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OCA–Greater Los Angeles (OCA-GLA) Hosts the 2014 OCA National Convention and Announces the Outstanding Citizen Achievement Awards and Pioneer Awards

LOS ANGELES - OCA-Greater Los Angeles (OCA-GLA), the local chapter of one of the leading national organizations dedicated to the social, political and economic rights of Asian Pacific Americans (APA), is celebrating its 41st OCA National Convention to honor leaders in the APA community and promote advocacy among APAs in the United States. The convention, themed “On Location for Advocacy,” will take place from Thursday, August 7 to Sunday, August 10 at the Millennium Biltmore Hotel in Downtown Los Angeles.

On July 24, 2014, OCA National President Sharon Wong, OCA National Acting Chief Executive Officer Ken Lee, and members of the OCA-GLA Host Committee presented highlights of the upcoming OCA National Convention at a press conference held at Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Los Angeles. Wong and Lee discussed OCA’s organizational growth and national excitement for the upcoming Convention. “I remember when it was a big deal to see our first APA actor or APA government official and now Asian Pacific Americans are represented in many different fields,” said Lee. “OCA is a testament to how far the Asian Pacific American community has come in the past few years.”

Ed Lew, Convention Co-Chair and OCA-GLA Immediate Past President announced that artist Tyrus Wong (work featured in the Disney animated classic “Bambi”), actress Ming-Na Wen (“The Joy Luck Club,” “Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D”), actor Daniel Dae Kim (“Lost,” “Hawaii 5-0”) will receive the Pioneer Awards and California Congresswoman Judy Chu and actor James Hong (“Blade Runner,” “Kung Fu Panda”) will receive the Outstanding Citizen Achievement Awards.

“For the first time in 20 years, OCA-GLA is hosting National Convention, which is attended by over 600 APA leaders,” said Lew. In addition to celebrating Asian Pacific Americans who have made exemplary contributions to the community, the OCA National Convention also offers free programming for attendees, including the Youth and College Leadership Track for high school and college students, General Advocacy Workshops and Plenaries that will discuss current issues within the Asian Pacific American community, such as domestic violence, LGBT advocacy and representation in Hollywood; and Professional Development seminars for millennial leaders.

Founded in 1973, OCA is a national organization dedicated to advancing the social, political and economic well-being of Asian Pacific Americans in the United States. OCA-GLA’s other programs include internships; the Civil Rights Fellowship; community service projects; leadership development events; industry panels; education forums on issues such as hate crimes, immigration and healthcare; and voter education programs.

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About OCA – Asian Pacific American Advocates

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