

APSU

Asian/Pacific Islander Students Union

On behalf of the Asian/Pacific Islander Student Union, we are respectfully requesting your endorsement of our upcoming program "Education is a Right", to be held in Sacramento on April 10, 1989.

The Asian/Pacific Islander Student Union (APSU) is a network of Asian and Pacific Islander student organizations on university, college and high school campuses across California. Since our founding in 1978, we have continuously worked on issues affecting the educational quality of Asian and Pacific Islander students. In 1987, we co-sponsored lobbying efforts in the State Capitol aimed at increased funding for K-12 education and an opening up of admissions policies for the CSU's and UC's. Last year our conference on educational rights held at Stanford University drew over 10,000 participants coming together to hear strategies for achieving quality education for our future generations.

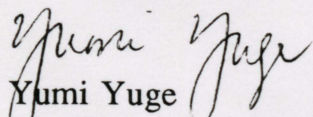
This year, our program theme of "Education is a Right" will bring out issues of increased retention, recruitment and relevancy in both the K-12 systems as well as higher education. This includes increasing the funding for bilingual education and services, having Ethnic Studies as a graduation requirement and increasing financial aid. Simultaneously, we are planning to create legislation in line with proposals from the new California Master Plan for Higher Education. To best present these issues to the state government, who will be making the final decisions, we are planning a program on the steps of the State Capitol, legislative lobbying and a meeting with Governor Deukmejian.

It would be an honor for us if you would endorse our Educational Rights program. You have been an inspiration and role model for our generation of students seeking to empower our communities.

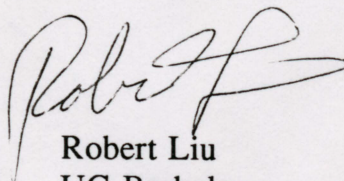
We are enclosing our Educational Bill of Rights booklet which capsulizes our main concerns for quality education. This Educational Bill of Rights was produced in 1988 directly as a result of our work statewide with our program co-sponsors, the Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlan (MEChA) and the African/Black Student Statewide Alliance (A/BSSA), and has been entered into the Congressional Record by U.S. Representative Ron Dellums.

We hope you will endorse our program, and we look forward to working with you throughout the year. We can be contacted at [redacted]

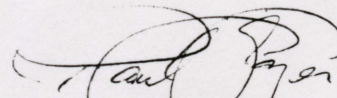
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