Congresswoman Judy Chu to Launch Legal Action Against GOP Assembly Candidate Matthew Lin for Failing to Drop Fake Endorsements by Democrats of His Candidacy

LOS ANGELES -- Congresswoman Judy Chu said she would begin legal action today against Republican Assembly candidate Matthew Lin after he rejected a call made by Chu and other California Democratic leaders to stop implying their endorsements in his campaign literature and other material.

Chu, a Democrat who has endorsed Democratic Assembly candidate Ed Chau in the race, said she would meet with her attorneys today to take steps to legally stop the Republican from using photos, quotations, and their names in his campaign materials.

Chu said her efforts are supported by other Democrats who are also outraged by Lin's use of their photos and names, including State Controller John Chiang, Assemblyman Mike Eng, Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, and former Congresswoman Hilda Solis.

Yesterday, Chu sent a "cease and desist" letter to Lin, asking that he voluntarily stop using the materials and apologize for their use. The Republican rejected that request, forcing Chu to seek legal means to address this issue.

"It's unfortunate that Republican Matthew Lin continues to try to deceive voters in a desperate attempt to appear to be bipartisan despite his right-wing agenda," said Chu. “Lin is a partisan Republican, which he is clearly trying to hide with this illegal use of the Names and photos of Democratic officials in his materials."

Rep. Judy Chu, D-El Monte, along with other key Democratic leaders of the San Gabriel Valley are coming together to urge Matthew Lin, Republican candidate for the 49th assembly District, to stop using their names and pictures in his campaign mailers and Literature without consent or permission.

“I have not endorsed Matthew Lin. Ed Chau is the only candidate I am endorsing for the 49th Assembly District. I demand him to stop using my name and my picture to deceive the voters,” said Congresswoman Chu.

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November 1, 2012

Matthew Lin
641 W. Las Tunas Dr.
San Gabriel, CA 91775

Re: Cease and Desist letter regarding your unauthorized and deceptive campaign materials

Dear Mr. Lin:

You have used my name and images in at least three of your Assembly Campaign Mailers without my permission. Your blatantly misleading and deceptive campaign propaganda includes unauthorized images of me accompanied by false statements about me in a malicious effort to trick voters into believing that I support your campaign for Assembly, which you undeniably know is not the truth.

You have used the names and images of other Democratic elected leaders without their permission, and made inaccurate statements about your working relationships with these leaders, including former Congressmember Hilda Solis, Congressmember Adam Schiff, California State Controller John Chiang, Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, Senator Carol Liu, and Assemblymember Mike Eng. None of these elected leaders support or have endorsed your campaign.

I demand that you immediately cease and desist from using my name, image, and likeness, whatsoever, or even mentioning me or my elected Congressional Office in your campaign materials and demand that you issue an apology for the unauthorized use of my name and picture to be mailed out to every voter who has received this information from your campaign.

Since you have demonstrated a complete lack of ethical standards, and deception has become the hallmark of your campaign, I also demand third party validation to show proof that your campaign sends this apology and I demand to see the materials you send in advance of any publication to ensure that you do not further deceive voters in your apology.

Due to the fact that you waited until the final week of the election to publish your deceptive campaign propaganda, I demand a response by 8pm, Thursday, November 1, 2012.

Sincerely,

Judy Chu, Congressmember

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