

**To the Mayor and Council of the City of Phoenix, Arizona**

WHEREAS, the Chinese Cultural Center has served as a major city landmark and important symbol of Phoenix's diversity for over 20 years;

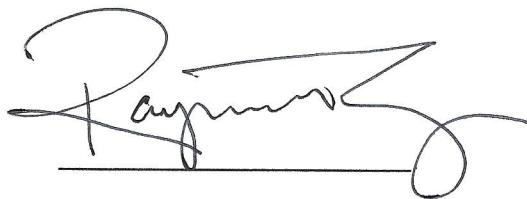
WHEREAS, a change of ownership of the site property now threatens the ability of the Chinese Cultural Center to continue its vital function as a conduit for cross-cultural understanding in our community;

THEREFORE:

Pursuant to Chapter IV, Section 22 of the Phoenix City Charter, I, Raymond Tang, a citizen and resident of the City of Phoenix, and the President of the Chinese United Association of Greater Phoenix, hereby petition the City Council to consider and enact at its next policy session or within fifteen days, a resolution, ordinance or measure that ensures the long-term preservation of the Chinese Cultural Center.

In support of this Petition, I respectfully note that Phoenix's continued growth and development must not come at the expense of the City's commitment to celebrating the many national histories and cultures embedded in its diverse population. For two decades, the Chinese Cultural Center has been our state's only bridge for introducing not only Phoenicians, but all Arizonans, to Chinese history, culture, architecture, and cuisine. In addition, the Chinese Cultural Center also serves as a bustling hub of economic activity and job creation in its neighborhood community. Recent changes in the ownership of the property site, however, threaten the Chinese Cultural Center's ability to continue its important mission as Arizona's only major forum for honoring the heritage of its Chinese residents. Accordingly, as other major U.S. cities have successfully done, Phoenix must secure an appropriate balance between fostering development while still maintaining an unshakeable commitment to the values of pluralism and diversity.

Submitted this 30th day of August,  
2017.

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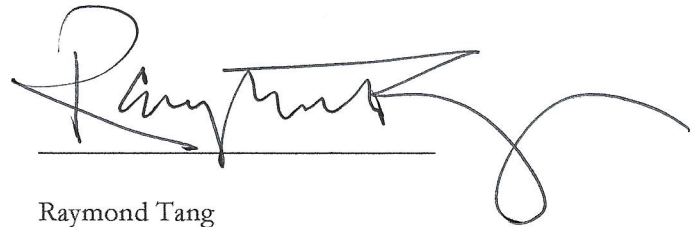
Raymond Tang

Phoenix Resident

Phoenix Voter

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**Statement of Support of the Chinese Cultural Center**

The Chinese United Association of Phoenix hereby expresses its full support of this Petition and joins its request that the City Council act promptly to preserve the Center's vibrant and active presence as a forum for sharing Chinese culture and history, as well as celebrating the many contributions of Chinese-Americans to our City.

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Raymond Tang

President

Chinese United Association of Phoenix

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