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# How to Achieve an Impact on Your State/County/City/Local Political System

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# I. Introduction

Politics is empirical. But one theory seems to hold true. For a small minority like the Asian Americans (Asian Ams.), we must reward politicians who shared our rightful concerns by helping to elect them. We must punish those who don't share our concerns by trying to defeat them. That is how our voice gets heard.

That is also how we'll eventually get both the Republicans and the Democrats to compete for our support, as they do with Jewish Americans, in spite of the fact that the Jewish Americans mostly support Democrats.

The tool we use to reward and punish is our bloc vote. To understand why a bloc vote is so powerful, see the numerical example below:

Two candidates run against each other in a political division, which for simplicity is assumed to have two constituent groups only. One group has 1 million votes (8%) and the other has 11 million votes (92%). Candidate A, a novice, courts the larger group, not being aware that the smaller constituent group has the internal political cohesion to deliver a bloc vote in the ratio of 8 to 2 while the larger group does not. When the ballots are opened, candidate A wins the larger community by the ratio of 52/48. The margin of difference is 4%. Since the larger group has 11 millions votes, 4% of 11 million votes provide a winning margin of 440,000 votes to candidate A. His opponent, candidate B, is a seasoned politician. She courts the smaller group and wins that community by a ratio of 80 to 20, which is the voting pattern of the Jewish Ams and African Ams. The difference between 80% and 20% is 60%. 60% of 1 million votes are 600,000 votes. As a result, candidate B wins the election by (600,000 – 440,000) or 160,000 votes.

In CA, 8% of the voters are Asian Ams., which is why the above example was used. In other localities, the % of Asian Am. voters may be smaller. Nevertheless, even a smaller % of voters delivering a bloc vote is still powerful with politicians. Even a 3% voter can be the key minority in a close election.

To benefit from this manual, you need to fill in the blanks in the next 2 chapters. The information required for this task is normally available in a booklet and/or a website published by the Election Commission of your state/county/city. Also consult the Census Bureau's website on population statistics.

Location of state's Election Comm. is: \_\_\_\_\_

Its phone # and fax # are \_\_\_\_\_

## II. Critical Information on Making Political Assessments:

### A. About My State:

My state's population in millions / # of registered voters/ # of voters in the last presidential election:

\_\_\_\_\_

Party affiliation in %:

Republicans/Democrats/Independents: \_\_\_\_\_

Racial breakdown in %:

Whites/Blacks/Hispanics/Asian Ams.: \_\_\_\_\_

### B. About My County:

My county's population in millions / # of registered voters/ # of voters in the last presidential election:

\_\_\_\_\_

Party affiliation in %:

Republicans/Democrats/Independents: \_\_\_\_\_

Racial breakdown in %:

Whites/Blacks/Hispanics/Asian Ams.: \_\_\_\_\_

### C. About My City:

My city's population in millions / # of registered voters/ # of voters in the last presidential election:

\_\_\_\_\_

Party affiliation in %:

Republicans/Democrats/Independents: \_\_\_\_\_

Racial breakdown in %:

Whites/Blacks/Hispanics/Asian Ams. \_\_\_\_\_

### III. How to Look at a Specific Race (E.g. a Gubernatorial Race)

Number of voters in the last election: \_\_\_\_\_

The largest # of voters for this race in the past three elections: \_\_\_\_\_

Party affiliation of the last five governors: \_\_\_\_\_

Does either candidate face a Primary? (Primary is damaging, unless the opposition is token or winning the primary implies the winning of the general election.) \_\_\_\_\_

# of primary voters in the last Democratic primary: \_\_\_\_\_

Largest # of Democrats voting in the past three Democratic primaries: \_\_\_\_\_

# of primary voters in the last Republican primary: \_\_\_\_\_

Largest # of Republicans voting in the past three Republican primaries: \_\_\_\_\_

Which candidate has raised more money? \_\_\_\_\_

Which candidate is doing better in the polls? \_\_\_\_\_

Who is the incumbent? (Who'll win unless there is a scandal?) \_\_\_\_\_

Have you communicated with the gubernatorial candidates? \_\_\_\_\_ In what form? \_\_\_\_\_

Examples are a questionnaire, candidate nights, and candidate interviews. (Conversation with a campaign staff should not count.)

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For other races (e.g. a US Senate /US House / State Senate/ State House/ County Executive/ Mayoral race), fill out a similar form

## IV. What is Your Chapter's Power Base?

Effective politics is pragmatic, empirical, based on power – the ability to deliver votes, money and public opinion – and framed by idealism.

If Asian Americans in your chapter's area are attacked politically by people who discriminate against you, the National 80-20 PAC is your power base to fight back.

However, if you want to endorse state or local political candidates, what is your power base? The National can't help you very much in this aspect. The national's email list is NOT broken down to states, much less cities, except for its membership list. See How to be effective below.

