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Dear Friends of Alliance,

Happy new year! Hope that the winter break refreshed, renewed and re-charged everyone's energies for the adventures and challenges of 2007.

The first challenge facing our Asian Pacific Islander community: San Diego's U.S. Attorney Carol Lam, asked by the Bush administration to step down, will resign on February 15.

Why? The news doesn't make sense: as U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of California for the past 4 ½ years, political independent Carol Lam has served San Diego and the nation with impeccable, exceptional integrity, courage and commitment. In community leader JoAnn Fields' words, Lam's successful prosecution of political corruption and white-collar crime in San Diego "put more trust back in the government."

In addition, during Lam's tenure as prosecutor, violent crime in San Diego declined. Prosecutors in her office, Lam says, "have prosecuted serious cases involving public corruption, dismantled the leadership of large narcotics cartels and prison gangs, and protected the public in civil litigation."

Senator Diane Feinstein discusses the Administration's ousting of 7 prosecutors, focusing, in particular, on Carol Lam's case:

"To my knowledge, there are no allegations of misconduct having to do with Carol Lam. She is a distinguished former judge... We have people from the FBI indicating that Carol Lam has not only been a straight shooter but a very good prosecutor."

U.S. Attorney Carol Lam has been a true role model for our Asian Pacific Islander communities.

Senator Feinstein adds, "It is surprising to me to see that she would be, in effect, forced out, without cause." As a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Feinstein will be questioning Attorney General Alberto Gonzales on the matter on Thursday, January 18. "We have something we need to look into, that we need to exercise our oversight on."

Members, friends, neighbors, colleagues of our Asian Pacific Islander communities: let us show our strongest support for U.S. Attorney Carol Lam. Please phone, fax, write or email Senator Feinstein to pass on the voices of San Diego and Asian America to the hearings before the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Here is the Senator's contact information:

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For an insightful article on San Diego's Asian American community's reaction to Carol Lam's stepping down, read AsiaMedia publisher and editor Len Novarro's "San Diego Asian American community outraged over dismissal of U.S. Attorney Carol Lam" in the January 19 issue of ASIA: Journal of Culture & Commerce.

Write to Asia at editorial@asiamediainc.com (Asia will publish replies), the San Diego Union-Tribune, other newspapers; contact other media. CC the Alliance (sd_alliance@sbcglobal.net). Or simply tell the Alliance, "We support and are proud of U.S. Attorney Carol Lam," and we will add your name to a list to send in together. Let our voices be heard.

Thank you, as always, for your support!

Sincerely,

Linda

