



## Chinese American Citizens Alliance 52nd Biennial Convention 2013

### **RESOLUTION # 25 — Submitted by Grand Lodge Governance Committee**

#### **TITLE: Revision to Purposes and Objectives**

**WHEREAS**, substantial revision of the language and style of the Purposes and Objectives has not occurred since the original draft of 1927;

**WHEREAS**, language can be simplified and text can be improve in the spirit of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, so that recitation is easier;

**WHEREAS**, the commitment to citizenship, civil rights, and immigration rights, which are hallmarks of the Chinese American Citizens Alliance for well over a century must be preserved and maintained;

**WHEREAS**, the Purposes and Objectives should express the Mission of the Chinese American Citizens Alliance;

**WHEREAS**, the current version of Purposes and Objectives is a mixture of mission and members' conduct while the Purposes and Objectives contains principles of conduct: "To form a more perfect body, to inculcate the principles of charity, justices, brotherly love and fidelity among the members, to promote the general welfare and happiness of it's [sic] members and the Chinese communities, to quicken the spirit of American patriotism, to insure the legal rights of it's [sic] members and to secure equal economical and political opportunities for it's [sic] members."

**WHEREAS**, the Purposes and Objectives are not part of the main body of the Constitution but are vested mainly in the historic Preamble, and therefore this proposal can be deliberated as a simple resolution;

**WHEREAS**, the Chinese poetry text should remain unchanged;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Purposes and Objectives be revised as follows:

#### **"Purposes and Objectives**

**The Purposes and Objectives of the Chinese American Citizens Alliance are to empower Chinese Americans and to improve our organization by:**

- **pursuing the highest ethics, morals, and values,**
- **practicing and defending American citizenship and American patriotism,**
- **bettering the economic and political opportunities in our communities,**
- **preserving historical and cultural traditions, and**
- **assuring the education of our youth and community."**

**Assigned: Governance**

Action: <For Grand Council>

Date: <For Grand Council>