# 2018 AAPI Legislative Day Planning Questionnaire

Dear community leader and/or past Legislative Day

The Planning Committee asks you to help select the topics of focus at the 9th Annual Legislative Day, Wednesday June 27, 2018.

Please reply on or before next Sunday April 15th so we can include your suggestions. Send your completed questionnaire to Tessa Xuan at tessa.xuan@gmail. com. You can also submit your responses online at https://goo.gl/forms/ws3gz4FRAYFelkFi1. Instructions:

Listed on pp. 3-4 are 9 potential topics that we can focus upon during the 2018 AAPI Legislative Day. Please select 3 topics that you would like to include, and rank them according to your preference. That is, please fill in the following blanks:

Your 1st choice (Please enter a letter): \_

Your 2nd choice:

Your 3rd choice:

Any comments or suggestions regarding the topics you selected (including speaker recommendations):

II. Are interested in joining this year's Ohio AAPI Legislative Day Planning Committee? (Responsibilities include brief, weekly conference calls (e.g., 8: 30-9:30 am on Wednesdays) to coordinate publicity, the agenda, volunteer assignments, transportation, etc., as well as to participate in one or more sub-commit-

;No, not at this time: Yes:

If not, would you be interested in joining a sub-committee? [These include (1) Topic Committee to develop a position paper, identify pending legislation, & identify legislators for office visits, or (2) Hospitality Committee to send out email notices, prepare attendee packets, coordinate volunteers, or (3) Regional Coordinating Committee to contact attendees from your area, arrange for transportation, etc.]

; No, not at this time:

III. In addition, we would like to know if there is any other topic, or topics, you would like the next Planning Committee to include at the 2019 AAPI Legislative Day?

Another topic (s) for future consideration:

Please enter the 5-digit zip code for your voting address (or your home address if you are not registered

Please tell us your ethnicity (i.e. Bangladeshi, V. Bhutanese Burmese, Cambodian,

Have you attended the annual Ohio AAPI Leg-

islative Day before?

VII. Do you intend to participate in the 2018 Legislative Day event in Columbus, Ohio on Wednesday June 27, 2018? (Note: Answering this question does not register you. There will be a separate registration process closer to the event.)

Potential Topics for the 2018 AAPI Legislative Day Economic Development

A. Raising the Minimum Wage in Ohio (Several Ohio lawmakers are advocating a raise in Ohio's minimum wage to \$15.00. They argue that 1.8 million working Ohioans would benefit, thereby stimulating the economy without major drawbacks. However, major advocacy efforts are needed to pass such legislation.)

Health Equity

B. Opioids, Mental Health, & Suicide-/Drug-related deaths (The frequency of mental disorders is underestimated by many Asians, and stigma is often associated with its occurrence. As drug addiction and drug overdoses are often associated with conditions of depression or other treatable mental conditions, increased access to behavioral health screenings and services can help prevent unnecessary suffering and, also, save lives. Advocacy for successful Ohio programs)

C. Medicaid Work Requirement (According to Policy Matters Ohio, a non-profit, economic policy research institute, "Medicaid expansion extended health care to 700,000 Ohioans. It's made our state healthier and helped us combat the ever-growing drug epidemic." However, under the Trump Administration, expansion enrollees must work at least 80 hours a month or participate in "community engagement activities" to qualify for payments. In some cases, difficult application procedures may be necessary to qualify for pay-

D. Increasing Access to State Services (If Ohio is to create a welcoming environment to immigrants, it must extend its protections to all non-criminal residents (including DACA recipients) in several ways: (1) offer government identification to all residents, regardless of immigration status; (2) protect information held by Ohio agencies from unnecessary release to Federal agencies (e.g., ICE); (3) expand eligibility for in-state tuition and financial aid; (4) expand healthcare coverage to include all children and pregnant women, regardless of immigration status; and (5) ensure all O-

Ohio Workers' Compensation Fund.)

Safety Concerns (Racial justice / Racial equity)

Human Trafficking (Ohio has minimal services devoted to victims of human trafficking. In order to facilitate integration into the community, victims need counseling, drug and alcohol treatment, safe housing, physical and mental health care, legal representation, job training, and ESL/GED/education and employment assistance. Further, cooperation and collaboration among state and local agencies, law enforcement training, and state and local funding are necessary to enforce prohibitions and prosecute traffickers.)

Combating Hate Crimes and Bias Incidents (Ohio's hate crimes statutes are among the weakest in the country. Unlike 36 other states, neither sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, disability, or ethnicity are included among protected groups of people in Ohio. Legislation is necessary to bring Ohio's protected groups in line with Federal law. In addition, police

training on bias-motivated crimes, requirements for reporting according to Federal guidelines, and release of hate crime data will help reduce this threat affecting people of color.)

Gun Control (The recent shooting in Parkland, FL, as well as other recent, notorious shootings all have one thing in common—the use of assault weapons. Gun massacres were lower between 1994-2004 when assault weapons purchases were banned. Here in Ohio, gun homicides might be justified by the proposed "Stand Your Ground" bills, which are in both House and Senate committees. Resistance to such legislation is needed to increase citizen safety.)

Racial Profiling (At a recent Senate hearing high-ranking officials referred to all persons of Chinese origin in the United States as potential national security threats. Several Chinese American scientists in recent years have also been

hio workers can participate in, and recover, from the targeted for prosecution of espionage-related charges without sufficient evidence. It is said that suspicion of Chinese Americans (much like that or Japanese Americans in the past), combined with the "Muslim Ban," have increased the number of stops and detentions of Asians by law enforcement officials. Education of law enforcement officials is needed to protect the rights of all Ohioans.) Voting Rights

> Poll worker Reduction Concerns (This concerns SB-21, which passed the Senate, and is currently in a House committee. It reduces the required minimum number of election officials in a precinct from four to two. This is a cost-reduction initiative that requires only one Democrat and one Republican poll worker, instead of two from each Party. Board of Elections need to develop a policy that provides for public hearing before making such reductions that can negatively im-

> pact first-time voters and those with limited English

proficiency.)

#### 食品安全认证课

Food Safety Certification

For Asian Food Owners, Operators, Managers, and Employees 餐饮服务业的业主,管理人员,员工,及顾客

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Register Online at: http://asianfoodsafety2018.eventbrile.com

For more information, contact Lisa Wong, OCA Cleveland, at 216-264-6750 (English Only), or email president@ocagc.org

A collaboration with the City of Cleveland Department of Public Health, Cuyahaga County Board of Health, Asian Services in Action, and OCA Cleveland as an initiative of Project RASE (Reaching Asian-Americans through Innovative and Supportive Engagement).

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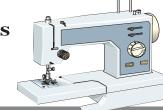
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