



**Status of Iowans
of Asian and
Pacific Islander
Heritage**

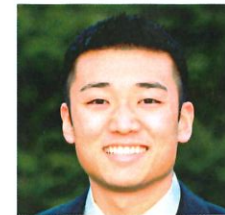
**CAPI COMMISSIONERS
(2008-2010)**



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DEFINITIONS

(IOWA CODE 216A.151):

- ❖ “Asian and Pacific Islander” refers to an individual from any of the countries of Asia or islands of the Pacific
 - ❖ “Commission” refers to the Commission on the Status of Iowans of Asian and Pacific Islander Heritage
 - ❖ “Division” refers to the Division on the Status of Iowans of Asian and Pacific Islander Heritage of the Department of Human Rights
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- ❖ The first nine commissioners appointed in October 2004
 - ❖ The first division administrator appointed in August 2006

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Duties of CAPI include:

- ❖ Advise the governor and the general assembly on issues confronting and legislative changes necessary for the welfare of Iowans of Asian and Pacific Islander heritage; especially the unique problems of non-English-speaking immigrants and refugees
- ❖ Recommend to the governor and the general assembly revisions in the affirmative action program and other issues to improve the utilization and economic status of Iowans of Asian and Pacific Islander heritage
- ❖ Assist Iowans of Asian and Pacific Islander heritage to access services provided by the federal and state governmental agencies
- ❖ Publicize the accomplishments of Iowans of Asian and Pacific Islander heritage and their contributions to Iowa
- ❖ Work with other state and federal agencies and organizations to develop small business opportunities and promote economic development for Iowans of Asian and Pacific Islander heritage
- ❖ Cooperate with other state and federal agencies and organizations to develop and improve state trade relations with Asian and Pacific Islander countries and develop trade primers to facilitate trade

Mission

To empower Asian and Pacific Islander Iowans, improve their well-being, and celebrate a diverse Iowa

Vision

All Iowans live up to their potential, regardless of ethnicity, station in life, and religion

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