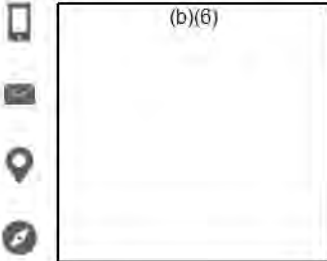


ANNA PERNG

CONTACT



EDUCATION

B.A., English Literature
Concentration: Chinese Studies,
Fine Arts
Swarthmore College
Swarthmore, PA | 2003
Dean's Award
Philip J. Evans Scholar

SKILLS

- Leadership
- Problem-solving and negotiation
- Issues advocacy
- Campaigns (issues, political)
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- Internal and external stakeholder relationship management
- Fundraising and development

PROFILE

Passionate community organizer and advocate with over a decade of experience fighting for civil rights of historically excluded communities. Has organized, trained, and led diverse volunteers on issues advocacy and electoral organizing campaigns through the Obama Biden Campaign and later Organizing for Action. Successful campaigns have included the Philadelphia Parks and Recreation Inclusion Pilot, Philadelphia COVID-19 Health Equity Coalition, education, employment, affordable housing, accessible infrastructure, and equitable development.

EXPERIENCE

FOUNDER

PHILADELPHIA COVID-19 HEALTH EQUITY COALITION | PHILADELPHIA | 2021 - PRESENT

Founded the Philadelphia COVID-19 Health Equity Coalition, a grassroots initiative, which serves to: connect community groups, faith groups, and leaders with health providers looking for diverse partners; help give and share accurate info on whether and how our diverse communities can register for vaccines; share job postings and opportunities for paid work with historically excluded communities; and exchange information and advocate with historically excluded groups.

- To date, vaccinated over 500 people with disabilities and caregivers in the home and community with family nurse practitioner Tarik Khan, MSN, RN, FNP-BC.
- Organized elected officials and diverse stakeholders in a successful campaign to get the Philadelphia Department of Public Health to implement a home vaccination program for Philadelphians with disabilities and caregivers.
- Developed "Cultural Competency: Best Practices for Serving People with Disabilities" training for Philadelphia Department of Public Health to home vaccine providers and over several hundred staff in the COVID-19 Containment Unit.
- Organized inclusive accessible vaccine clinics with over a dozen community organizations across Philadelphia, including on April 3, 2021 at Crane Community Center, vaccinating 200 diverse eligible residents.
- Presented with Public Health Management Corporation and Temple University Center on Asian Health on COVID-19 Vaccine Education and Information session for individuals with intellectual disabilities and development delays and their families and caregivers.

AWARDS

Champion of Equal Opportunity

Awarded by National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities, for efforts to bring much needed COVID-19 vaccines to people with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities in their homes. (2021)

Individual Impact Award

Awarded by Art-Reach Philadelphia, for intersectional organizing around accessibility and disability inclusion. (2021)

Community Service Honoree

Asian American Women's Coalition, for advocating for and bringing food distribution and vaccines to Philadelphia's immigrant communities. (2021)

Game Changer Award

Philadelphia 76ers, in recognition of advocacy for equitable access and inclusion for immigrants with disabilities and caregivers. (2017)

President's Award

AFGE Local 476, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, in recognition of contributions to the labor movement. (2010)

Next Generation Leadership Making a Difference

Philadelphia City Councilmember
Blondell Reynolds-Brown. (2007)

LANGUAGES

English | Fluent

Spoken Mandarin | Conversational

Spoken Taiwanese | Conversational

FOUNDER (continued)

PHILADELPHIA COVID-19 HEALTH EQUITY COALITION | PHILADELPHIA | 2021 - PRESENT

- Presented with Tarik Khan at the White House Virtual Forum "Breaking Down Barriers for People Who Have Challenges Accessing COVID-19 Vaccination" on Wednesday, April 21, 2021, moderated by Karen Remley, MD, MBA, MPH, FAAP, Director, National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities. Shared best practices and lessons learned from public health efforts to improve COVID-19 vaccine access for people with disabilities and people who are unable to leave their home in Philadelphia.

COMMISSIONER

MAYOR'S COMMISSION ON PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES | PHILADELPHIA | 2018 - PRESENT

Conducts systemic advocacy on behalf of Philadelphians with disabilities within City government and the citywide disability community.

