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**EMBRACING THE HOPES AND ASPIRATIONS OF ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICANS**

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**RACIAL IGNORANCE**

The New Jersey Chapter of OCA, (Organization of Chinese Americans); condemns the horrific and condescending mailer which was sent to residents of Edison, NJ. This flyer targeted Asian American School Board candidates, Jerry Shi and Falguni Patel and is a direct attack against the immigrant communities and we must ensure that such acts have no refuge. We look forward to the lawful punishment of such individuals who are bigots and racists.

We are proud that the Asian American community continues to participate and contribute to every aspect of society. Asian Americans have been represented in businesses; served in law enforcement; in the military, held political offices, and continue to contribute to make America what it is today.

The first Asians arrived into this country in the late 1800's; and will continue to make America thrive. The community of Edison is diverse, and a representation of what America truly is.

OCA-New Jersey Chapter is a state chapter of OCA, a section 501(c)(3) national organization dedicated to advancing the social, Political and economic well being of Asian Pacific Americans in the United States. Our goals are: (1) To advocate for social justice, equal opportunity and fair treatment. (2) To promote civic participation, education and leadership. (3) To advance coalitions and community building. (4) To foster cultural heritage.

OCA is engaged in organizing its 81 chapters and college affiliates across the nation to develop both leadership and community involvement. OCA chapters and our organizational and college affiliates are establishing strong local programs in all parts of the country. OCA's base in Washington, D.C. gives the national office an effective vantage point for monitoring legislation and policy issues affecting Asian Pacific Americans. The New Jersey Chapter of OCA has an active membership with great opportunities to grow as the Asian American population increases.

Founded in 1973 as the Organization of Chinese Americans, OCA maintains its headquarters in Washington, D.C. To learn more, visit the OCA's Web site at [www.oca-nj.com](http://www.oca-nj.com) or [www.ocanational.org](http://www.ocanational.org)

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