ORGANIZATION OF CHINESE AMERICANS, INC.
EMBRACING THE HOPES AND ASPIRATIONS OF ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICANS IN THE UNITED STATES

OCA Resolution Condemning National Security Policy of Racial Profiling Americans of Chinese Descent

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Whereas, OCA is a national non-profit organization that advocates for social justice, equal opportunity and fair treatment of Asian Pacific Americans. OCA's mission is to advancing the social, political and economic well-being of Asian Pacific Americans (APAs) through legislative and policy initiatives at all levels of government, and to bettering the lives of the more than 12 million APAs across the country;

Whereas, OCA recognizes the need for national security measures to protect our country against terrorist activity and other security threats. As an underlying principle, OCA supports federal laws designed to identify security threats, based on actions, intelligence and surveillance, rather than race or ethnicity;

Whereas, OCA strongly upholds the American tradition of individual rights and liberties. OCA believes that these fundamental civil rights and liberties must be protected against erosion, even in the face of national security concerns;

Whereas, OCA supports a individual's right to due process and equal protection under the law, as guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution;

Whereas, the U.S. Government's National Security Agency has created and regularly updated an Intelligence Threat Handbook, a training manual for national security agents. This handbook states that Americans of Chinese descent are prime targets of recruitment for espionage and leaks of classified information by the People's Republic of China (PRC);

Whereas, this policy of racial profiling also appears in the Congressional report, the United States House of Representatives Select Committee on U.S. National Security and Military/Commercial Concerns with the People's Republic of China issued a report, commonly known as the “Cox Report” (so named after the then Committee Chairman, Rep. Christopher Cox);

Whereas, innocent Americans of Chinese descent, including Congressman David Wu, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights Commissioner Yvonne Lee, Dr. Wen Ho Lee, and James Yee, have been subjected to racial profiling endorsed by the Intelligence Threat Handbook and like national policies. Racially profiled individuals have been subjected to false accusations of criminal espionage, solitary confinement on suspicion (but not evidence) of espionage, humiliating and repeated searches, charges of campaign donation violations, denial of entrance to national buildings, and other acts of differential treatment largely due to the overzealous pursuit of national policies of racial profiling. These individuals have been subsequently cleared of suspicion as national security threats;

Therefore, be it resolved, OCA calls on the federal government of the United States of America to cease its use of racial profiling exclusively without cause to target Americans of Chinese descent for investigation, prosecution, incarceration, and differential treatment;

Be it further resolved, OCA condemns the presumption of disloyalty and untrustworthiness cast on Americans of Chinese descent, and any other individuals of Asian and Pacific descent, simply because of their heritage and appearance.