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REPORT TO COUNCIL

February 22, 2012 .

To: Mayor Sam Adams

From: Portland State University, Asian Family Center and Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon

Subject: Accept the Report on The Asian and Pacific Islander Community in Multnomah County: An Unsettling Profile

This report is the most comprehensive undertaking to detail the experiences of those in the Asian and Pacific Islander (API) community in Multnomah County to date. Discoveries made within this report are significant: racial disparities facing the community are pronounced as community members are unable to achieve racial equity in employment, education, occupation, incomes, housing and more. This summary emphasizes the nature of these differences, particularly in comparison with the national Asian and Pacific Islander experience, and interprets these findings, reaching a conclusion that the API community faces, as do other communities of color, particularly toxic local conditions that are borne of current and history institutional racism and its corollary of White privilege. This summary concludes with a set of urgent policy recommendations: those that are specific to the API community and those that have been endorsed across communities of color by the Coalition of Communities of Color and which the API community sees as essential to its own prosperity and wellbeing.

TO THE COUNCIL

The Office of the Mayor concurs with the recommendation of Portland State University, Asian Family Center and Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon and

RECOMMENDS:

That the Council accepts the report.

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor Sam Adams City of Portland

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