

Dear member and friend of FAPA-NJ,

It is my pleasure to inform you that the FAPA-NJ has held its annual meeting and the election on Saturday, 9/28 and elected the 2020-2021 President to be Leo Lee, and the Regional Board Director, Wen Chang. They both will represent our local chapter to participate in the national board meeting. We also learn that Mark Kao has been nominated and accepted to become the 2020-2021 At-Large Board Director.

Leo has subsequently appointed Su-Mei Kao to be the Secretary and Yueh-Ling (月玲) Hsieh to be the Treasurer of our chapter.

Please join me to congratulate the new FAPA-NJ leadership team of 2020-2021!

I would like to thank all the officers of 2018-2019 for their commitments and contributions to help make smooth the operations of our NJ chapter. Even though we have not held many meetings throughout the year, we nonetheless remained energetic with occasional speech meetings and been actively engaged in our advocacy-for-Taiwan visits to the congressional offices in NJ and on the Capitol Hill. During 2019 we have had two major visits to the representatives' offices –

1. On 9/5, our team of Leo Lee, Victor Liu, and David Hsieh from northern NJ visited the office of the Democrat Representative Mikie Sherrill in Parsippany to help improve their understanding of Taiwan issues and the current bills in the Congress.

2. During the advocacy week on 9/14-16, our NJ team of Leo Lee, Mark & Su-Mei Kao, Robin Lee, Mu-Hua Chien, Kevin & Susan Chung, Jonathan Lee and I visited a total 11 NJ Representative offices on the Capitol Hill to solicit support for the following issues and bills in the House and Senate:

- House Resolution 248 to challenge the PRC's One-China Principle
- House Resolution 1811 to counter the Chinese Communist Party's influence in the U.S.
- Senate 878 – Taiwan Assurance Act of 2019 to deepen Taiwan-US ties of commerce, diplomacy, and defense
- Rename Taiwan's de facto embassy from TECRO to Taiwan Representative Office
- Urge Senate Confirmation for the AIT Director (currently appointed by the State Department)
- Inviting representatives to join Taiwan Caucus

I have attached a Powerpoint presentation to share some photos of those memorable moments from various activities.

In addition, for those of you may have forgotten to pay for your membership dues for this year, would you kindly use the attached membership form to fill out to send to the FAPA headquarter directly.

We also warmly welcome those who recently joined FAPA as new members. We hope you stay active to participate as many FAPA activities as possible.

For the rest, as we approach the year-end, this is also the moment to consider special annual donations to FAPA for 2019. Our FAPA operations in the US requires an annual budget of about \$800k to

- Maintain a small staff size of 4-6 in the DC headquarter, who proactively engage the representatives on the Capitol Hill on Taiwan-US-China issues, and provide support and publications to 46 local chapters with about 3000 members in the U.S.
- Facilitate Emerging Leaders Conference to train leaders from the US and Taiwan
- Facilitate the annual Advocacy Conference to do annual visits to the Representatives
- Facilitate national speech tours with notable speakers
- Produce and circulate periodically the Taiwan Communique to the Representatives and the public
- Publish to educate the public, thinktanks, government officials and representatives on issues related to Taiwan and Taiwanese American
- And many more

These works can not be made possible without your financial supports. In the face of the increasing aggression from China, such as what have caused the on-going bloody freedom movement in Hong Kong, the threats to the NBA network, the coercion to the Hollywood firms, the hotel chains, and the airline companies in the U.S. and everywhere in the world our missions and actions have never been more critical and meaningful. We all will participate in this joint effort to make FAPA the most critical instrument to speak our voice to help Taiwan NOT to befallen to the Chinese evil empire.

If you would, please use the attached membership form to send in your donations

and mail to

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552 7th Street, S.E.
Washington, DC 20003
(Attention: Cosette Chen)

The officer team of 2018-2019 thank you all for your support. It feels so warm to know that we share the same enthusiasm and aspiration to promote a better future for Taiwan and US-Taiwan relation.

We look forward to your continuing support to the new officer team of 2020-2021.

Go Taiwan!

The 2018-2019 Officer Team

Wen Chang, President

Leo Lee, Vice President

Treasurer, Allen Yang

Victor Liu, Regional Board Director

Mark Kao, At-Large Board Director