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Chinese American Citizens Alliance of Greater New York
Demands Apology from Mayor De Blasio and Chancellor Carranza

Chancellor Carranza, you and the Mayor owe an apology to the Asian American community, whom you disparaged as creating a narrative of an ethnic group that thinks they “own” admissions to elite High Schools.

“I just don’t buy into the narrative that any one ethnic group owns admission to these schools,” Carranza said Tuesday, June 5.

As you get used to your new role, we remind you that you are the Chancellor for all of New York City, whether you like it or not. In your short time as Chancellor, you have fanned the flames of racial division from the Upper West Side to the Specialized High Schools. Please stop using racially divisive rhetoric to accomplish your goals.

Engaging in political protest is not “owning” admissions to the High Schools. Asking for a seat at the table is not “owning” admissions to the High Schools. Expressing our deeply held principles is not “owning” admissions to the High Schools.

We are Americans. What we want is participatory democracy in its purest form. That is not to be smeared by a narrative in which “Asians own the admissions process.” Your mischaracterization of us, and of our exercise of our democratic rights, are deeply misguided and uninformed, and reveal a deep bias against Asian Americans. We hope you take advantage of the anti-bias training you have recently funded.

We reject your unconscionable exclusion of our voices from this critical debate, and demand an apology from you and the Mayor. It is the moral, just, and equitable thing to do.

Founded in 1895 in San Francisco, the Chinese American Citizens Alliance is the oldest Chinese American civil rights organization in the United States.

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