

The Chinese American Citizens Alliance of Greater N.Y. (CACAGNY)

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CACAGNY Condemns Racist SDAG Member

On August 9, 2019, a standing member of CACAGNY was ridiculed on the front page of the New York Daily News and racially criticized by a member of the Chancellors School Diversity Advisory Group (SDAG) for defending the civil rights of Asian Americans. *The Daily News* must apologize to our member Charles Vavruska and the Asian community for belittling the civil rights concerns and activism of Asian Americans as a joke and a mere prank.

Furthermore, the comment by Matt Gonzales, a member of the Chancellor's School Diversity Advisory Group, "Watching two white men rally and whip up a group of Asian protesters, there's something very ugly", reflects racial bigotry and a total lack of understanding of the issues confronting the Asian American community in New York City. Gonzales should be removed from the SDAG because of his racially biased positions and the members of the SDAG whom he may have influenced should undergo sensitivity training about the Asian American immigrant community.

Charles Vavruska, pictured grimacing in pain on the front page of *The Daily News* after an incident with the Chancellor's entourage, has been a long standing member of CACAGNY. The Chinese American Citizens Alliance was established in 1895 and is the oldest civil rights group in the country. The New York chapter has recognized Mr. Vavruska with consecutive annual awards for service to the community. Mr. Vavruska is a legitimate and serious advocate for civil rights of all people. The ridicule of his physical appearance by *The Daily News* and the ethnically biased remarks by Gonzales are shameless.



Founded in 1895 in San Francisco, the Chinese American Citizens Alliance is the oldest Chinese American civil rights organization in the United States. CACAGNY is its New York Chapter. www.CACAGNY.org

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