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EMBRACING THE HOPES AND ASPIRATIONS OF ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICANS

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To: josephanselmi@yahoo.com; rastafarrii@yahoo.com

Subject: “Asian Girlz”

OCA-Greater Los Angeles (OCA-GLA) denounces Day Above Ground’s song and music video, “Asian Girlz.” The lyrics and images in the song and video portray numerous racist and misogynistic stereotypes of Asian Pacific American women and our community.

The group’s self-description as a multi-cultural group and claims that the song was intended to be humorous do not excuse the racism, violence, or fetishization depicted in the lyrics or visuals. Despite Day Above Ground’s assertion that no ill intention was meant in the song, the result is nonetheless derogatory and offensive.

Day Above Ground should immediately remove the video from their website and all social media platforms, as well as stop any further performance or distribution of the video and song.

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. Since its inception in 1991, the Greater Los Angeles chapter of OCA has worked with community partners to assist Los Angeles residents of all backgrounds by advancing civic participation and promoting civil rights.

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