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The Chinese American Citizens Alliance has Spear-headed efforts:

- against *unfair immigration laws*
- against *hate crimes*
- for *naturalization & citizenship*
- for *voter education & registration*
- for *accurate census counts*
- for *fair reapportionment*
- for *equal educational & economic opportunities*

The C.A.C.A. has encouraged and promoted education and leadership for Chinese American youth with programs such as the:

- *A.S.I.A. National Leadership Conferences*
- *Walter U. Lum Scholarships*
- *Harvey Wong Scholarships*
- *National Essay Contests*

Many lodges also sponsor local scholarship programs, oratorical competitions, sports activities and youth clubs. Fellowship and community activities for families and senior citizens are always important programs for C.A.C.A.

We invite you to join us.



Established in 1895

"Over 100 Years of Advocacy for our civil rights, for equal educational, economic, political opportunities and for the general welfare of our community."

Chinese American Citizens Alliance
Los Angeles Lodge
415 Bamboo Ln., Los Angeles, CA 90012



LODGE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name _____
 Chinese Name _____
 Home Address _____
 City _____
 State, Zip _____
 Phone _____
 Pager, Cellular Phone _____
 E-Mail _____
 Occupation _____
 Work Address _____
 Birth Date (optional) _____
 Birth Place _____
 Spouse _____
 U.S. Citizenship: Yes _____ No _____

I declare the above to be true and correct

Signed _____ Date _____
 Sponsor _____
 Sponsor _____
 Detach & Mail with \$ _____ dues to:
Chinese American Citizens Alliance, L.A. Lodge
415 Bamboo Ln., Los Angeles, CA 90012
 Membership Committee to Complete Below

Lodge _____
 Approval _____ Disapproval _____ Date _____
 Membership: Regular _____ Associate _____
 Transfer _____ At-Large _____ Student _____
 No. Assigned _____ Fee Paid _____
 Certified By _____ Date _____
 1 copy to Grand Secretary, 1 copy to Editor

CHINESE AMERICAN CITIZENS ALLIANCE

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In 1946, Francis V. Keesling presented C.A.C.A. National President S.K. Lai with the pen used by President Harry S. Truman to sign legislation which gave priority within the Immigration quota system to alien wives of U.S. Citizens. C.A.C.A. was instrumental in lobbying Congress for this change reuniting families.

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Mission

To seek equal economic and political empowerment for Chinese Americans, to improve the community's general welfare, to practice fully American patriotism and citizenship, and to promote friendship among our members and all peoples.

Who We Are

The Chinese American Citizens Alliance is a social, cultural and leadership organization. Members pursue principles of charity, justice, fellowship, and fidelity in a family atmosphere.

Qualifications, Full Membership

- United States Citizenship
- Good Moral Character
- Minimum Age 18
- Community Service
- Uphold Purposes of the Alliance

(Non-Citizens may join as Associate Members.)

Brief History

By the late 19th Century, the Chinese, who came to America first to prospect for gold and later to help build the railroads, farms, and cities, had become this country's hated scapegoats. The first race-based immigration law in America was the 1882 Chinese Exclusion Act.

Against this backdrop of hostility and discrimination, a small group of young, native born, American-educated Chinese American citizens met in San Francisco in 1895 to promote citizenship and to better themselves and their community while combating anti-Chinese sentiment. Their positive actions gained widespread impact and by 1912, C.A.C.A. was expanded nationwide. It has become prominent in over a century of battles against discriminatory immigration laws and civil rights violations.

Today, C.A.C.A. is a non-partisan, non-profit organization with lodges across the United States. It continues to champion civil and immigrant rights and the community's improvement while providing a rich program of activities for members, family and friends, and the next generation.



The C.A.C.A. National Headquarters Building in San Francisco, built in 1921.