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**Portland has a diverse immigrant
and refugee community**

Evelyn Liu,
NPPC Commissioner
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New Portlanders Policy Commission (NPPC)

Mission of the NPPC

To advise the City on **policies and practices to integrate immigrant and refugee communities' voices and needs** into the provision of City services, City decision-making and civic engagement in Portland, **and to seek constructive relationships with each member of Council and the City Auditor.**



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NPPC's COVID-19 Response

As commissioners who have ties to immigrant and refugee communities, **the NPPC is well positioned to identify and recommend solutions to some of the greatest needs** that have emerged during the height of the pandemic, and that will continue to surface during the recovery phase.



The NPPC endorses two policy recommendations for council's consideration:

1. Continue to invest city dollars in the Oregon Workers Relief Fund.
2. Pass a resolution to condemn the rise in hate crimes, attacks and attitudes against Asian Pacific Islander (API) communities due to the racist manipulation and politization of the COVID-19 crisis.



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Taskforce Recommendations

1. Reinforce, fortify, and develop best practices to better serve the immigrant and refugee constituent base by providing these functions at the City:
 - ▶ Build structures for information sharing, to improve practices, and resource communities
 - ▶ Provide protection of rights
 - ▶ Help community build power, increase civic engagement and leadership
 - ▶ Support integration
 - ▶ Sustainable funding support



Taskforce Recommendations

2. Establish updated and effective data collection systems.
3. Conduct an audit of City of Portland internal services and programs to assess effectiveness in meeting the needs for immigrants and refugees.
4. Build collaborative cross jurisdictional programs, services and policies with leveraged funding, improved communication and innovative partnerships to support immigrants and refugees.





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