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NCAAT in Action endorses 22 candidates for federal and state races ahead of November 8 general election

NCAAT in Action is proud to endorse candidates who understand and are responsive to unique issues facing Asian Americans in North Carolina.

RALEIGH, N.C. — NCAAT in Action, North Carolina’s only pan-Asian political organization, announced its full slate of 22 endorsements for the November general election. Our focus through November 8th is to inform and mobilize the 126,101 registered Asian American voters in the state to vote for these candidates, especially in toss-up races where Asian American turnout will influence election outcomes.

The unprecedented growth in North Carolina’s Asian American population — 68% since the 2010 Census — has resulted in a powerful new voting bloc in the state. It is critical not only for Asian Americans to turn out for the general election, but also to use their voting power to elect leaders who will fight to make North Carolina more equitable, prosperous, and inclusive for all its residents.

“We are excited to endorse candidates who have shown that they are responsive to and inspire the growing electorate in North Carolina,” said **NCAAT in Action Executive Director Chavi Khanna Koneru**. “Asian American voters will impact election outcomes in November. This July, NCAAT in Action-endorsed candidate Mario Benavente narrowly won his election to Fayetteville City Council by just six votes, becoming the first Korean American to serve in the local government.”

To have earned an endorsement from NCAAT in Action means that the candidate has effectively demonstrated their commitment to furthering the best interests of AAPIs and all communities of color in North Carolina as an elected representative. NCAAT in Action specifically endorsed local candidates from counties where Asian Americans and communities of color have seen population growth and corresponding needs, including Cumberland, Orange, Wake, Mecklenburg, and Cabarrus counties.

NCAAT in Action will significantly scale its voter outreach before Election Day compared to its primary election efforts. Ahead of the primaries in May, the organization informed Asian American voters in North Carolina via the following methods:

- Direct mail: 109,000 pieces sent
- Phone calls: 31,000 attempts
- Door knocks: 1,000 attempts
- Poll greeting: 6 precincts
- Digital ads: 215,000 impressions.



NCAAT in Action endorsed candidates include:

Cheri Beasley	U.S. Senate
Deborah Ross	U.S. House, 2nd Congressional District
Alma Adams	U.S. House, 12th Congressional District
Wiley Nickel	U.S. House, 13th Congressional District
Jeff Jackson	U.S. House, 14th Congressional District
Eric Terashima	N.C. House District 17
Ya Liu	N.C. House District 21
Julie von Haefen	N.C. House District 36
Joe John	N.C. House District 40
Maria Cervania	N.C. House District 41
Diamond Staton-Williams	N.C. House District 73
Lisa Grafstein	N.C. Senate District 13
Jay Chaudhuri	N.C. Senate District 15
Gale Adcock	N.C. Senate District 16
Sydney Batch	N.C. Senate District 17
Mary Wills Bode	N.C. Senate District 18
Graig Meyer	N.C. Senate District 23
Mujtaba Mohammed	N.C. Senate District 38
Natasha Marcus	N.C. Senate District 41
Rachel Hunt	N.C. Senate District 42
Lucy Inman	N.C. Supreme Court Seat 3
Sam Ervin IV	N.C. Supreme Court Seat 5

NCAAT in Action works statewide to build political power in Asian American communities and to advocate for the needs of Asian Americans alongside other communities of color. To learn more about NCAAT in Action's endorsements, visit <https://ncaatinaction.org/endorsements>.

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NCAAT in Action is committed to supporting equity and justice for all by building political power among Asian Americans and allies in North Carolina through voter education, progressive advocacy, and leadership development