

# RESOLUTION

## ASIAN BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

- WHEREAS:** Gary F. Locke became the first American of Chinese heritage to serve as Governor of the State of Washington; and,
- WHEREAS:** Governor Locke served the citizens of Washington with distinction for two full terms; and,
- WHEREAS:** Governor Locke is a vocal advocate for free trade and a vibrant business community; and,
- WHEREAS:** Governor Locke continues to be a champion of having close commercial, economic and cultural ties to China and other Asian countries which benefit all Americans; and,
- WHEREAS:** President Barack Obama has selected Governor Locke to serve as U.S. Secretary of Commerce (pending congressional approval); and,
- WHEREAS:** The U.S. Secretary of Commerce is responsible for the development of programs and services that support minority-owned and operated businesses; and,
- WHEREAS:** The Commerce Department also supervises and manages over the U.S. Census Bureau and the upcoming 2010 Census, an area of immense importance to all communities of color; and,
- WHEREAS:** Governor Locke has clearly demonstrated through his actions and deeds that he is a strong advocate for business, and for a full and accurate count of all people living in the U.S. for Census 2010; and,
- WHEREAS:** The Asian Business Association (ABA) represents the interests and concerns of Asian and Asian-American businesses within Southern California; therefore be it

- RESOLVED:** That the Board of Directors of the Asian Business Association of Los Angeles strongly endorse the appointment of Governor Gary F. Locke to the position of Secretary to the U.S. Department of Commerce; and be it further
- RESOLVED:** That the ABA Board also commend President Barack Obama for actively identifying and selecting qualified Asian and Pacific Islander Americans to serve in his cabinet; and, be it finally
- RESOLVED:** That the ABA Board sent a letter of support for Governor Gary Locke to President Obama and key members of Congress.



Dated: Tuesday, March 3, 2009

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Stephen Lee  
ABA Chairman