



A Team for Asian Americans & Pacific Islanders *in Ohio*

Asian Americans & Pacific Islanders will not be an afterthought in Barack Obama's administration. Barack grew up in multicultural Hawaii, lived in an Asian nation and has family of Asian heritage. Ohio has more than 200,000 AAPIs, the state's fastest growing racial minority. Ohio's AAPI's have made a decisive difference in recent elections and will make history by helping win Ohio for Barack Obama in November.

- **Help AAPIs Reclaim the American Dream:** Growing unemployment has affected AAPIs here *in* Ohio and across the nation. Barack Obama will restore fairness for middle class families by creating a "Making Work Pay" tax credit of up to \$1,000 for middle class families, and new tax cuts for college, retirement and child care. AAPIs own more than 1.1 million small businesses. In Ohio alone, they own more than 13,700 businesses with \$5.1 billion in receipts. Ohio AAPI businesses employ nearly 43,000 people with an annual payroll of more than \$4.3 billion. Barack Obama will support federal programs that invest in minority-owned businesses, provide technical assistance to small-business owners and reduce discrimination in lending.
- **Invest in Research/Technology and Create Jobs:** Barack Obama supports doubling federal funding for basic research, and changing the posture of our federal government from being one of the most anti-science administrations in American history to one that embraces science and technology. AAPIs have a proud history of achievements in science and technology innovations. An Obama administration will foster home-grown innovation, help ensure the competitiveness of US technology-based businesses, and ensure that 21st century jobs can and will grow in America. Barack Obama will also create an Advanced Manufacturing Fund to identify and invest in the most compelling advanced manufacturing strategies to create green products and new jobs.
- **Provide Universal Health Care:** There are nearly 2.2 million AAPIs without health insurance. Barack Obama is committed to signing legislation by the end of his first term that maintains patient choice and ensures that all Americans have affordable, accessible health care coverage. Obama's plan will save a typical American family up to \$2,500 every year on health care costs by modernizing the U.S. health-care system, promoting disease prevention and strengthening public health.
- **Invest in Education:** Barack Obama will reform and fund No Child Left Behind. He will continue his fight to increase and reform college financial aid by creating a new \$4,000 college tax credit. He was a supporter of the College Cost Reduction and Access Act of 2007, which provided millions for Tribal and AAPI serving institutions. Affordable higher education is one of the most important issues for our community.
- **Reform Immigration:** Barack Obama has been a leading voice to comprehensively reform our immigration systems to secure our borders and fix the broken immigration bureaucracy. As president, he will fight for reform that prioritizes keeping families together and improves the H1-B visa program as part of comprehensive reform. After John McCain sponsored comprehensive reform legislation with Sen. Kennedy, he switched to opposing it in the presidential campaign. Ohio has experienced an explosion in growth in the number of new immigrants from India, China and Vietnam.
- **Fight Discrimination and End Racial Profiling:** As a community organizer, constitutional law professor and a civil-rights lawyer, Obama has fought to end all forms of discrimination. In the Illinois State Senate, he passed a law to identify and combat racial profiling. He has recognized the great wrong done to Japanese Americans during World War II. John McCain voted against the bill that provided justice for survivors of the Japanese American relocation.

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