



## Chinese American Citizens Alliance 52nd Biennial Convention 2013

### **RESOLUTION # 13 — Submitted by Los Angeles Lodge**

#### **TITLE: Increase Involvement in Youth Programs**

**WHEREAS**, the Asian American youth population is continuing to grow at a rapid rate and, in especially, the first generation youth born to the most recent immigrants,

**AND WHEREAS**, research shows that Asian American youth struggle with culture, identity, acceptance and ethnicity issues,

**AND WHEREAS**, Asian American youth may not have the resources, including economic, or knowledge of the resources available to them for academic and professional success,

**AND WHEREAS**, Asian American youth are attuned to community activities and want to be as involved with their peers of all ethnicities in the community,

**AND WHEREAS**, research shows that Asian American youth are most likely to report volunteering, both on a regular and episodic basis

**AND WHEREAS**, Asian American youth have very high education attainment and desire to be leaders and respected professionals in their communities,

**AND WHEREAS**, Asian American youth are prospective members to the Chinese American Citizens Alliance (C.A.C.A.) and will sustain the existence of C.A.C.A.,

**AND WHEREAS**, the Chinese American Citizens Alliance has wholeheartedly supported youth activities and has implemented scholarship programs, youth art contests, and essay contests

**AND WHEREAS**, the Los Angeles Lodge has 3 active youth councils, organized local youth leadership conferences, held several Career Day panel discussions, held benefit concerts, published a APIA Scholarship Guide

**AND WHEREAS**, the Portland Lodge has an active youth basketball team

**AND WHEREAS**, the Houston Lodge has an active Youth Club and sponsors the Youth Leadership Conference

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**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Grand Lodge and local lodges of C.A.C.A. shall provide more financial support (e.g. Grand Capacity Building Fund Grant) to allow for the cultivation of such youth activities, and

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Chinese American Citizens Alliance members vow to be more involved with the activities of their youth affiliates, and

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Chinese American Citizens Alliance advocate for, organize, and promote more programs to provide the youth with more leadership, volunteer, and social opportunities. Such programs may include internships, mentorships and career guidance programs and panels.

**Assigned: Planning**

Action: <For Grand Council>

Date: <For Grand Council>