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Dear

We are writing to ask for your sponsorship of the OCA Asian Pacific American Advocates, Inc., Long Island Chapter (OCA-LI). Formerly known as the Organization of Chinese Americans, OCA-LI is part of a national non-partisan, non-for-profit social justice advocacy and educational organization headquartered in Washington, D.C. (www.ocanational.org). One of 100 chapters and affiliates, the Long Island chapter covers Queens and Brooklyn as well as Nassau and Suffolk Counties. We provide civic education and co-sponsor many community-wide programs while advocating for social justice and civil rights causes and have been serving our community since 1981.

This year, we celebrate our 35th Anniversary on **Friday, October 21st^d, 2016** at Dae Dong Manor in Flushing, NY. This venue at the heart of the Asian American community in Queens draws 300 attendees including community leaders, elected officials and other dignitaries. This annual black tie Gala celebrates our Chapter’s achievements and honors distinguished individuals in the Asian Pacific American community. Join us as we honor the following APA Trailblazers who have paved the way for others to emulate. **Archer Dong**, 2nd Asian American Principal, NYC Public School (retired); **Nelson Lee**, Vice-President, Branch Manager, Flushing Bank; **Tommy Ong**, Private Investigator, retired Detective (NYPD), a Founding Father, Asian Jade Society, NYPD; **Sarinya Srisakul**, President, United Women Firefighters, & 1st Asian American Female Firefighter, NYFD; and **Jane Qiu**, Program Director, Selfhelp Innovative Senior Center, Benjamin Rosenthal/Prince Street Senior Center.

Over the years, we have won many National Chapter Awards for our leadership and work in the areas of advocacy, community service, educational projects, programs and economic development. Our chapter has also participated in resolving major national and local issues confronting our Asian Pacific American community, and provide youth leadership development programs for high school and college students.

In order to support our essential programs and maintain our commitment to the Asian Pacific American community, we ask for your generous support of our Gala. From the attached list, please select the sponsorship level and advertisements for our commemorative dinner journal.

.Please do not hesitate to contact me via email at gladysyan9@gmail.com, or OCALIGala@gmail.com.

We thank you again for your past sponsorship, and look forward to your positive support again this year.

Sincerely,
Gladys Yan
Gladys Yan, Gala Chair

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