



# CITY OF TAMPA

— OFFICE OF THE MAYOR —

**Jane Castor, Mayor**

## EXECUTIVE ORDER 2021-61

**WHEREAS**, Asian American and Pacific Islander individuals and communities across the City of Tampa are helping to build a strong and vibrant City; and

**WHEREAS**, the Asian American and Pacific Islanders (hereinafter referred to as “APIs”) represent many ethnicities and languages that span generations representing a vitally rich and valued part of the culture, society, and economy of the City of Tampa; and

**WHEREAS**, API businesses and communities have expressed great interest in doing business and pursuing educational opportunities in the City of Tampa and having active participation in the growth of the City; and

**WHEREAS**, many APIs have faced systemic barriers to equity, justice, and opportunity leading to persistent disparities in socioeconomic, health, and educational outcomes; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Tampa is committed to providing equity, justice, and opportunity for all of its citizens and increasing access for APIs to civic, economic, and educational opportunities in the City; and

**WHEREAS**, it will benefit the City of Tampa to define and address the needs and concerns of the API communities in order to improve the lives of all in the City.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, by the Revised Charter of the City of Tampa of 2019, and the Laws of the State of Florida, I do hereby establish the Mayor’s Asian American and Pacific Islanders Advisory Council as the City of Tampa’s advocate agency for APIs as hereinafter set forth.

### 1. INTENT.

The intent of this Executive Order is to create the Mayor’s Asian American Pacific Islanders Advisory Council (hereinafter referred to as the “Council”) to serve as an advocate for APIs within the City of Tampa to provide open and effective lines of communications with the Mayor to identify issues affecting APIs, provide suggested solutions, and recommend

programs, policies and initiatives to enhance the civic, social, educational, cultural, and economic status of AAPIs in the City.

## 2. MEETINGS

- a) The Council shall consist of members who have a knowledge of and interest in the AAPI community, and shall be appointed by and serve for a term of three (3) years at the pleasure of the Mayor.
- b) Any member may be reappointed from term to term.
- c) Five (5) members duly appointed to the Council shall constitute a quorum necessary to hold a meeting and take any action.
- d) All meetings of the Council shall be open to the public and shall be subject to the provisions of Chapters 112, 119, and 286, *Florida Statutes*, regarding Ethics, Public Records and Government in the Sunshine, and the City of Tampa Code, Chapter 2, Article VIII, City Ethics Code.
- e) The Mayor shall cause to be provided appropriate staff and office space for the purpose of supporting the Council, with assistance by the City Liaisons, Office of the City Clerk and Office of the City Attorney as deemed necessary.

## 3. POWERS AND DUTIES.

- a) To adopt rules for the conduct of Council meetings.
- b) To serve in an advisory capacity to the Mayor with respect to matters pertaining to the AAPI community of the City of Tampa.
- c) To formulate and recommend policies, plans, programs, and services to assist the AAPI community.
- d) To recommend solutions to the social, economic, cultural, educational, and political problems in the AAPI community, as well as serve as a liaison between the AAPI community and the City of Tampa at large.
- e) To promote active engagement of AAPIs in civic, cultural, commercial and community affairs.
- f) To encourage and attract AAPI businesses to the City of Tampa, and to promote job creation in the area.
- g) To promote the many contributions made by AAPIs to society as a whole and this community.
- h) To promote the cultural heritage of AAPIs.
- i) To build coalitions with various community groups to address issues of common concern.
- j) To promote an understanding of the AAPI community to eliminate ignorance and bigotry toward the AAPI community.
- k) The Council shall report at least biannually to the Mayor as to its activities, accomplishments, priorities, findings and recommendations.

4. COMPENSATION.

The members of the Council shall serve as such without remuneration, and there will be no reimbursement of expenses as incurred by any member of the Council.

DONE AND ORDERED this 2 day of Dec, 2021.

  
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Jane Castor, Mayor

Prepared and Approved by:

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