



## A Team for Asian Americans & Pacific Islanders in Florida

**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. Florida has more than 270,000 AAPIs. Together we can make a decisive difference in this election, and can make history by winning Florida for Barack Obama in November.**

- **Invest in Education:** Barack Obama will reform and fund No Child Left Behind. He will hold schools accountable for teaching English-language learners, and 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. John McCain has opposed increasing Pell grants and other funding to reduce student debt.
- **Reform Immigration:** Barack Obama has been a leading voice for the comprehensive reform of our immigration systems by securing our borders, providing a path to citizenship for undocumented immigrants, and fixing the broken immigration bureaucracy. As President, he will fight for comprehensive reform that prioritizes keeping families together and improves the H-1B visa program. After John McCain sponsored comprehensive reform legislation with Sen. Kennedy, he switched to opposing it in the presidential campaign.
- **Help AAPIs Reclaim the American Dream:** Growing unemployment has affected AAPIs here *in Florida* 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. Barack Obama will support federal programs that invest in minority-owned businesses, provide technical assistance to small business owners and reduce discrimination in lending.
- **Protecting Social Security:** Barack Obama is committed to ensuring Social Security is solvent and viable for the American people, now and in the future. Barack Obama will be honest with the American people about the long-term solvency of Social Security and the ways we can address the shortfall. He will work with members of Congress from both parties to strengthen Social Security and prevent privatization while protecting middle class families from tax increases or benefit cuts. As part of a bipartisan plan that would be phased in over many years, he would ask those making over \$250,000 to contribute a bit more to Social Security to keep it sound.
- **Fight Discrimination and End Racial Profiling:** As a community organizer, constitutional law professor and a civil rights lawyer Barack 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.
- **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.

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