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MEDIA ADVISORY: ASIAN AMERICANS MAKE STRIDES IN DEMOCRATIC POLITICS, CELEBRATE 16th ANNIVERSARY OF AADT, IN CONJUNCTION WITH CONAC

WHEN: Friday, June 9, 2006
2:30p – 3:00p

WHERE: Fort Worth Convention Center
1200 Houston St.
Fort Worth, TX 76102
Room 102

WHAT: The Asian American Democrats of Texas (AADT) and the Coalition Of New American Communities (CONAC) will lay out their agenda for the 2006 election cycle and outline their efforts to add Asian American seats to the State Democratic Executive Committee. Featured speakers will include:

- **Chris Bell**, Democratic Candidate for Governor
- **Gordon Quan**, Former Mayor Pro Tem, City of Houston, Founder, Asian American Democrats of Texas
- **Phillip Shinoda**, Democratic Candidate, House District 114
- **A.J. Durrani**, Spokesperson & Primary Coordinator

The Coalition of New American Communities, Inc. (CONAC) is a non-profit political action group, established to improve and increase political awareness in "new Americans". The political methodology of CONAC, which has been honed during the 2004 elections and the 2006 primaries, is to work at the grassroots level. Utilizing this philosophy, CONAC has elected an unprecedented number of precinct chairs in the major political parties and delegates to their conventions, and have had significant success in registering voters and getting them to the polls.

Founded in 1990, Asian American Democrats of Texas serves as a link between the Asian American community and the larger political community. This involves several goals. The first is to mobilize and unite the different Asian American groups under one umbrella to form a unified Asian American vote. The second is increasing the participation of Asian Americans in the Democratic Party specifically and the American political system generally. A third goal is to increase the presence and understanding of the Democratic Party within the Asian American community. To these ends, AADT undertakes a variety of activities, from political education to organization and mobilization to meetings with elected officials.

Asian American Democrats of Texas currently has chapters in Houston, Austin, Dallas, and San Antonio.

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