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Spirit of Independence Gleams the 55th C.A.C.A. National Convention in Boston, July 3-6, 2019

Boston, July 2, 2019 – The American Spirit will sparkle throughout the 55th National Convention of the Chinese American Citizens Alliance (C.A.C.A.), in Boston, as more than 100 members and supporters convene in the capital of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts this week when the Nation celebrates its 243^h anniversary of independence on Thursday, July 4, 2019.

From July 3 to 6, C.A.C.A. Boston Lodge will host representatives from 19 chapters nationwide in the most important biennial convening of the nation's oldest civil rights and advocacy organization serving Americans of Chinese Ancestry. The Convention Chair is Past C.A.C.A. National President Ed Gor.

The convention theme is unveiled in the C.A.C.A. acronym. “C” is for “Celebrate,” as attendees observe fireworks the birthplace of the American Revolution. “A” represents “Advance,” where the current concerns of the Chinese American and other AAPI communities are explored through workshops and panels. “C” focuses on “Contribute,” highlights on Chinese American and C.A.C.A. contributions in the past 124 years. And, “A” stands for “Advocate,” featuring presentations on advocacy projects led by C.A.C.A. National and C.A.C.A. Local Lodges.

Major convention sponsors are AARP (Platinum) and South Cove Health Center (Ruby) and East Boston Savings Bank (Gold).

Among the VIPs in corporate, civic and professional leadership who are scheduled to attend and speak are former U.S. Secretary of Transportation Norman Y. Mineta; former Boston Mayor and U.S. Ambassador Raymond Flynn; Henry Tang, Co-Founder, Committee of 100; Frank H. Wu, President of Committee of 100; Utah Justice Court Judge Michael Kwan; Gordon H. Chang, Stanford University; Buck Gee, board member of the Angel Island Immigration Station Foundation; and David Lei, philanthropist and scholar on Chinese American history.

Out-of-State Elect Officials who are attending include former U.S. Congressman Ed Royce; Connecticut State Attorney General William Tong; Allan Fung, mayor, Cranston, Rhode Island; former Mayor and current City Councilmember of Bellevue, Washington, Conrad Lee; Connecticut State Senator Tony Hwang; Maryland State Senator Susan Lee; and Illinois State Representative Theresa Mah.

Among the convention highlights are Census 2020 presentations and training; Boston Harbor sunset cruise; visit to the Museum of Fine Arts; Major General William Chen (ret.) discussing the Congressional Gold Medal for Chinese American Veterans of WWII project; *Our Chinatown* Documentary Screening



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by C.A.C.A. member filmmaker Kenneth Eng; and the Spirit of America Award Gala on Saturday, July 6, recognizing Gerald Chan, Alan Spears and Fred Yee and the inaugural National Impact Award presented to U.S. Senator Tammy Duckworth and retired U.S. Representative Ed Royce.

C.A.C.A. Boston Lodge was originally founded on April 7, 1927, but had dissolved until more than 50 years later, it was re-chartered on December 13, 2014. To continue the Legacy of the original Boston Lodge, the charter members agreed to keep the name Boston Lodge, but with a broader mission, with one to serve the Chinese American communities in all six New England States, consisting of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

For more information on the National Convention and pre- and post-convention activities, please visit www.cacaboston.org/event/55th-biennial-c-c-national-convention.

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Chinese American Citizens Alliance

The Chinese American Citizens Alliance, established in 1895, is among the oldest civil rights organizations in the United States. Headquartered in San Francisco with chapter/lodges in Albuquerque (NM), Boston (MA), Chicago (IL), Greater San Gabriel Valley (CA), Greater New York (NY), Houston (TX), Las Vegas (NV), Los Angeles (CA), Mississippi, Oakland (CA), Peninsula (CA), Portland (OR), Phoenix (AZ), Salinas (CA), San Antonio (TX), San Francisco (CA), Seattle (WA) and Washington, D.C., the Alliance addresses issues regarding voter education, political participation, racial discrimination and hate crimes, and supports youth leadership training programs and equal employment opportunities for all Chinese Americans.