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**Press Statement**

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**Statement Of SJ/SV NAACP President Reverend Jethroe Moore, II  
Denouncing Race-Baiting Campaign Email From Candidate Paul Fong**

Some political leaders committed to the destruction of the Obama presidency have openly shown racial resentment or actively tolerated those who do. In their initial breath, some accuse President Obama of being racist and with their next breath they howl with indignation if their own racial rhetoric is challenged.

In Silicon Valley we have to challenge deplorable rhetoric when any candidate uses race to incite fear and send innuendos and perpetuate stereotypes based on race. Using words identifying a person's campaign adviser as a "Palestinian activist, who served as a high-ranking member of the Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO) in the 1990s, and is known for his negative political attacks" is purely deplorable conduct. After being challenged about the racist communication, Candidate Paul Fong then sent out a tongue and cheek apology which makes nearly identical assertions.

Not only are the words which were written designed to instill race-based fear, and suggest that Palestinians or those of middle eastern decent are terrorist. Not only was the initial information completely wrong, and misguided, but it reeks of exactly what the right wing has done to the President of the United States. The NAACP expects better of our candidates for public office, and even more of existing elected officials.

We as a community cannot, and should not, stand idly by and allow for this to occur to yet another African American candidate, or any candidate, for public office either locally or nationally.

We call on the supporters, and the entire community, to tell Assemblymember Paul Fong, and his campaign, that using race to instill fear is not acceptable in our community. We call on the campaigns to campaign on the facts, and not use race based tactics.

Finally, we call on the supporters and endorsers of Paul Fong to denounce this kind of campaign tactic as it has no place in San Jose or Silicon Valley.

We as a community cannot idly stand by and allow this kind of campaigning to raise its head our community.

the SJ/SV NAACP has been working for the last two months to engage both candidates in the San Jose City Council race in a forum. It is expected that a date will be announced in the coming days.

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Attachment Below: Paul Fong Campaign Email

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**Correction 09/22/2014 - Vic Ajlouny was not a member of the PLO as previously stated. Ajlouny was the American adviser to the the chairman of the PLO. (Source: Molina, Joshua. "San Jose Mayor's advisor courts controversy, inspires loyalty" MERCURY NEWS, Jan. 30, 2009 (posted online at 09:18 PM)).**

# First Negative Mailer Against Paul Fong Hit Mailboxes Saturday

(San Jose, CA) Last week, Paul Fong's opponent for San Jose City Council District 1 mailed the first negative attack piece on Fong in the race. It hit mailboxes on Saturday.

Sources indicate that this is just the first in a deluge of attack mailers that will show up over the next several weeks throwing mud on Fong with misleading statements.

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**First Fundraising Deadline:**

**September 30, 2014**

**(only 8 days away)**

PAUL FONG NEEDS YOUR  
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Please contribute the maximum of  
\$500

(or the highest amount you can afford)  
online at

[http://www.paulfongforcouncil.com/#  
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or send checks to Paul Fong for San  
Jose City Council 2014, PO Box 10148,  
San Jose, CA 95157.

Multiple sources have indicated that Fong's opponent, Charles "Chappie" Jones, and conservative ideologues at San Jose/Silicon Valley's Chamber of Commerce Political Action Committee will spend whatever it takes to throw mud at Fong until it sticks.

The Chamber and Jones' Republican consultant, Vic Ajlouny, have calculated that unless they attack Fong, Jones cannot win on his own merits, due to Fong's 21-years of elected service representing the west San Jose area and positive name identification. Ajlouny is a top Republican consultant and Palestinian activist, who served as a high-ranking member of the Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO) in the 1990s, and is known for his negative political attacks.

Jones' mailer falsely implied that Paul Fong had no west San Jose governing experience, even though Fong had represented the area as an elected official for 21-years. It also falsely implied that Fong had not been active in the west San Jose community, even though Fong had been an active volunteer, including volunteering to be the Assistant Varsity Football Coach at Lynbrook High School, which sits in the

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heart of west San Jose and District 1, and supporting measures that improved schools and created new sports fields in west San Jose.

Jones has an experience gap, because he has never been elected to office, and never managed a budget remotely close to San Jose's \$2.8 billion budget. In contrast, Fong has been elected to represent west San Jose on the Foothill-De Anza Community College Board and in the California Assembly for the past 21-years, and has experience tackling the State's multi-billion dollar budget issues.

Fong's opponent has also apparently made friends with local Republican Party favorite Chuck Page, who is the Republican challenger to Democrat Evan Low for the State Assembly. Fong is vacating the Assembly seat due to term limits. Several of Republican Page's lawn signs can be seen prominently displayed in front of Jones' campaign headquarters on Saratoga Avenue. Jones has also been endorsed by Republican San Jose City Councilmember Pete Constant, and recently took pictures posted on Facebook with prominent Republicans.

With Republican money and support,

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Chamber money and support, and Jones' own financial support, they apparently hope they can take down Fong with mudslinging and money.

Supporters of Paul Fong can donate online at <http://www.paulfongforcouncil.com/#!donate/cmfg> or send money to Paul Fong for San Jose City Council 2014, PO Box 10148, San Jose, CA 95157. The contribution limit is \$500.



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