



Appointment of Federal Judges

Chinese American Citizens Alliance encourages the Senate to ratify nominations of highly qualified judges of Chinese American and Asian Pacific Islander American ancestry to the Federal bench in a reasonable, timely manner.

In President Obama's administration so far, Hon. Dolly Gee, Hon. Jacqueline Nguyen have been appointed to the Central District of California, and Hon. Denny Chin has been appointed to the Court of Appeals, Second Circuit, one of the highest positions ever attained by a person of Asian American background.

However, two other nominations of note have apparently become stalled. Both have had their hearings and have been voted out of the Judiciary Committee with strong majorities. These are:

Hon. Goodwin Liu, for Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit, and
Hon. Edward Chen, for U.S. District Court, Northern District, California.

Selection of highly qualified, intelligent judges such as these men should be a bipartisan matter. They have vowed before Congress to uphold the existing law. Completing their appointments will greatly enrich the diversity of the Federal judicial system. The differing backgrounds and perceptions they will bring while upholding and interpreting the given law will strengthen the vitality and continuity of our judicial system.

According, we firmly urge all Senators on both sides of the aisle to join and complete the appointments of Liu and Chen, and other deserved federal judicial nominations reflecting diversity, as they arise. *(05/10)*

One day after our visits, Goodwin Liu was passed through the Judiciary Committee to the full Senate for consideration. The vote still reflected party lines, 12-7.