



## Chinese American Citizens Alliance 52nd Biennial Convention 2013

### **RESOLUTION # 9 — Submitted by Los Angeles Lodge**

#### **TITLE Judgeships: Appointing More Asian Pacific Americans to the Federal Bench**

**WHEREAS**, the number of Asian Pacific American Article III judges increased from 11 to 18 nationwide, a dramatic increase from 1 percent to 2 percent of the Federal judiciary, due to President Obama's nomination of a record 17 Asian Pacific Americans to the Article III courts; and

**WHEREAS**, Asian Pacific Americans make up approximately 6 percent of the U.S. population, yet despite recent gains, they still account for only 2 percent of the Federal judiciary with just 18\* of the 876 judgeships; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a need for a 150% increase in APA appointments before there is proportionate representation under the current census data.

**WHEREAS**, there are no APA judges on the U.S. Supreme Court and a lack of APAs on the appellate bench generally with just two APA active judges on the Federal circuit courts of appeals with the confirmation of Judge Denny Chin in April 2010 and Judge Jacqueline H. Nguyen in in May 2012; and

**WHEREAS**, unless there is a deep pool of APA at all levels, the likelihood of getting an APA Supreme Court Justice is highly diminished;

**THEREFORE**, be it resolved that the Chinese American Citizens Alliance urges more nominations of qualified APA judges to the Federal bench. CACA regional chapters should educate the community about the underrepresentation of APAs in the judiciary as well as to help identify potential candidates to develop a long pipeline of APA judges at all levels of the judicial system.

**Assigned: CIVIC**

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