

亞洲人平等會

## ASIAN AMERICANS FOR EQUALITY

January 1, 1984

Dear Friend,

I hope that you have had a joyous, prosperous and restful holiday because 1984 promises to be an exciting and challenging year for the Asian American community. In 1984, the federal trial for the two murderers of Vincent Chin will begin in Detroit, the Congress will once again begin debate on the controversial Simpson-Mazzoli bill and many other issues that are important to our community will be raised and decided during the Presidential elections.

You can help our community to raise and organize around these issues by financially supporting one of the few community-based Asian American civil rights organizations in New York City. On Saturday, February 4, 1984 at 6:00 pm, my group, the Asian Americans For Equality (AAFE) will hold its annual Chinese New Year celebration and banquet at the Number One Chinese Restaurant, 202 Canal Street in Chinatown. Our special guest speaker that evening will be Assemblyman Al Vann, Chairman of the Coalition For Community Empowerment in Brooklyn and one of the major political leaders in the Black community. The festivities will also help mark the 10th anniversary of my group.

With your support and that of many others, our dinner last year was a financial success and enabled us to continue our organizing efforts in the Asian American community. Supported by membership dues and other community contributions and relying primarily on volunteer staff, we accomplished:

- the establishment of a tenant organizing project in Chinatown to educate and organize tenants in the face of a gentrification threat. The project will be funded by the Campaign For Human Development of the United States Catholic Conference.
- the filing of a major lawsuit on our behalf by Assemblyman Frank Barbaro which challenges the constitutionality of the city's zoning policies in the controversial case of the Special Manhattan Bridge District.
- the launching of a radio talk show on WBAI (99.5 FM) on Asian American affairs.
- the strengthening of Black-Asian unity through our participation in the Congressional Hearings on police brutality and more recently around Rev. Jesse Jackson's candidacy for President.

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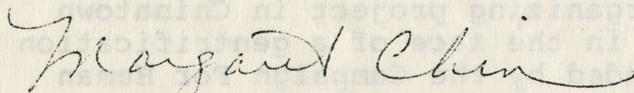
- the organizing of educational and other support activities in the racially-motivated killing of Vincent Chin, including a community commemoration of 300 people on June 19 in Chinatown on the first anniversary of his murder.
- the launching of lobbying efforts along with other members of the Coalition of Asian Americans For Fair Immigration to convince New York City Congresspeople to vote against the Simpson-Mazzoli bill.
- the participation of representatives from our group in delegations to Nicaragua and the Peoples Republic of China.
- and finally the appointment of one of our members to the Community Planning Board and the election of another to the Area Policy Board.

While organizing around these issues, we have continued our basic services to Chinatown residents such as English classes and counseling around tenant rights, immigration problems and employment discrimination. In the coming months, we also plan to offer a low-cost group medical coverage plan for our members.

In order to expand our efforts, we have begun investigation into other potential sources of revenue but our grassroots fund-raising activities (such as Chinese New Year) continue to be our main source of income. With your support, I am confident that our organizing efforts will be even more successful in 1984.

Thank you for your support and interest.

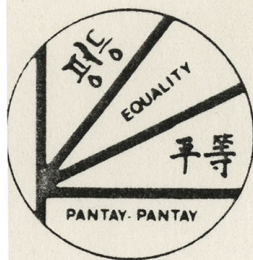
Sincerely,



Margaret Chin  
President

Asian Americans For Equality





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Tickets for the Asian Americans For Equality annual Chinese New Year celebration and banquet on Saturday, February 4, 1984 at 6:00 pm at the Number One Chinese Restaurant, 202 Canal Street in Chinatown will be \$30 per person. Tables of 10 persons will be offered at a discount rate of \$270.

Special rates are available for students and those on limited income. AAFE members are offered a special rate of \$25 per person. Please call (212) 226-8960 for further information and reservations. Please make checks or money orders payable to Asian Americans For Equality.

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I have enclosed \$\_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ tickets (or tables) for Asian Americans For Equality annual Chinese New Year celebration and banquet.

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone  
Number: \_\_\_\_\_

I cannot attend but enclosed is \$\_\_\_\_\_ for a contribution to the organization.