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C.A.C.A. National Historian Suellen Cheng Recognized by Chinese American Museum

Los Angeles, August 16, 2019 — Chinese American Citizens Alliance (C.A.C.A.) National Historian Suellen Cheng will be honored by the Chinese American Museum (CAM) with its Dr. Dan S. Louie Jr. Lifetime Achievement Award at the 23rd Annual Historymakers Awards Gala at the Westin Bonaventure Hotel & Suites on Thursday, September 19, 2019. Ms. Cheng is one of six 2019 distinguished recipients of CAM's Historymakers Awards which celebrates the "achievements of extraordinary individuals and organizations that have made a significant impact or lasting contributions towards the advancement of the Chinese American community in Southern California and beyond."

Throughout her life and career, Ms. Cheng has worked to ensure that the multi-faceted history of Chinese Americans is woven into the main narrative of the American story. She came to the United States as a Fulbright Scholar after earning her Master of Arts degree in American Studies from Taiwan's Tamkang University. While working for the City of Los Angeles, she played a key role in supervising the design and construction of the facility that was to become CAM's permanent home at El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historical Monument. Ms. Cheng is a past president of the Los Angeles Lodge of C.A.C.A. and charter member of the Chinese Historical Society of Southern California, among numerous other organizational affiliations.

Ms. Cheng currently serves as Historian of the National Board of C.A.C.A. and was chair of the National Lodge Archival Committee that helped to select Stanford University as home for the "National Chinese American Citizens Alliance Collection" of valuable historical documents and photos in 2015.

The Dr. Dan S. Louie Jr. Lifetime Achievement Award is named for the charter president of the then-titled Museum of Chinese American History who established the Friends of the Chinese American Museum (FCAM) in 1987.

The Chinese American Museum is the first museum in Southern California dedicated to the Chinese American experience and history in this region. For more information on the Historymakers Awards Gala, visit camla.org/annual-historymakers-awards-gala/

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The Chinese American Citizens Alliance, established in 1895, is among the oldest civil rights organizations in the United States. Headquartered in San Francisco with chapter/lodges in Albuquerque (NM), Boston (MA), Chicago (IL), Greater San Gabriel Valley (CA), Greater New York (NY), Houston (TX), Las Vegas (NV), Los Angeles (CA), Mississippi, Oakland (CA), Peninsula (CA), Portland (OR), Phoenix (AZ), Salinas (CA), San Antonio (TX), San Francisco (CA), Seattle (WA) and Washington, D.C., the Alliance addresses issues regarding voter education, political participation, racial discrimination and hate crimes, and supports youth leadership training programs and equal employment opportunities for all Chinese Americans.