, on issues affecting Asian Americans in the commonwealth.
- 7. **Procedures.**
 - a. The Commission is authorized to establish subcommittees, rules and procedures for the effective implementation of its functions, consistent with this order, which subcommittees may include advisory non-members, if approved by the Commission chairperson; and
 - b. A majority of the Commissioners serving at any time shall constitute a quorum.
- 8. **Effective Date.** This order shall take effect immediately and shall continue in effect unless revised or modified by the Governor.
- 9. **Rescission.** *Executive Order 2003-8* is hereby rescinded.