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## Asian American and Pacific Islanders Commission

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### Meeting Agenda

Unity Dinner Subcommittee Meeting

Tuesday, April 8, 2025, 6:00 - 7:00 PM

Zoom link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88390600771?pwd=TUKAjnOCbEsc4yZ5NUop0bZN0cbbeN.1>

The meeting will be held via teleconference in compliance with the Governor's Executive Order on the Open Meeting Law

#### Attachments:

- Ticket Sale Tracker
- Draft Program (Last Updated 4/4)
- Unity Dinner Project Timeline

Commissioners in Attendance: Moana Bentin, Jennifer Rubin, Rakashi Chand, Emma Chen-Banas

Staff in Attendance: Lizette Sta. Maria, Yasmin Padamsee Forbes

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1. Call to Order (2 mins)  
Moana Bentin calls the meeting to order at 6:06 PM.
  2. Ticket Sales/Sponsorships Update - Lizette, Yasmin (5 mins)
    - a. 147 tickets sold or reserved, 98 left to sell
    - b. \$8,500 in sponsorships
  3. Refine Program (20 mins)
    - a. Need substantive salad course
    - b. Weave Survey announcement into opening remarks
    - c. Invite Asian Caucus to present awards
      - i. Rep. Sangiolo + Rep. Hong - Unsung Hero
      - ii. Rep. Uytterhoeven + Rep. Howard - Leadership
      - iii. Rep. Chan - Lifetime Achievement
    - d. For Unsung Hero and Leadership, anyone who's on stage can read the script to announce (Rakashi/Jennifer/Moana)
    - e. For Lifetime, Saatvik or Moana should announce
  4. Additional Topics/Open Discussion (30 mins)
    - a. Award Plaques - look at awards catalog from ChopValue Boston
      - i. 3 fanned block awards - Unsung Hero
      - ii. 2 hexagon awards - Leadership
      - iii. 1 custom design - Lifetime



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- iv. Leis - Moana will order and test out the quality
  - b. Hotel/Food
    - i. Change beef to chicken
    - ii. Yasmin to request site visit and food tasting
  - c. Greetings in AAPI Languages
    - i. Let Saatvik practice early
  - d. If Auditor gives citations, Commissioners can read them and Asian Caucus members can present them to awardees
  - e. Acceptance speeches
    - i. 3 mins is roughly 500 words
    - ii. Ask awardees to submit speeches by May 1st
  - f. Give a copy of the script to the DJ
- 5. Clarify Actionable Next Steps (3 mins)
  - a. Immediate next step: organize site visit

The meeting is adjourned at 7:14.



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