



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

Asian Americans & Pacific Islanders will not be an afterthought in President Barack Obama's administration. Barack grew up in multicultural Hawaii, lived in an Asian nation and has family of Asian heritage. Michigan has 219,780 AAPI's equaling 2.2% of the state population. Every single AAPI vote is critical in helping win Michigan for Barack Obama in November.

*"Barack Obama equals the change we need to jumpstart our struggling economy. His leadership will help create millions of new economic jobs in advanced manufacturing and green technologies - many of which will come right here to Michigan,"*  
Hoon-Yung Hopgood, Michigan State Representative, 22<sup>nd</sup> District.

- **Help AAPIs Reclaim the American Dream:** Growing unemployment has affected AAPIs here in Michigan 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. In Michigan AAPIs own 15,337 businesses with \$5,111,360,000 in receipts. Barack Obama will support federal programs that invest in minority-owned businesses, provide technical assistance to small-business owners and reduce lending discrimination.
- **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. The Obama plan 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.
- **Provide Universal Health Care:** There are nearly 2.24 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 create 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.
- **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 and advocated equal opportunities for all Americans. In the Illinois State Senate, he passed a law to identify and combat racial profiling. Barack Obama 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. Barack Obama supports federal hate crimes legislation, whereas Senator McCain does not. Barack Obama will help to ensure that there are no more injustices like the 1982 murder of Vincent Chin in Highland Park, Michigan.

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