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OBAMA FOR AMERICA ANNOUNCES REP. JUDY CHU AS NATIONAL CAMPAIGN CO-CHAIR

CHICAGO – Obama for America has announced the selection of Rep. Judy Chu, D-El Monte, as one of the campaign’s National Co-Chairs, a diverse group of leaders from around the country committed to re-electing President Obama. Rep. Chu and her fellow co-chairs will serve as ambassadors for the President, advise the campaign on key issues, and help engage and mobilize voters in all 50 states.

“It is such an honor to be selected as one of President Obama’s campaign co-chairs,” said Rep. Chu. “I look forward to helping re-elect the President, so that we can continue his economic, domestic and foreign policy initiatives, and ensure our nation continues on the path of economic recovery.”

“The President’s National Co-Chairs will be tremendous assets on the ground as we build the biggest grassroots campaign in history,” said Jim Messina, Obama for America Campaign Manager. “They each share the President’s vision for a future where every American can have a fair shot at success, where hard work pays off and responsibility is rewarded.”

The National Co-Chairs’ varied backgrounds and experiences will prove invaluable as they connect with the President’s supporters and advocate on his behalf on the campaign trail. They are proud of the President’s record and leadership in rebuilding the economy after the worst economic crisis in generations and helping restore security to middle-class families through cutting taxes, investing in education, expanding manufacturing, increasing America’s energy independence, ensuring that everyone has access to affordable health care, and making sure that everyone – from Wall Street to Main Street – plays by the same rules.

Following is the full list of the Obama 2012 Campaign Co-Chairs:

- Lynnette Acosta – OFA volunteer leader from Florida
- Marc Benioff – CEO of Salesforce.com
- Senator Michael Bennet – U.S. Senator from Colorado
- Mayor Julian Castro – Mayor of San Antonio
- Governor Lincoln Chafee – Governor of Rhode Island
- Ann Cherry – Retired teacher and OFA volunteer leader from North Carolina
• Representative Judy Chu – Representing the 32nd District of California
• Representative Emanuel Cleaver – Representing the 5th District of Missouri
• Bill Daley – Former White House Chief of Staff to President Obama, former U.S. Secretary of Commerce
• Maria Elena Durazo – Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Los Angeles County Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO
• Senator Dick Durbin – U.S. Senator from Illinois
• Mayor Rahm Emanuel – Mayor of Chicago
• Senator Russ Feingold – Former U.S. Senator from Wisconsin
• Representative Charles A. Gonzalez – Representing the 20th District of Texas
• Loretta Harper – High School Counselor and OFA volunteer leader from Nevada
• Attorney General Kamala Harris – Attorney General of California
• Sai Iyer – Student at Virginia Commonwealth University and OFA volunteer leader from Virginia
• Caroline Kennedy – Author/President of the John F. Kennedy Library Foundation
• Eva Longoria – Actress and Philanthropist
• Felesia Martin – OFA volunteer leader from Wisconsin
• Bishop Vashti McKenzie – African Methodist Episcopal Bishop
• Attorney General Tom Miller – Attorney General of Iowa
• Kalpen Modi – Actor/Former White House Associate Director for the Office of Public Engagement
• Admiral John Nathman – Retired U.S. Navy Admiral
• Governor Deval Patrick – Governor of Massachusetts
• Secretary Federico Pena - Former U.S. Secretary of Transportation and U.S. Secretary of Energy
• Elaine Price – Retired Ohio resident and OFA volunteer leader from Ohio
• Penny Pritzker – Founder and CEO of PSP Capital Partners
• John Register – U.S. Army Veteran and Paralympian
• Representative Jan Schakowsky – Representing the 9th District of Illinois
• Senator Jeanne Shaheen – U.S. Senator from New Hampshire
• Joe Solmonese – President of the Human Rights Campaign
• Alan Solow – Partner at DLA Piper LLP and past Chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations
• Governor Ted Strickland – Former Governor of Ohio
• Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa – Mayor of Los Angeles

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