

APAPA & CLF Foundation Present



2017 Ohio Civic Leadership Forum



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COLUMBUS, Ohio – October 19, 2017 – Asian Pacific Islander American Public Affairs Association (APAPA) and CLF Foundation host 2017 Ohio Civic Leadership Forum; Governor Kasich sends proclamation letter; Ohio Senate Assistant Minority Leader Charleta Tavares, Ohio House Speaker Cliff Rosenberger deliver remarks; over 20 organizations and 100 community leaders participate

APAPA and CLF Foundation are both national, non-political, non-partisan, 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organizations, and are sponsoring the first ever civic leadership forum in Ohio. It will feature keynote speeches, workshops and panel discussions about civic leadership development, especially among youths. APAPA Ohio will unveil its **Summer Internship** program for college and high school students and other leadership development programs. This event is **free and open to the public**.

The time and location of the forum are:

2017 Ohio Civic Leadership Forum
Saturday, October 21, 2017, 10:00 AM - 3:30 PM
The Ohio Union at Ohio State University, US Bank Conference Theater
1739 N. High Street, Columbus, OH 43210

Asian Americans are the fastest growing population among all major ethnic and racial groups in the U.S. There are over 260,000 Asian Americans in Ohio and the population is growing 50% faster than the national average. However, the voting rate of Asian Americans were 20% lower than the national average in the 2016 election. Other communities in Ohio have similar challenges as well.

Governor Kasich sends a proclamation letter to recognize the event, and states, “Civic engagement is crucial to the continued success of our state and nation, and we encourage each and every attendee to use this forum to exchange ideas and make valuable connections while fostering the growth of the Asian Pacific islander community.”

APAPA Founder and National Chair C. C. Yin comments, “Civic participation is a privilege and right for every citizen, including all Asian Pacific Islander Americans. By engaging in civic affairs and developing civic leadership, we make our country better.”

CLF Foundation Chairman Sandy Chau says, “As an organization dedicated to civic leadership training for Asian Americans, CLF Foundation supports APAPA and many other organizations nationwide for their efforts in encouraging civic participation among all Americans regardless of ethnic group or country of origin.”

Among the speakers presenting during the forum are:

Ohio Senate Assistant Minority Leader Charleta Tavares;
Ohio House Speaker Cliff Rosenberger; Rep. Hearcel Craig;
Retired Major General John H. Smith, former Adjutant General of Ohio;
Dr. Yung-Chen-Lu, Founder of the Asian Festival in Columbus, first Asian American Inductee
of Ohio Senior Citizens Hall of Fame;
Michael Byun, CEO, ASIA, Inc., Chair of the Ohio Asian American Pacific Islander Advisory
Council, and member of President Barack Obama's AAPI Advisory Council, and
many other civic leaders and scholars.

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Attachments:

- [2017 Ohio Civic Leadership Forum Flyer](#)
- [2017 Ohio Civic Leadership Forum Agenda](#)
- [Governor Kasich's Proclamation Letter](#)
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