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California Asian Pacific Islander Legislative Caucus Applauds Governor's State University Trustee Appointment

Sacramento- Assemblymember Rob Bonta, Chair of the California Asian Pacific Islander Legislative Caucus, issued the following statement to applaud Governor Brown's appointment of Wenda Fong to the California State University Board of Trustees.

"Asian Americans now have representation at the highest level of the California State University system with Governor Brown's appointment of Wenda Fong to the Board of Trustees. Nearly 20% of Asian American undergraduates are enrolled at a CSU and enroll into the system as freshmen at higher rates than any other racial or ethnic group. Despite these enrollment rates, Asian American students vary in their degree completion. Appointing exceptional trustees with diverse perspectives like Wenda Fong promotes cultural understanding as policies are developed for the CSU system.

"The Asian Pacific Islander Legislative Caucus applauds Governor Brown for his efforts in making the governance of one of California's esteemed higher education systems more representative of the student population. We look forward to our continued partnership with his administration in ensuring that qualified individuals with diverse backgrounds and cultural awareness are considered, including Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islanders. We congratulate Ms. Wenda Fong and are confident in her skills and talents to ensure that our California State University's policies are inclusive and equitable for all of our students."

The California Asian Pacific Islander Legislative Caucus represents and advocates for the interests of the diverse API communities throughout California. It seeks to increase Asian Pacific Islander participation and representation in all levels of government.

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