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Dear friend,

**I am thrilled to report that just past 1:30 a.m. this morning the San Francisco City College Board of Trustees voted to approve construction of a permanent City College Campus in Chinatown!**

Key to the victory was massive community support: over 25,000 petition signatures, 10,000 individually completed postcards, and 3,500 emails in three days sent by friends like you. (Trust me, trustees noticed!)

This was a terrific success for racial justice, immigrant rights, and educational equity. It was made possible by the combined efforts of our broad coalition ([www.SupportChinatownCampus.org](http://www.SupportChinatownCampus.org)) and with tremendous support from many diverse allies.

Last night was also a powerful reminder that with enough hard work ordinary people can prevail over powerful interests, bending the arc of history toward justice.

There will be necessary follow-up, but for now I want to thank each of you for all your support. I will be in touch soon with updates on all of CAA's work, and you can always contact me at [vpan@caasf.org](mailto:vpan@caasf.org). See how the trustees voted below.

Sincerely,

Vincent Pan  
Executive Director

**How they voted:** Trustees Natalie Berg, Anita Grier, Milton Marks, Julio Ramos, John Rizzo, Rodel Rodis, and Lawrence Wong voted unanimously in favor to exempt the campus from local planning requirements. This was the critical vote, needing support from 5 of the 7 trustees. The resolution to certify the environmental impact report was passed with Berg, Grier, Ramos, Rizzo, Rodis, and Wong in favor and Marks opposed. The resolution to approve a project design was passed with Berg, Grier, Marks, Ramos, Rodis, and Wong in favor and Rizzo opposed.