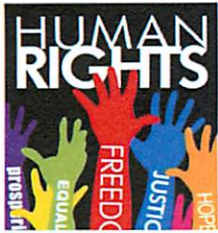


LYNN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION



FOCUS ON ASIAN AMERICANS

The Lynn Human Rights Commission was created in 2012 with the passage of the city's Human Rights Ordinance.

Lynn is a diverse, densely populated city. Asian Americans, including Vietnamese, Khmers, and Laotians make up almost 10% of the city's population.

The Lynn HRC provides all residents with a local resource devoted to protecting the civil, human, and constitutional rights of its people.

The Lynn HRC has two main goals:

- To investigate and resolve complaints of human rights violations in the City, and
- To work with individuals and groups in the community to increase awareness of human rights and promote educational awareness and support.

Tuesday,
April 18, 2017
6:00 – 7:00 PM

3 City Hall Sq.
Room 402
Lynn, MA 01901

Light refreshments will be provided.



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Lynn HRC: Focus on Asian Americans

4/18/2017, 6:00 – 7:00pm

10 minutes

Introduction

Civil/Constitutional Rights

Universal Declaration of Human Rights adopted by the UN General Assembly in 1948

15 minutes

Short Survey of Asian Americans & Human and Civil Rights

Chinese Gold Rush immigrants & Transcontinental Railroad laborers in the 1800s

Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882

Immigration Act of 1924

Internment of 120,000 Japanese Americans after Pearl Harbor attack

Murder of Chinese American Vincent Chin in Detroit

Historical lack of political/public representation

The "Asian Advantage" and "Model Minority" myths

From the mid-1970s to the end of the 20th century, people from Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia entered as refugees when Communist governments came to power in all three countries in 1975

10-15 minutes

Short Survey of Cambodian Americans

Estimated 1.7 million Cambodians killed by Khmer Rouge regime between 1975-1979

Almost 158,000 Cambodian refugees to the US between 1975 and 1994

About 50% of Cambodian refugees found blue-collar jobs

About 45% of refugees relied on welfare or other forms of public assistance

PTSD, lack of role models

Cambodians admitted to the US after 1994 have come as immigrants and not as refugees

15-20 minutes

Wrap-up

How to contact the HRC

Q&A with Councilor Hong Net, Sophor Chhour LMHC, and HRC

Additional Information: