



Commission to Study the Impact of Immigrants in Maryland

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Monday May 9th, 2011

9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

**Margaret Brent Room
Adele H. Stamp Student Union
University of Maryland
College Park, MD 20742**

1. Introductions and Preliminary Discussion
2. The Challenges and Opportunities of Maryland Immigration: A Panel Discussion

Candace Kattar
Executive Director
Identity

Priya Murthy
Policy Director
South Asian Americans Leading Together (SAALT)

Lily Qi
Community Liaison
Office of Community Partnerships
Montgomery County, Maryland
and
Vice Chair
Governors Commission for Asian Pacific American Affairs

3. Discussion: Writing the Commission Report
4. Action Items / Closing Remarks

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Speakers Bios



Candace Kattar
Executive Director
Identity: Serving Latino Youth and Their Families

Candace is Co-founder and Executive Director of Identity, Inc. She began the organization with Diego Uriburu in 1998, when they identified the need for proactive support services for Latinos. Candace has a long history of advocating for Latino youth and educating others on issues impacting the Latino community. Since 1982, Candace has worked on behalf of the Latino community in the Washington DC metropolitan area as an attorney and as a service-provider. She has served on a number of county advisory groups, including, most recently, the Montgomery County Latino Youth Collaborative. Candace has a JD from the Antioch School of Law of Washington, DC; a BA in Spanish from the University of New Hampshire; a BS in Nursing from Catholic University; and is a graduate of Leadership Montgomery's 2006 class.



Priya Murthy
Policy Director
SAALT

As Policy Director, she monitors and analyzes legislative and administrative policies affecting the South Asian community; conducts advocacy on various policy issues; and develops educational materials for the South Asian community members and organizations. She also represents the organization as a member of immigrant and civil rights coalitions as well as before lawmakers and governmental agencies. She previously worked for various Immigration Courts, the Amnesty International Refugee Office and the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees in New Delhi. Priya received her J.D. from Tulane University and her B.A. from the University of California at Berkeley in Peace and Conflict Studies. To reach Priya, please email priya@saalt.org.

Lily Qi – A Fresh Voice for Asian Americans



Lily Qi is the Vice Chair of Maryland Governor's Commission on Asian American Affairs. In her professional capacity, she is Montgomery County Executive's Community Liaison overseeing government relations with Asian and Middle Eastern communities and organizational cultural competency including language access for people with limited English proficiency.

As an adult immigrant, Lily chose an unconventional career and life path that has given her unique perspectives on Asian Americans issues in both local and global contexts, including multi-ethnic community relations, cultural competency in the 21st century, and strategic community engagement for economic competitiveness.

Lily was featured in the Washington Business Journal for energizing the new communities to support a major economic development vision in Montgomery County, and in Asian Fortune and A&C Business News for her work as an Asian American community leader. She has been interviewed or quoted in the Washington Post, the Washington Times, the Baltimore Sun, the National Public Radio, the Gazette, the Asian Fortune, WJLA ABC7, Montgomery County TV and numerous ethnic media on issues related to her professional or community work. Lily is a columnist for the Asian Fortune and a contributing writer for the Gazette.

A communication and public affairs professional, Lily has experience in economic development, community engagement, public communication, strategic partnerships, and institutional cultural competency. Before devoting herself to serving the community, she was the spokesperson on financial regulatory issues for DC Department of Insurance, Securities and Banking and served as Vice President of Business Development for Washington, DC Economic Partnership promoting the capital city to attract and retain businesses.

Lily's extensive community involvement and leadership includes serving on the board of Leadership Montgomery, the National Advisory Council of the 1882 Project, the Commission for Women, and County Executive Ike Leggett's transition team. As president of the Organization of Chinese Americans Greater DC Chapter, Lily and a coalition of Asian American leaders helped make the Lunar New Year Day a Day of Commemoration in the State of Maryland.

Lily has a wealth of experience as a keynote speaker, moderator, mistress of ceremonies, panelist, and trainer at government agencies, military installations, educational institutions, conferences, as well as professional or civic organizations and community events. Her prior speaking engagements include:

Fort Myer Military Community; Fort George G. Meade Army Installation; Internal Revenue Service; Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services; National Naval Medical Center; National Economic Development Council; Organization of Chinese Americans National Convention; the Smithsonian Folklife Festival; the Rumi Forum; National Organization for Women Montgomery County Chapter; Community Bridges; American University; Hunter College (New York); University of Maryland College Park; Montgomery College; Maryland Department of Transportation; Maryland Department of Natural Resources; Maryland National Capital Park and Planning; Maryland State Conference on Social Integration; City of Alexandria, VA; Leadership Montgomery; and numerous professional, business and community associations and gatherings.

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