

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 01 - 09

COMMISSION ON ASIAN AMERICAN AFFAIRS

WHEREAS, the Asian American population continues to grow rapidly in the City of Philadelphia and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania;

WHEREAS, the City's Asian American population community consists of diverse ethnicities that contribute to the City's cultural, social and economic environment;

WHEREAS, the City must actively engage the Asian American community to accommodate the globalization of markets in information technology, biotechnology, and other industries that offer growth potential to the City of Philadelphia;

WHEREAS, it is necessary to provide a forum for greater cooperation, communication and coordination of services on a city-wide basis;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mayor Michael A. Nutter, by the power vested in me by the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter, do hereby order as follows:

SECTION 1. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE MAYOR'S COMMISSION ON ASIAN AMERICAN AFFAIRS

The Mayor's Commission on Asian American affairs (the "Commission") is hereby established within the Mayor's Office. The Commission shall be comprised of up to 25 members, who shall be appointed by the Mayor. The Mayor shall designate one member to serve as chairperson and one to serve as vice-chairperson of the Commission.

SECTION 2. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COMMISSION

The Commission shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

1. Advise and report to the Mayor on the status of Asian American affairs in Philadelphia;
2. Monitor the impact of City policies and programs on the quality of life of the Asian American community and make recommendations to the Mayor regarding improvements that should be made to such policies and programs;
3. Ensure equitable treatment of the Asian American community by City agencies;
4. Assist Asian American community organizations in developing strategies and programs that will expand and enhance the social, cultural and economic status of the Asian American community;

5. Work with City departments to promote hiring, retention, and promotion practices that ensure equal opportunity for Asian Americans;
6. Promote arts and cultural groups within the Asian American community through coordination and advocacy with City agencies;
7. Convene no less than six times per year;
8. Hold hearings, as necessary, in order to evaluate the effectiveness of City services and programs to the Asian American community;
9. Submit an annual report to the Mayor summarizing the Commission's work; and
10. Hold an annual open community forum to report its work and accomplishments of the previous year.

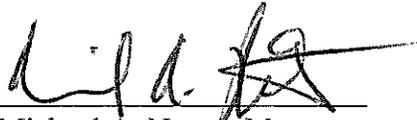
SECTION 3. EXECUTIVE ORDER 7-90

Executive Order 7-90, entitled Commission on Asian American Affairs, is hereby rescinded.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

This order shall be effective immediately.

DATE: 1/8/09

BY: 
Michael A. Nutter, Mayor