



DFW Asian-American Citizens Council

Honorary Advisory Board

Hon. Angie Chen Button
Hon. Michael Burgess
Hon. John Cornyn
Hon. David Dewhurst
Hon. Jeb Hensarling
Dr. Charles Ku, DDS
Hon. Eddie B. Johnson
Hon. Sam Johnson
Hon. Ron Jones
Hon. Kenny Marchant
Grace McDermott
Hon. Andy Nguyen
Phil Ritter
Hon. Pete Sessions
John Stich
Hon. Hubert Vo

Founding Chairman

Keh-Shew Lu, PhD

Chair Emeritus

Hon. Angie Chen Button
Sunhee C. Hong, DDS
Jiahuan Ding, MD, PhD
Jennifer Nguyen
Jane Jan
Suma Kulkarni
David Way
Wei Wei Jeang, Esq.
Margaret Tsai
Marian Gallemore

Chair

Anand Krishnaswamy

President

David Kao, PhD

Executive VP

Nancy Dinh

David Gu

Merna Parcon

Sammy Yang

Vice Presidents

Katherine Dress

Tina Franco

Galileo Jumaoas

Lily Mak

Shobhaa Ravi, PhD

Judy Wang

Jessica Yang, CPA

Jessie Yuan, PhD

Esther Wu

General Counsel

Hyattye Simmons, Esq.

Treasurer

Daniel Law.

Secretary

Hongwei Gao

Board of Directors

Abed Abukar

Renee Dutia

Hongwei Gao

Gabriel Ho

Qing Jia, MD

Clair Jung, PhD

Lothar Katz

Helene Lee

Judy Lee

Edward Li

Amy Ling

Minoru Makita

Elna Mallari

Thanh Thuy Nguyen

Timothy Phan

Lily Qian

Madhulika Raina

Sury Thiagarajan

Mingtzong William Tsao

Johann Tse

Ying Sheng Tung, PhD, Esq.

Diana Meilan Wang

Mark Yang

David Yu

February 16, 2017

Via e-mail fjec@cornyn.senate.gov

United States Senator John Cornyn
517 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510
Attn: Mr. Noah Phillips

Via e-mail fjec@cruz.senate.gov

United States Senator Ted Cruz
404 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510
Attn: Mr. Zach West

Re: Support for James Ho for U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

Dear Senator Cornyn and Senator Cruz:

We are writing you enthusiastically and without any reservation in support of the appointment of James C. Ho to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit.

DFW Asian American Citizens Council (DFWAAC) is an organization co-founded by State of Texas Representative Angie Chen Button and Dr. Keh-Shew Lu in 2001 with a mission to promote and assist Asian American involvement in local, social, and civic activities that increase community awareness, improve representation, and enhance the quality of life. It is no coincidence that we are based in Plano, Texas, where Asian Americans are the largest minority population at close to 20%. In the decade since our organization's inception, the Asian population of Texas has increased by over 70%.

We have just learned that James C. Ho is being considered for an appointment to the Fifth Circuit. The Asian American community in Texas could not be more enthusiastic about his appointment. Mr. Ho has been an enormous success as an elite appellate litigator, both in government and in private practice. He is one of the very few lawyers in Texas who is widely recognized as an expert in both federal constitutional and federal business issues.

After graduating from Stanford University and the University of Chicago Law School, Mr. Ho held a series of prestigious positions in state and federal government—including clerkships with Judge Jerry Smith of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit and Justice Clarence Thomas of the U.S. Supreme Court, significant positions at the U.S. Department of Justice and the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee, and Solicitor General of Texas. And today, he is one of the most successful business litigators in Texas, as a partner in the Dallas office of Gibson Dunn & Crutcher LLP and co-chair of the Firm's widely heralded Appellate and Constitutional Law practice group.

We cannot imagine anyone more qualified to become the first Asian American on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit than James C. Ho. And we could not be more proud

420 Maplelawn Drive, Plano, TX 75075

Telephone: 972-398-1388 Fax: 972-398-1377 e-Mail: dfwaacc.box@gmail.com

Website: www.dfwaacc.org



DFW Asian-American Citizens Council

of such a groundbreaking appointment. No Asian American has ever before had the opportunity to serve on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. This is the perfect opportunity to make history. We would be exceedingly grateful to our Texas Senators and to the President of the United States for making this dream a reality for our community. On behalf of DFWAACC leaders, we ask you to give James C. Ho your most serious consideration.

Respectfully yours,

Dr. Keh-Shew Lu
Co-Founder

Anand Krishnaswamy
Chairman

Wei Wei Jeang, Esq.
Chair Emeritus