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C.A.C.A. National: The Importance of Your Vote

San Francisco, November 3, 2020 — The cornerstone of nations operating under a democratic system of government is their citizens' right to vote for their leaders and representatives. For Chinese Americans, the struggle for acceptance in the political life of the United States greatly enhances the value of the right to vote especially for those who sacrifice their lives in the defense of these Constitutional freedoms. The Chinese American Citizens Alliance (C.A.C.A.), the nation's oldest, continuous Asian American civil rights and advocacy organization, has always emphasized the practice and defense of American citizenship and American patriotism in its Purposes and Objectives.

More than 69 million Americans have cast their votes in the 2020 presidential election one week before Election Day on Tuesday, November 3—some 19 million more pre-election votes than were cast in the 2016 election according to the U.S. Elections Project, an online information source for the U.S. electoral system. This record-breaking participation underscores the importance of this election year where we are confronted with grave challenges in these extraordinary times. What has been a disturbing trend is not so much the lack of civil discourse on ballot issues of importance to all Americans but an alarming increase of the divisiveness over politics often manifested in physical confrontation.

The Chinese American Citizens Alliance condemns all acts of voter intimidation, misinformation and suppression as a subversion of democracy and should not be tolerated and should be exposed. C.A.C.A. will continue to invigorate and inform the electorate through facilitating voter education, organizing voter registration and protecting voting rights. The peaceful transition of power is not only made possible by our Constitution but through the respect of the electoral process by officials, candidates and voters. It has been a subject of envy by peoples around the globe aspiring toward fuller transparency in governance and is a credit to our country's own stormy journey to strengthening the franchise.

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