RESOLUTION TO BOYCOTT ALL WOLFGANG PUCK AND BARBARA LAZAROFF
RESTAURANTS, PRODUCTS AND, SPECIFICALLY, OBAChINE

ADOPTED AT THE OCA NATIONAL BOARD MEETING

July 17, 1998

WHEREAS, Obachine, a restaurant in Seattle has a poster from the colonial era of the early 1900’s displayed prominently at the entrance of its restaurant;

WHEREAS, the poster depicts a stereotypically offensive image of a Chinese man, with exaggerated, feminized features and a long braid while sipping tea;

WHEREAS, Barbara Lazaroff and Wolfgang Puck, owners of Obachine have refused repeated requests by the Asian Pacific American community to remove the poster;

WHEREAS, Barbara Lazaroff and Wolfgang Puck own another Obachine in Santa Monica, and have plans to open more Obachine restaurants around the country;

WHEREAS, the Organization of Chinese Americans is committed to promote fair and accurate portrayals of Asian Americans in the community and to serve as a media watchdog;

WHEREAS, negative stereotypes perpetuate the notion that Asian Americans are not true Americans, and contribute towards discrimination and hate crimes;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Organization of Chinese Americans boycott all Obachine and Barbara Lazaroff/Wolfgang Puck restaurants and products until such time that the poster is removed from Obachine;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that OCA informs and publicizes such action in communities where Barbara Lazaroff and Wolfgang Puck operate businesses or market their products;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that OCA write a letter to Barbara Lazaroff and Wolfgang Puck of our action;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that OCA encourage other civil rights organizations to take similar action.