

**Fahmida Chhipa**  
Candidate for Executive Secretary  
Federal Asian Pacific American Council (FAPAC)



**BACKGROUND:**

- EEO Assistant at the Department of Agriculture (USDA).
- Current Executive Secretary of FAPAC-National
- Over twenty years of experience in administrative, leadership, and decision making roles.
- Honest, Loyal, Committed, Dedicated, and Enthusiastic. Known for my smiling face, exuberant nature, and hard work.

In my 10 years of service with the Department of Agriculture, I have taken a keen interest in actively participating in Asian Pacific Islander programs and activities. My desire to contribute to my community has driven me to be an active member of various organizations over the past twenty years. It is in my innate nature to “Think Globally, and Act Locally”.

**VISION:**

My vision for FAPAC is to help an already thriving organization to flourish even greater through

- Collaborating with other agencies and developing partnerships to increase awareness and training programs.
- Growing new FAPAC chapters and expanding existing chapters to increase our membership and participation.
- Recognizing the barriers in recruitment, retention, and advancement of AAPI’s in the federal workforce and connecting with FAPAC Chapters in ways to overcome them.
- Maximizing our involvement and influence on the White House Initiative for AAPI’s.

**LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE:**

My diverse leadership extends from home to work, and from FAPAC-USDA Chapter to FAPAC National. To name a few:

- 2014-Present: Executive Secretary, FAPAC-National
- 2012-Present: Officer of FAPAC-USDA Chapter
- 2011-Present: FAPAC-National Conference Planning Committee
- 2010-Present: USDA Iftar Planning Committee with the Office of the Secretary
- 2010-Present: USDA API Heritage Month Observance Planning Committee
- 2012-2015: FAPAC Representative for the White House Initiative-AAPI at USDA
- 2011-2014: Special Emphasis Program Manager for AAPI
- 2013: Chair, Asian Pacific Islander Heritage Month Cultural Exchange Program
- 2011-2012: Chair, Asian Pacific Heritage Month Program at USDA/NASS
- 2008-2010: Chair, Civil Rights Advisory Committee at USDA/NASS
- 2007-2013: Executive Secretary of Board of Director of local mosque, ICCNOV
- 1998-2014: Sunday School Administrator and activity coordinator, ICCNOV