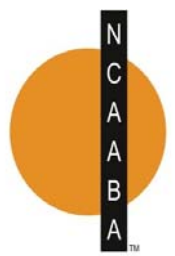




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Dear Congressman Honda:

The National Council of Asian American Business Associations and The San Jose/Silicon Valley NAACP strongly urge transparency and accountability to ensure the playing field is level for Minority Business Enterprises (MBEs) in regards to the Stimulus Plan contracts. We want small business owners to have a chance to compete for shovel ready projects.

On behalf of the members of the National Council of Asian American Businesses and the San Jose/Silicon Valley NAACP, we urge you to work with the local municipalities within California District 15 to make sure that the funds the local government receives from the Stimulus Plan as well as the Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP) II are inclusive of Minority Business Enterprises.

**Minority Owned Small Businesses Play a Vital Role in Our Economy
And Must Participate in the Financial Revitalization and Economic Growth of the Country.**

Small businesses represent 99 percent of all businesses in inner city disadvantaged communities, and provide 80 percent of all the jobs in these areas. Minority owned small businesses play an especially important role in these communities and are a major driver of the economy in states such as California.

Despite their importance to our economy, the local municipalities, whether on state, county, or city levels, are not properly doing outreach to minority firms or unbundling contracts so that small businesses have a chance to participate in the bidding process.

We would like to discuss a strategy with your office in regards to streamlining a program that ensures that Federally funded projects which are in the jurisdiction of local governments have an oversight program in place to serve the needs of Minority Business Enterprises.

The undersigned thank you in advance for your support in serving the needs of small businesses across the country and in District 15. Please have your staff contact us at your earliest convenience.

In Community Spirit,

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