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Dear friend,

**The future of City College in Chinatown will be determined this Thursday**, October 18<sup>th</sup>, with critical votes on a permanent campus by the City College of San Francisco Board of Trustees. We need you to [take one simple action](#) today to help us get the votes that will secure a permanent campus.

For over 30 years, the San Francisco Chinatown community has fought for a permanent campus to provide generations of immigrant students with equal access to educational opportunities, such as learning English, preparing for citizenship exams, and acquiring job skills. Classrooms are currently scattered throughout a dozen deteriorating and inconvenient spaces, and at the primary location, students and faculty suffer debris falling on their heads and are forced to use child-size toilets.

Unfortunately, owners of the nearby Hilton Hotel, desperate to preserve their guest-room views, continue to dispatch high-priced lawyers and lobbyists in a ruthless campaign of opposition. Long on cash and short on scruples, they proclaim "support" for a campus, while at the same time financing endless schemes to derail its progress.

This fight is coming down to the wire. **The fate of the permanent campus lies in the hands of the seven elected members of the Board of Trustees:** Natalie Berg, Anita Grier, Milton Marks, Julio Ramos, John Rizzo, Rodol Rodis, and Lawrence Wong.

Although a broad coalition, coordinated by CAA, of over 100 community organizations and leaders in support of the campus has collected over 23,000 petition signatures and over 10,000 individual postcards demanding no further delays, several trustees remain noncommittal.

I am asking you to [click here](#) and send emails to all of the trustees demanding they support current plans for construction of a City College campus in Chinatown. Without their votes on Thursday, there will be no campus. You can visit [www.SupportChinatownCampus.org](http://www.SupportChinatownCampus.org) for more information.

I look forward to providing a report on how each trustee voted and other important CAA activities soon.

Sincerely,

Vincent Pan  
Executive Director