



December 20, 2007

Dear friend,

I want to thank you for receiving my CAA updates and alerts throughout this past year. I am so grateful for the many messages of encouragement that were sent in response.

Like you, I get requests from many well-deserving groups during the holidays. I know you work hard for your money and that you value our work. I am asking you to give to CAA because contributions from individuals like you are absolutely critical to our success.

**In this last email of the year, I am writing to ask you to join CAA with a financial contribution today. [Click here](#) to make a tax deductible gift of \$25, \$40, \$100 or more.**

In the spirit of the holiday season, please consider my attempt at humor with these top 10 reasons why you should give to CAA:

10. Over 200 [media articles in 2007](#) with CAA commentary on pressing civil rights issues, including 3 Op-Eds in 3 months in the *San Francisco Chronicle*, and absolutely nothing in the *National Enquirer*.
  9. An excuse to say "tax deductible" three times fast or, if you prefer, "kou shui, kou shui, kou shui".
  8. Individual gifts support progressive advocacy, like, you know, the stuff we do.
  7. Supporting groundbreaking CAA initiatives like API Equality, the Zia Fellowship for Social Change, and Asian Americans for Civil Rights and Equality will look really good on your Facebook profile.
  6. Two year review coming up...help the CAA executive director (me) keep his (my) job!
  5. 100 percent of donations from our [website](#) go to CAA – support social justice, not the hegemony of VISA, Mastercard, and AmEx.
  4. San Francisco policy victories such as a One-Stop employment center in Chinatown, language assistance protocol in the police department, a new citywide office of language services, doubling translation and interpretation funds for public schools, and a partridge in a pear tree.
  3. Leadership development, community outreach, and job services for immigrant communities go really well with eggnog.
  2. Winning the historic battle to secure approval for a permanent City College campus in San Francisco Chinatown. What do we want? Equality! When do we want it? 30 years ago!
- And, bad jokes aside...
1. Commitment to creating a world that works for everyone.

**Even if you haven't chuckled one bit, please [click here](#) to make a tax deductible gift of \$25, \$40, \$100 or more.**

Thank you so much for being a part of our work. Happy holidays and see you in 2008!

Warm wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Vincent Pan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "V" and a long, sweeping underline.

Vincent Pan  
Executive Director