- Meets weekly with Philadelphia Coalition of Special Education Advocates, and monthly with Pennsylvania Department of Education and School District of Philadelphia, to advocate on educational equity for students with disabilities, including immigrant and refugee students, court-involved youth, and houseless students.
- Organized Educational Equity during COVID19 School Closures in partnership with Mayor's Commission on African Caribbean Affairs, Mayor's Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs, and the Office of Immigrant Affairs, June 24, 2020.
- Immediately upon COVID19 school closures, successfully advocated with state and local government to ensure that students with disabilities could receive wraparound services in their homes. Successfully advocated for the City of Philadelphia to partner with disability-serving organizations to ensure food delivery to people with disabilities across the city.
- Presented The State of Disability Rights in Philadelphia at the 30th Anniversary ADA Summit hosted by the Arc of Philadelphia, January 14, 2020.
- Worked with Employment First and Department of Behavioral Health and Intellectual disabilities Services (DBHIDS) to canvass Fashion District Philadelphia as a part of Disability Employment Awareness Month. Presented Cities of Inclusion accessibility training at Fashion District Philadelphia to promote competitive integrated employment.
- Organized First Annual Public Forum for Residents with Disabilities, October 29, 2019.

CO-FOUNDER

PHILADELPHIA PARKS & RECREATION INCLUSION GROUP | PHILADELPHIA | 2018 - PRESENT

Partnered with Philadelphia Parks and Recreation to develop a steering committee of internal and external stakeholders who trained over 150 employees on accessibility and inclusion and provided input on an employment pilot which led to the competitive, integrated employment of four people with disabilities.

ASSOCIATIONS

Member, Philadelphia Coalition of Special Education Advocates

City of Philadelphia Re-imagine Philadelphia Steering Committee, 2021 to present

City of Philadelphia Budget Office Participatory Budgeting Steering Committee, 2021 to present

DNC Disability Council Secretary, 2017-2021

Delegate, Platform Committee Democratic National Convention 2020

Co-chair, Education Committee Disability Policy Biden for America 2020

Co-chair, Biden Harris Pennsylvania AAPI Leadership Council, 2020

Cities of Inclusion Executive Council Special Olympics, 2019 to present

Community Engagement Fellowship Volunteer Fellows Manager, Organizing for Action 2016-2018

President (elected), McCall Home and School Association, 2018

Parent representative (elected), McCall School Advisory Council, 2017

Co-chair, Pennsylvania AAPs for Hillary Leadership Council, 2016

Co-chair, Education Committee Disability Action for Hillary, 2016

At-large Delegate, Pennsylvania Democratic National Convention 2008

Vice President, OCA-Greater Philadelphia Chapter 2005-2007

Board member, Asian American Women's Coalition, 2005-2007

CO-FOUNDER (continued)

PHILADELPHIA PARKS & RECREATION INCLUSION GROUP | PHILADELPHIA | 2018 - PRESENT

- Participated in press interviews with Philadelphia Parks and Recreation Commissioner Kathryn Ott-Lovell for WHYY, NPR Affiliate, Philadelphia Inquirer, Billy Penn, and WURD Radio to explain the Americans with Disabilities Act and the importance of making parks, trails, playgrounds, and recreation centers accessible for all residents, 2021.
- Managed preparation of agenda, presentation materials, minutes, and feedback surveys for Inclusion Pilot committee meetings, including training for seasonal and permanent employees, between 2018 and 2020, when PPR formally hired contractors to begin strategic planning.
- Presented on Cities of Inclusion at Philadelphia Parks and Recreation and Free Library of Philadelphia's Public Space Summit, February 8, 2020.
- Leading a team of over 50 inclusion experts and disability stakeholders, organized and fundraised for Cities of Inclusion: Philadelphia Parks and Recreation Disability Inclusion Summit, an all-staff training, hosted by EaglesAutism Foundation, September 28, 2019.

CO-FOUNDER

CHINATOWN DISABILITY ADVOCACY PROJECT | PHILADELPHIA | 2015 - PRESENT

Transformed a one-time \$1,500 Philadelphia Autism Project SEED grant into a vibrant grassroots and interagency effort to improve the quality of life for disabled people across the lifespan and their families.

