



Chinese American Citizens Alliance

Application for Membership

HOUSTON LODGE

Name: _____
(Chinese Name, in Chinese characters)

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

Employer's Name and Address: _____

Business Phone: _____ Occupation: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____ U. S. Citizen: Yes _____ No _____

Name of Spouse: _____

Have you ever been a member of the Chinese American Citizens Alliance? Yes _____ No _____ If yes, enter the name of Local Lodge and year of admission: _____

I hereby declare that the above statements are true and are given to the best of my knowledge, that this application is made in good faith, that if I am elected to membership, I will abide by and support, to the best of my ability, the Constitution, Bylaws and Statutes of the Chinese American Citizens Alliance.

(Signature of Applicant) Dated _____

Sponsor No. 1 _____
(Print Name and Member Number) *(Signature of Sponsor)*

Sponsor No. 2 _____
(Print Name and Member Number) *(Signature of Sponsor)*

APPLICANT—DO NOT WRITE BELOW

Application Fees Submitted:

Grand Lodge Dues \$ _____ Local Lodge Dues \$ _____ Cash or Check No. _____

Application Posted: _____ Orientation Date: _____

The Membership Committee has investigated this application information and recommends that the above applicant be

Admitted _____ Rejected _____
(Explain—application incomplete, dues not submitted, etc.)

Dates Submitted to Membership: _____

FINAL REPORT

Admitted _____ Rejected _____ by vote of membership on _____ as a Regular _____

Associate _____ Transfer _____ Member No. _____

Initiated _____ Local Lodge President _____



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.

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.

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.

我會箴言

擁護籍權 交換知識 互相扶助 提高人格
 百姓堂黨 宗教派別 一視同仁 毋分畛域

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.)

CHINESE AMERICAN CITIZENS ALLIANCE

同源會



Established in 1895

HOUSTON LODGE

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