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Chinese American Citizens Alliance Adopts Health Care Reform Resolution

At its December 12, 2009, national meeting in San Francisco, the Board of Grand Officers of the Chinese American Citizens Alliance unanimously adopted the following resolution:

"Be it resolved that because of fundamental problems in the current health care system in America, including access problems, deficits in quality of medical care, and unsustainable cost increases, Chinese American Citizens Alliance endorses and supports health care reform as the best way to remedy these problems plaguing America's broken health care system."

Considering that health care touches every single American citizen of every demographic identification, Alliance President Carolyn Hong Chan [陳湯美屏] remarked, "The Alliance fully recognizes that the system of care as it has evolved today is not meeting up to the challenges of accessibility, care continuum, quality and affordability. The health care bills still being debated, are a work in progress, and must be reconciled by both Houses before a final bill to be approved by both bodies. On behalf of our members, families and communities, we intend to be part of the dialogue that produces a health care system that works best for every single American."

"The current Alliance membership reflects the general demographic of persons impacted by the state of the health care system today. We are the insured and uninsured, married and single, small and medium sized business owners and employers of private and public corporations. We are among the fully English literate and the non-English speaking and those knowledgeable about accessing health care and those with great fear in seeking needed attention. We are wealthy and poor and all in between, many highly educated and some functionally illiterate, and those who seek preventive care and those who seek only post diagnostic measures. We use Western medical diagnosis and treatment and we also consider alternative measures. It is for all these people that we must bring the stimulus for fundamental change. We are the patient, but we are also the cure for the system," emphasized Chan.

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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), Greater San Gabriel Valley (CA), Houston (TX), Las Vegas (NV), Los Angeles (CA), Mississippi, Oakland (CA), Orange County (CA), Peninsula (CA), Portland (OR), Phoenix (AZ), Salinas (CA), San Antonio (TX), San Francisco (CA), Tucson (AZ), and Washington, D.C., the Alliance addresses issues regarding voter education, political participation, racial discrimination and hate crimes, youth leadership training programs and equal employment opportunities for all Chinese Americans.