Resolution of The Organization of Chinese Americans in Committing Our Efforts to the Reappointment of Paul M. Igasaki

July 28, 2002

WHEREAS Mr. Igasaki has demonstrated an outstanding track record during his tenure as he implemented dramatic and substantial improvements in the work of the EEOC as the agency's Vice Chair and acting Chair; and

WHEREAS he has been a part of the EEOC Commission since 1994 and began service as Vice Chair and Commissioner and served as acting Chair for 10 months during an important period in 1998; and

WHEREAS he headed taskforces at the EEOC that reformed the agency's charge handling system and developed a strategic enforcement plan which reduced the agency's once overwhelming case backlog by more than seventy percent; and

WHEREAS Mr. Igasaki has won the respect of business sector and has an impact not only around the United States but also on Japanese Businesses both here and in Japan; and

WHEREAS he is held in high regards by the Asian Pacific American and other diverse communities around the nation for his work on civil rights, employment issues, and the rule of law; and

WHEREAS Mr. Igasaki is the first Asian Pacific American to serve at this level of the EEOC who is also familiar with the needs of Asian Pacific American community; and

WHEREAS in the wake of the horrors of September 11th, the EEOC needs the continuity and sensitivity that Mr. Igasaki will bring, due to his broad understanding of regional differences that affect national issues; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Mr. Igasaki's reappointment is not only the best choice, but the only acceptable choice; and

FURTHER IT BE RESOLVED that OCA is committed fully in supporting Mr. Igasaki's reappointment in the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.