



## CALIFORNIA ASIAN PACIFIC ISLANDER LEGISLATIVE CAUCUS

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### **ASSEMBLYMEMBER FURUTANI CALLS ON FORMER CONGRESSMEMBER HOEKSTRA TO PULL HIS RACIST POLITICAL AD OFF THE AIR**

Sacramento, CA - On Sunday, February 5, 2012, former Congressman Pete Hoekstra released a racially offensive and insensitive political ad for his Michigan Senate race. Assemblymember Warren T. Furutani (D – South Los Angeles), Chair of the California Asian & Pacific Islander Legislative Caucus, released the following statement on the ad:

“The Asian Pacific Islander Community is outraged that Mr. Hoekstra would resort to race-baiting in his bid for U.S. Senate. The campaign ad depicts offensive imagery and fosters an Anti-Asian sentiment that will only hurt and divide our community. The public deserves more from candidates vying to represent them in elected office, and I demand that the ad be pulled off the air and that Mr. Hoekstra apologize to the public for his thoughtless and offensive actions.”

*The API Legislative Caucus was established in 2001 with the mission of representing and advocating for the interests of the diverse Asian and Pacific Islander communities throughout California. Additionally, the Caucus seeks to increase Asian Pacific Islander participation and representation in all levels of government. Assemblymember Warren T. Furutani and Assemblymember Mary Hayashi serve as chair and vice-chair, respectively, of the caucus.*

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