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## 80-20 Initiative

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Subject: SCA 5 Discriminates against Most Asian Am College Applicants

80-20 PAC, by far the largest Asian Am. political action committee, announces today that it'll assist Asian Americans in California to defeat SCA 5 (Senate Constitutional Amendment 5). If SCA 5 passes the CA Assembly and then again passes in a state wide Referendum, its net result will be to make state college admission for qualified Asian Am students more difficult so that other less qualified students will be admitted. As damaging and unfair as SCA 5 is to Asian American college applicants, 3 Chinese Am CA state senators actually voted for it. Their names are Ted Lieu, Leland Yee and Carol Liu.

There are 8 Asian American members in the CA Assembly. If two of them will abstain or vote against it, SCA 5 will fail to get out of the Assembly and fail as a constitutional amendment.

S. B. Woo, President of 80-20 PAC, and Lieutenant Governor of DE (1985-89) said, "80-20 is greatly alarmed by how some Asian Am. elected officials in CA have failed to go by the basic principles of democracy. That is, elected officials are to serve the interests of the constituents who have elected them and those who have greatly supported them financially. Those three senators actually voted against their constituents' interest. They are taking unfair advantage of the political immaturity of the new immigrants in their districts."

Anger against those politicians is spreading like a wildfire in the Asian American community in CA. See a "Vote No To SCA 5" petition, which has 28,000+ signers in 5 days. <a href="https://www.change.org/petitions/california-state-assembly-vote-no-to-sca-5?from=singlemessage&isappinstalled=0">https://www.change.org/petitions/california-state-assembly-vote-no-to-sca-5?from=singlemessage&isappinstalled=0</a>. Many organizations have sprung up with the explicit aim to defeat SCA 5 including United Asian Americans for Activism, Silicon Valley Chinese Association,

Chinese Mutual Aid International Network, Chinese United, Dallas-Ft. Worth Chinese Alliance, etc.

Woo also said, "Many of them have approached 80-20 to request our political knowhow. 80-20 PAC's Board has voted to not only support them with our political knowhow but also other human and financial resource."

"We also intend to organize and reward the first two AsAm Assembly members who will announce to oppose or abstain from voting for SCA 5 when the legislation goes before the Assembly," Woo said. "We just issued a "Call to Action" publicizing the name of the 8 AsAm Assembly-persons and urging CA AsAm voters to contact them. CA's State Democratic leadership must be careful. Should SCA 5 pass the Assembly and go before the voter as a referendum in the next election this coming November, AsAm voters may vote on mass against the Democratic Party. The Party may not only lose its current 2/3 majority. It may even lose its simply majority."