



Columbus City Councilmember

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Favor's Forum

MAY EDITION

Celebrating APIDA Heritage Month

We commentate May as Asian Pacific Islander and Desi American (APIDA) Heritage month—a time for us to reflect upon the historical, cultural, political, and economic contributions of APIDA individuals across the United States. The contributions and leadership of the APIDA community shapes the culture, movements, and advances we see and experience in our everyday lives.

This year, the theme is 2024 National APIDA Heritage Month Theme: "Advancing Leaders Through Innovation". This theme embodies the transformational ways that the APIDA community engages in culture, movements, and the highly diverse experiences that each ethnicity under the APIDA title bring. We uplift the work of community organizations such as OPAWL – Building AAPI Feminist Leadership leading grassroots advocacy for the AAPI community. I also experience this leadership within my own team! Sundeepi Jindal and Tyler Littlejohn are two trailblazers in my office of APIDA descent that serve as leaders in the Columbus community.

In the rest of this newsletter, you will read more about happenings in the City Council and in my Office. As always, I represent you and would love to hear your thoughts! Please feel free to reach out to my office via email at snjindal@columbus.gov or knasiedu@columbus.gov.

Did you Know...

The City of Columbus is experiencing a monumental zoning change along its busiest corridors. This change is just the beginning of overhauling zoning policies that were instituted in the 1950s and discriminated against many marginalized communities. To learn more about the change, visit the [Zone In Website and Gallery!](#)



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1. On April 8th, Council accepted a grant from the Ohio Department of Education in the amount of \$2,500,000.00 for the 2024 Summer Food Program to fund the and to enter into contract with the Columbus City Schools:
 - The program provides nutritionally balanced breakfasts, lunches, and snacks to qualified children in need during the summer months at no cost to residents.
 - The program will serve nearly 100,000 breakfast meals, 150,000 lunch meals, and 20,000 snacks.
 - The free meals through the summer food program beginning June 1, 2024.
 - Families in need can call 866-3-HUNGRY (Español: 877-8-HAMBRE) or text 914-342-7744 with a question that contains a keyword such as “food,” “summer,” “meals,” etc. and receive a text back that will show free meal sites closest to them.
 - For more information, please check out:
<https://columbusrecparcs.com/wellness/food/summer-food/>



Committees Spotlight

Housing, Homelessness & Building | Chair

1. On April 15th, Council passed ordinance 0894-2024 that CelebrateOne to enter into contract with Physicians CareConnection for an amount of up to \$1,300,000.00 for housing administration and housing support services.
 - a. This funding and partnership support CelebrateOne's two housing programs for pregnant and birthing families furthering CelebrateOne's mission of reducing maternal and infant mortality in the City of Columbus.
 - b. The Health Beginnings At Home and Housing Pregnant Women programs were created with the intention to reduce the infant mortality of high-risk pregnant women by providing affordable housing intervention to those living in unstable housing.

Health, Human Services, & Equity| Vice-Chair

1. At our April 8th meeting, Council approved legislation to execute grant agreements with numerous not-for-profit, social service agencies in an amount up to \$4,420,000.00 (4.42M) for Year 2 of the department's Elevate! Program.
 - a. This continued funding provides programming to community organization to Columbus and Franklin County residents in one of the following focus areas: homelessness, housing stability, financial security, workforce development, infant vitality, chronic disease prevention, violence elimination, re-entry, and neighborhood building.

What we're reading:

Ohio Capital Journal:

[Ohio lawmakers try to tackle affordable housing shortage in bipartisan bill](#)

Ohio Capital Journal:

[Raise the Wage Ohio is trying to get a minimum wage constitutional amendment on the ballot](#)

WOSU:

[What rights do squatters have in Ohio?](#)

NBC4i:

[CEO of Columbus-based pizza chain retires, new leader announced](#)



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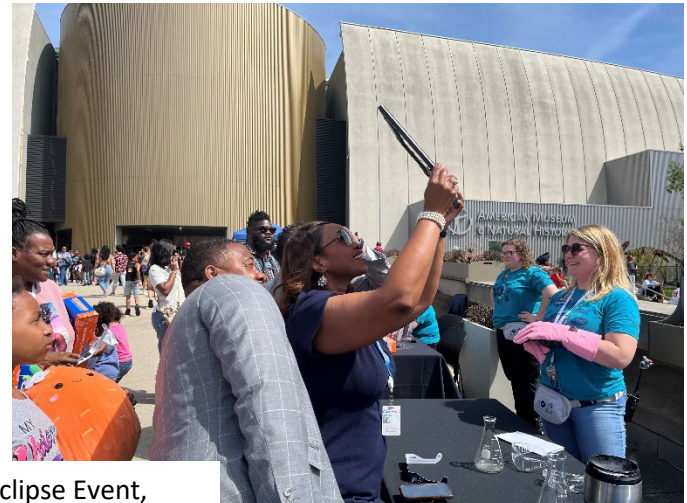


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In the Community



African American Heritage Festival Red Table Talk,
April 4th 2024



COSI Epic Eclipse Event,
April 8th 2024



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Black Maternal Health Week Resolution,

April 15th 2024



Reentry Week Resolution with ARCH,

April 29th 2024



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Columbus Youth Council Washington DC Trip,

April 16-19th 2024



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