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EGP Ballot Recommendations – Tuesday, June 5 2012 Election
By EGP Editorial

United States Representatives
Judy Chu for the 27th District. Dr. Chu serves on the House Education and Labor Committee, and House Judiciary Committee, and is a member of the House Small Business Committee. Chu has consistently backed positions that are important to Californian workers, while still pushing an agenda to help small businesses recover for the ongoing tough economy. She deserves your vote.

Vote Obama for President
While it may seem there is little reason to vote in this year’s Presidential Primary, given that both the Republican and Democratic nominees seems a foregone conclusion —Barack Obama is still the Democrat’s choice and Mitt Romney has tied up the Republication nomination — we nonetheless believe it is still important to cast a vote in the race on June 5, and for this newspaper to make an endorsement. Barack Obama had our endorsement last time around, and we believe he deserves another term. While we disagree with the president on many issues, and have watched in disappointment his handling of some of the country’s issues, including the financial industry debacle, we nonetheless want him to stick around and complete one of the most important efforts he has taken on: health care reform. It is time that for all American to have access to comprehensive and affordable health care that cannot be cancelled.
Nothing should be more important to a country than the welfare of its people, and that includes health care.
We do not buy into the argument of the president’s opponents that universal health care is a socialist idea, especially given that Social Security and Medicare are for all intents and purposes social programs. We think a majority of Americans would object to doing away with those programs.
Yes, the system is sure to have some flaws, but so does our current system, which leaves millions uninsured, and without access to health care unless it’s in one of our already overcrowded emergency rooms.
For that reason alone, we say vote for Barack Obama.

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