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Chinese-Americans for Ford Rally, October 20, 1976

Thank you for this very special welcome to Chinatown.

I share your pride in your heritage and your love of our country. The traditions of many lands have strengthened and added beauty to the character of America.

In a few days, we observe one of our most important political traditions---election day. I hope you will vote for my favorite candidate---my husband.

Jerry Ford is a man of performance---not promises. In his two years, he has turned the economy around and restored trust in our government. America is at peace. He has worked hard for all Americans. There is much more that he hopes to accomplish as President.

November 2nd, your vote can keep him on the job!

Chinatown Background

Chinatown in Los Angeles is described as the most modern Chinatown in the Nation. Most of the people who live there are professionals, students and merchants.

The important community issues are day-care centers and low rent housing for the elderly.

Most of the residents came from south China through Hong Kong. They are strongly opposed to the Communist in China.

The Chinese-Americans resent the word "Chinamen" as a symbol of their being discriminated against. They also dislike traditional stereotypes and cliches.

There is no one Congressman for Chinatown, but it is represented in parts of four districts. This is generally a Republican area, but without any strong party organization.

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