

**CACAGNY Full-Heartedly Supports *Chen v. Mamdani***  
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As described in this [New York Post article](#), Pacific Legal Foundation (PLF) filed a [Federal lawsuit](#) against New York City Mayor and the Department of Education on behalf of Yi Fang Chen yesterday April 23, 2026.

[Ms. Chen sued the City](#) over the City's expansion of its Discovery program at the Specialized High Schools, an expansion intended and designed to circumvent the Specialized High School Admission Test (SHSAT) to suppress Asian admissions. Her son so narrowly missed the SHSAT cutoff for Stuyvesant High School that he would have been admitted to Stuyvesant *but for* the City's Discovery expansion.

This is the same Discovery expansion that was the target of CACAGNY's pending racial discrimination lawsuit against the City, also filed by PLF, back in December 2018 (now *CACAGNY v. Mamdani*, [Case 1:18-cv-11657-ER](#)).

Despite similarities, there are meaningful differences between the two lawsuits. For example, CACAGNY's lawsuit already [achieved a victory](#) at the Second Circuit Court of Appeals over legally significant issues that would not be raised in Ms. Chen's lawsuit. Still, it is reasonable to expect that success in Ms. Chen's lawsuit could advance CACAGNY's, and conversely, success in CACAGNY's lawsuit could facilitate Ms. Chen's.

CACAGNY full-heartedly supports Ms. Chen's lawsuit.

As detailed in the New York Post article, Ms. Chen's lawsuit brings out the grievous injustice at the Southern District of New York District Court, which allowed CACAGNY's lawsuit to drag out for *seven-and-a-half years*, and still counting. In each of those years, hundreds of students like Ms. Chen's son may have been denied admission to a Specialized High School by anti-Asian discrimination.

In a stinging turn of irony, Ms. Chen was originally a plaintiff in CACAGNY's 2018 lawsuit, but the District Court dismissed her son on the grounds that he was *too young* to sue on high school admission discrimination. Actual events of course proved that the District Court erred; this very same son was denied admission this year, due to exactly the same discriminatory policy that was the subject of that 2018 lawsuit. The son was *not* too young. Alternatively, the son was indeed too young, but District Court is too slow even by its own standards.

We applaud Ms. Chen for her courage to step up against the powerful interests that intended to deny fair admissions to Asian-American students, then successfully delayed justice for thousands of Asian-Americans families at the District Court. We urge the District Court to restore faith and trust in its function, and bring CACAGNY's case to a swift and just conclusion.

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