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The 80-20 Educational Foundation didn't get a reply with all Yeses from Senator Obama. The deadline stated in Dr. S. B. Woo's earnest "open letter" to him has passed. The Board of 80-20 PAC voted unanimously to endorse Sen. Hillary Clinton for the California Democratic primary on Feb. 5. An amount of \$30,000 has been appropriated to buy ads in Asian ethnic media in California to spread the news of our endorsement. More is available, if needed.

A Historic Fight Begins

This newsletter answers three key questions: What are we fighting for? Why is the fight historic? Why choose to fight in the California Democratic primary?

What are we fighting for?

We are fighting so that the hard fought commitment finally made to us by Senator Clinton will be preserved after the Democratic primary is over. If Senator Obama wins, then the iron-clad "Clinton commitment" will become null and void, because the primary is an elimination process. Hence, we are truly fighting for ourselves --to finally enjoy equal justice and equal opportunity in workplaces -- rights already enjoyed by ALL Americans except for Asian Americans.

Why is the fight historic?

If we soundly defeat Mr. Obama in the California Democratic primary, and the polls verify that Asian Americans voted in unusually high numbers and predominantly for Senator Clinton, then there will be a seismic change in political attitude towards Asian Americans in both parties. Why? The AIPAC (American Israel Public Affairs Committee) can target a politician nationally and make that politician lose the next election. The Cuban Americans can make a politician lose in Florida. That is why the 6-million Jewish Americans and the 1-million Cuban Americans are politically so powerful. If the 13-million Asian Americans can target a top-tier presidential candidate, and make him lose in California and perhaps nationally, Wow! The word will go forward that the Asian-American community has finally become a politically-cohesiveness body.

Why fight the battle in the California Democratic Primary?

Because the battle conditions are the most ideal** for us to achieve the above goal.

Why is the 80-20 picking on Senator Obama?

Quite to the contrary, the 80-20 was most considerate to Senator Obama. You may recall that the 80-20 challenged Senator Clinton to be the first of the top- tier presidential candidates to reply to its questionnaire with all Yeses. We focused on Senator Obama for a reply, only after Senator Clinton and former Senator Edwards both replied with all Yeses, although Mr. Obama has had our questionnaire for six months as all others. By then it was clearly politically safe for him to also answer Yes. However, he willfully refused. So it was NOT that we picked on him, it is he who didn't care for us! Senator Obama left us with no choice but to defeat his candidacy.

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**** The ideal convergence of battle conditions are shown below:**

- 1.** California sends the largest % of delegates, 10.7%, to the Democratic National Convention (DNC) which selects the party's presidential nominee.
- 2.** California has the highest % of voters who are Asian Americans, 6% to 8% in a General election.
- 3.** In most primaries, only half the voters normally come out to vote. But the 80-20, using its huge email list and political ads, can keep the fraction of Asian-American voters much higher.
- 4.** California's Democratic Primary allows Declines/Independents (D/I) to vote. This gives Asian

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Americans a huge advantage. Forty-three percent of Asian Americans are registered as D/I, while 23% is the average of all other communities. Hence, we estimate the percentage of Asian-American of voters in the California Democratic primary to be 16%.

5. It is very easy for Declines or Independents to vote in the Democratic Primary. Any Decline or Independent Californian can go to the polling place on the polling day [February 5th, Tuesday] to ask for a ballot from the Democratic Party to vote.

6. California's Asian-American voters have a tradition of voting 70/30 for 80-20's endorsed candidate.

7. Senator Clinton has the endorsement of most Asian-American elected officials in California, while Senator Obama has one or none. The combined influence of those elected officials and the 80-20 will bring you the "equality" you are looking for through this HISTORIC fight. # # #

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