“A longtime friend and trailblazer in the Asian American and Pacific Islander community, Gary Locke is an excellent pick as US Ambassador to China. During my years as Chair of CAPAC, I travelled extensively with Gary, visiting Asian American communities around the country, and know that he has a nuanced understanding of America’s ethnic, cultural, and linguistic diversity within all our communities. I have no doubt that Gary will represent us well in all economic, social, and environmental policy-related conversations with China. Once again, President Obama has proven his commitment to building a diplomatic team that is reflective of our nation’s diversity and maintains the perspective and talent needed to ensure our country’s long-term sustainability.”