- Partner with advocates and agencies to provide free bilingual trainings for immigrants with disabilities and their families to help them understand their rights under the Americans with Disabilities Act, Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, as well as Pennsylvania state and local law.
- Taught immigrant parents how to testify at City Council, School Reform Commission (later known as Philadelphia Board of Education), and other government meetings to advocate for systemic change.
- Successfully advocated for statewide language access and local extension of Pennsylvania Act 66, which allows K-12 students, including students with disabilities who turned 21 in 2020-21, to repeat a grade due to COVID-19. Advocacy resulted in School Reform Commission (later known as Philadelphia Board of Education) Language Policy 138. Filed federal complaint, which resulted in U.S. Department of Education Office of Civil Rights working with Pennsylvania Department of Education and School District of Philadelphia on language access for civil rights complaints and Title IX policy.
- Helped write grants for and implement grant funding from Children's Hospital of Philadelphia CARES Foundation, Philadelphia Department of Public Health, Division of Maternal, Child & Family Health for Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN), Pennsylvania Department of Education federal IDEA funds.

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PRESENTATIONS

- Center for American Progress
- PEAC Inclusion Conference
- Temple Institute on Disabilities
C2P2 Early Intervention
- Kennedy Center LEAD Conference
- American Occupational Therapy
Foundation
- National Autism Conference

REFERENCES

HON. TONY COELHO
Chair
DNC Disability Council

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BEL LEONG-HONG
Chair
DNC AAPI Caucus

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KOERT WEHBERG, ESQ.
Chair
Pennsylvania Developmental
Disabilities Council

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ROGER IDEISHI
Professor, Dept. of Health, Human
Function & Rehabilitation Sciences
The George Washington University

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EXPERIENCE (CONTINUED)

CO-FOUNDER (continued)

CHINATOWN DISABILITY ADVOCACY PROJECT | PHILADELPHIA | 2015 - PRESENT

- In August 2017, CDAP was a part of a two-year grant from Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) to promote community participation as an indicator of wellness. In August 2019, this project received a second award from PCORI, expanding research into Southwest, Native, and rural communities. Anna serves as Senior Advisor on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion for Engage ALL Abilities.
- Organized the 2018 Greater Philadelphia Linguistic and Multicultural Disability Summit, centering the perspectives of immigrants, refugees, and disabled people of color, with the end goal of creating a community of practice that brings like minded individuals committed to ensuring that disabled people and their families can live integrated, fulfilling lives. That summit helped inform citywide initiatives, including Philadelphia Parks and Recreation's Inclusion Workgroup.
- Organizer, Chinatown Future Histories: Equitable Development and Public Space Tour with Philadelphia City Councilmember Mark Squilla, Delaware River Port Authority and PATCO, February 18, 2020.
- Organizer, Chinatown Future Histories: Equitable Development and Public Space with Representative Dwight Evans, Philadelphia City Councilmember Mark Squilla, and Office of Congressman Brendan Boyle, December 20, 2019.
- Recognized as Equity Champion in 2020 by Philadelphia Chinatown Development Corporation.

CO-SECRETARY

DNC DISABILITY COUNCIL | 2016 - PRESENT

As elected Secretary, served on the executive leadership team of the DNC Disability Council, which seeks to: 1) increase Democratic disability community civic participation; 2) promote equality for people with disabilities, recognizing cross-disability and intersectionality; and 3) improve the experience and equal participation of people with disabilities within the Democratic Party and its activities, structure, opportunities and leadership.

- Drafted internal and external communications with DNC staff for Chairman Tony Coelho, including public statements, interviews, social media, and newsletter.
- Under the direction of Chairman Coelho, organized regional vice chairs to increase disability caucus representation across the country, while helping to recruit and grow diverse Council membership.

CO-SECRETARY (continued)

DNC DISABILITY COUNCIL | 2016 - PRESENT

- Served as one of ten disabled delegates to the 2020 Democratic National Convention. Worked with Council's Policy Committee to develop recommendations for the 2020 Democratic National Committee platform, getting over 80 disability-related mentions in the platform.
- Organized and presented at DNC meetings and Council events, including the DNC Disability Council Grassroots Mobilization training, September 1, 2020.

