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80-20 National Asian American PAC (80-20 Initiative) Endorses Barack Obama for President in the November 2012 Election.

80-20 NAAPAC, the largest Asian-American PAC with 700,000 supporters, held its National Asian American Endorsement Convention on August 26, 2012 at the Hilton Los Angeles Airport, and invited surrogates from both parties to address our Convention.

80-20's Delegates are elected by the membership and composed of 11 Republicans, 11 Independents, and 11 Democrats. Ethnically, the Delegates are represented by a wide spectrum of the Asian American community.

Despite Republicans comprising only 15% of Asian American voters, 80-20 allocated a full 1/3 of the delegate seats to them. As usual, this was only one of the extraordinary efforts made by 80-20 to reach out to the Republican candidate, but received no response from the Romney campaign.

Following a secret ballot by the Convention delegates, 80-20 NAAPAC announced that it unanimously endorsed Barack Obama to be the next president of this great nation.

The Delegates, following 80-20 bylaws requiring consideration of both candidates and their party's record of supporting Asian American causes and issues for the last four years, extensively debated the positions of both candidates and parties and finally decided to support Barack Obama for the following reasons:

During his first term as President, Mr. Obama began to include Asian Americans in the enforcement of Exec. Order 11246 so that Asian Americans can finally have an equal opportunity to rise in workplaces according to their skill and merit. This is the first time in the history of the United States that any President has acted upon the long-delayed enforcement of EO 11246 for Asian Americans. During the Bush Era, Labor Secretary Elaine Chao refused to enforce EO 11246 in spite of repeated appeals by 80-20 and other Asian Americans organizations.

As promised, the President has also appointed many preeminent Asian American jurists to the federal courts, doubling the number of Asian American federal judges from 8 in 2008 to 17 today, including two on the Appeals court.

80-20 NAAPAC notes with displeasure neither Congresswoman Judy Chu, the designated surrogate, nor a substitute appeared. More importantly, 80-20 NAAPAC demands improvement in the Obama administration's enforcement of EO 11246.

80-20's Board has decided to invest substantial resources in the battleground states to ensure an Asian American bloc vote for Barack Obama and make the crucial difference in his victory.

80-20 urges all Asian Americans to help re-elect President Barack Obama, so that Asian Americans can achieve our full potential as equal citizens and contribute fully to building a better America.