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80-20 PAC, by far the largest and the most effective Asian American Political Action Committee in the nation, will hold its Annual Board Meeting in San Francisco, CA from April 10 to 11. It'll discuss which political party or congressional candidates, if any; it'll help in the 2010 election. 80-20's Board will also discuss whether it will be involved, for the first time, in immigration issues, given the importance of the pending Immigration Reform Act to the Asian Am community.

80-20's decision on 2010 election will be announced at a press conference.

TIME: Noon, April 10 (Saturday), and

LOCATION: Stanford Room, Crowne Plaza Hotel, 1221 Chess DR., Foster City, CA.

Reporters are invited to a lunch that follows the press conference.

80-20 is required by its Bylaws to support the political party and/or candidates having done the most DEEDS to help the Asian Am. community in the preceding 2 to 4 years. Here is the relevant background information on deeds.

During the 2008 presidential election, 80-20 PAC obtained the "signed 6-yeses to 6 questions reply" from then candidates Obama and Biden. Consequently, after the election, **Pres. Obama and Vice President Biden** are both committed to helping Asian Americans attain equal opportunity and become equal citizens.

These commitments have been honored partially. Making history, Pres. Obama appointed Asian Ams. to leadership positions in his Transition Team, his White House staff; 3 cabinet secretary positions, and many other cabinet and sub-cabinet positions. Pres. Obama also doubled the number of Asian American federal judges. Again making history, he has nominated 2 Asian Ams to become Appeals Court judges which are just one level below the Supreme Court Justices.

Although those appointments are impressive & have significant symbolic implications, it directly benefits dozens of individuals only. 80-20's key interest is to win for the 2 million Asian Americans working for federal government contractors and subcontractors, which include almost all large companies and all universities, the equal opportunity to rise to managerial/ administrative positions.

The Department of Labor, setting a historic precedent, has written 80-20 committing to enforce an existing law, Executive Order 11246, for Asian Ams in order to provide the 2 million with equal opportunity. While that is a step in the right direction, concrete action from the Labor Department's Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs (OFCCP) is not yet apparent. The Director of OFCCP is Patricia Shiu, a San Francisco lawyer known for fighting for the underdogs before she was appointed the Director.