COMMISSIONER

GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COMMISSION ON ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN AFFAIRS | 2015 - 2017

- Served on the state's leading advocate agency for 435,000 Asian American Pacific Islanders (AAPIs) and over 42,000 undocumented AAPIs across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
- Through the Language Access Workgroup and Education Workgroup, led the Commission in developing recommendations for Governor Tom Wolf and state agencies on policies, procedures, legislation and regulations that affect the AAPI communities, including Title IX and ESSA.
- Testified to local and state government about the poor environmental conditions at Philadelphia schools and the challenges for families to effectively advocate due to lack of language access, which would enable them to understand the public health hazards and file timely complaints.

SEED GRANT REVIEW COMMITTEE

PHILADELPHIA AUTISM PROJECT | 2015 - 2016

The Philadelphia Autism Project and the Autism Services, Education, Resources and Training (ASERT) Collaborative Eastern Region released "Seed Money" to address their goal of impacting underserved and underrepresented populations on the spectrum in the City of Philadelphia by engaging individuals, groups, faith based or grassroots organizations. As a member of the Seed Money grant review team, led stakeholders to develop two initiatives:

- "Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Collaborative Care for Asian American Pacific Islander Communities," later known as the Chinatown Disability Advocacy Project, which established a coalition of Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI)-serving organizations and families to create a collaborative care model to eliminate cultural and linguistic barriers, and reduce education and physical and behavioral health disparities among AAPI communities.
- "The Autism Inclusivity Training" at the Philadelphia Museum of Art (PMA) kicked off PMA's strategic planning, with a focus on how to increase opportunities for the meaningful community participation for individuals on the spectrum and their families. The initiative has led to a continued dialogue on expanding programming, improving environmental accessibility, and more fully responding to the needs and preferences of individuals on the spectrum and their families.

SPECIAL ASSISTANT

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT | 2009 - 2010

- Served as Special Assistant (GS12) in the Office of the Secretary and later the Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, drafting briefing memos and organizing external stakeholder meetings.
- Served as designee to White House Interagency Council on Women and Girls. Advanced agency's equal opportunity mission through interagency initiatives on health and housing interventions, domestic violence and long-term disaster recovery planning.
- Successfully facilitated agency-wide negotiations between labor and management on telework and transit subsidy.
- Coordinated Philadelphia Regional Office American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 implementation.
- Partnered with White House, philanthropy, and grassroots to organize United States' first global observance of World Habitat Day 2009.
- Awarded the President's Award from President of AFGC Local 476, in recognition of service and contributions to the labor movement.

SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO AGENCY REVIEW TEAM LEAD TOM PEREZ

PRESIDENTIAL TRANSITION TEAM | 2008-2009

Served as confidential assistant to Tom Perez, Agency Review Team Lead for Justice and Civil Rights and Health and Human Services Clusters: organized workgroups' post-election deliverables, conducted agency review interviews, coordinated public engagement activities, and edited post-election deliverables. Served as member of Health Care Reform Team from in 2009.

FIELD ORGANIZER

PENNSYLVANIA CAMPAIGN FOR CHANGE | PHILADELPHIA | 2008

Organized and trained volunteers for Philadelphia's second largest political Ward. Secured donation of 2,000+ sq. ft. Field Office in Philadelphia Chinatown. Supervised two Deputy Field Organizers. Increased the number of registered voters in Ward 5 from 22,352 to 30,730 voters. Organized volunteers to Get Out The Vote. Turned out 14,578 Ward 5 supporters on November 4th, compared to 10,159 supporters during the Primary.

DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

COMMUNITY LEGAL SERVICES OF PHILADELPHIA | PHILADELPHIA | 2004-2008

Raised over \$1 million dollars in general operating funds to provide free civil legal services for low-income Philadelphians. Managed and trained staff on Raiser's Edge, a constituency management database. Developed CLS' online and print fundraising communications. Worked with executive team on rebranding of CLS communications.

ASSISTANT

PENNSYLVANIA INSTITUTIONAL LAW PROJECT | PHILADELPHIA | 2005-2006

Reviewed and responded to correspondence from incarcerated and formerly incarcerated people to protect their civil and human rights.

PUBLIC SERVICE FELLOW

PENN LAW SCHOOL | PHILADELPHIA | 2004-2005

Helped organize the Edward Sparer Symposium on drug policy reform through their Public Interest program under Assistant Dean Susan Feathers.

