

**Howard County Council Confirmation Hearing for the AAPI Commission  
Appointment**

Kui Zhao

February 21, 2023

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Good evening County Council Members and fellow County residents. My name is Kui Zhao, residing at 10223 Fairway Drive, Ellicott City, Maryland 21042.

I have served diverse communities statewide or countywide since 2007. I was Governor O'Malley's appointed commissioner devoting to the Governor's Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs for eight years. During my services as the Governor's commissioner, I, together with my fellow commissioners, was committed to honoring the legacy of the AAPI community and enhancing appreciation among all communities in the state.

Since December 2016, I have been a member of the Howard County Human Rights Commission appointed by two County Executives. My work as a commissioner is to achieve the County's commitment to ensure that everyone is able to thrive and have equal opportunities for housing, employment, and civil rights as well as eradicate hate crimes and hate bias in the County.

In addition to my experience in and dedication to community services, I have been a veteran local government planning agency employee in abutting counties, striving for equitable planning and sustainable development for diverse residential and business communities.

I am confident that my experience with local governments and volunteerism have provided me with the solid foundation to continue to serve vibrant communities in Howard County.

Thank you.