You've seen how effective the National is in politics, using its huge email list. How is an email list related to political effectiveness? The power to deliver votes, money and public opinion is based on the ability to communicate and the recipients' trust of the sender of the emails. Over the past ten years, the National has earned that trust.

Hence, you need to **compile a statewide email list** of Asian Am. constituents. Please keep a copy and send another to the National. The National will send them its frequent e-newsletters. After about a year, most of the recipients will likely identify with the aspirations of the National. Then through the National, the trust can be transferred to you. If it can be the other way around, the National will be delighted & grateful.

In the meantime, the chapter needs to communicate with those on your list and try to recruit them to be national and chapter members.

How large a list do you need? As large as possible – at least 1/20 of the Asian Am. population in your state or city, depending on whether you want to endorse mayoral or gubernatorial candidates. The endorsement of federal candidates needs to be coordinated with the National.

Finally, let me illustrate one **empirical** side of effective politics? **When you endorse a candidate, its effect must be verifiable in the polls taken by the candidate** (i.e. Asian Ams. are voting for him). Thereafter, our rightful concerns will be shared by the politicians -- a **pragmatic** side of politics.

## V. General Advice for Asian American Political Efforts

Asian Ams. often believe that the following are effective in gaining a political voice:

- (1) Financial contribution to politicians,
- (2) Registering Asian Am. voters, and
- (3) Helping Asian Ams. get elected.

While all of the above will help somewhat, they are NOT the most cost effective; at least not in the SHORT term.

If (1) were effective, the "Asia gate" of 1997, where both major political parties competed to distance from and tread on the Asian Am. community, would not have occurred. "Asia gate" occurred because we donated most generously but incorrectly and/or illegally. Indeed, 80-20 would not have existed but for the "Asia gate"—many Asian Ams. couldn't stomach the cruel exploitation of our community by the political establishment any more and decided to organize and stop the exploitation.

Asian Ams. usually donate to please or appease the politicians implicitly. That mentality assumes that politicians are above us, like our parents. The Jewish community uses money to reward and punish politicians – correctly treating elected officials as public servants!

Choice (2) is necessary for the long term, but it is extremely cost-ineffective. A general estimate is that it causes \$10 per new voter registered, while a registered voter has only 1/3 chance to actually become a voter. The same amount of money and energy, if spend on organizing a bloc vote, will be much more effective politically, at least in the short term.

Choice (3) is necessary for the long run, but unless there is a critical mass of Asian Am. politicians in a given political unit, whether it is the US House of Representatives, your state Assembly, or your county/city council, organizing a bloc vote will again be much more effective, at least in the short term.

To conclude, Asian Ams. need our share of the political voice. The voice will NOT be bestowed upon us. We need to organize to reward those politicians who shared our rightful concerns by helping them get elected. Indeed, it may be more important that we punish those politicians who don't share our concerns by defeating them at the poll. Then and only then, our voices will be heard.

### **Miscellaneous Advice:**

- a) If a chapter decides to raise money for a politicians, then bundle your checks, if bundling is legal in your state. Hold the person who delivers the bundled checks accountable for making all future contacts with that politician.
- b) If you are engaged in registering Asian Am. voters, try to persuade him to choose voting absentee, if such a provision is quite flexible in your state.
- c) 80-20 doesn't support politicians according to their ethnicity. We go by deeds performed by the politicians in the past. If a chapter is supporting a politician who is running for the very first time, be sure to look into the candidate's past to see if he/she has a record of serving the Asian Am. community.

d) The world of politics is not a world of modesty and/or moderation. You need to do things that will catch a politicians' attention.

For example, if you get 80% of Asian Ams. to have a bumper sticker on their automobile plugging for a given candidates, that may cause talk and attention. Plan daringly. Do things that will catch attention and is in accord with the principle of "rewarding or punishing" public servants.

## VI. How to Impact the National Elections

### How to participate depends on where you live:

To have impact on Presidential elections and/or the off-year Congressional elections, you need to select campaigns that can be affected by the size of your constituents. If you can play the "crucial minority" role by investing in the right campaigns, then you'll have a lot of satisfaction. For Asian Americans, there may be four distinct types of states:

#### (1) Power Base States of the Asian Am. community

These are states with a high % of Asian Ams.; most of whom are registered to vote. Examples are California and New Jersey. (New York and Nevada may be counter examples. The latter two states each has about a 6% of Asian Am. population but not a large % of them are registered to vote.)

#### (2) Battled Ground States

These are states that have voted about 50/50 in recent presidential election. Examples are Ohio, Indiana, Virginia, Florida and Nevada. Their Asian Am. populations are small. However, our small % of voters can play a crucial role when we vote as a bloc. Virginia has a relatively high % of Asian Am voters as compared to others in this group.

#### (3) Kingmaker States -- Iowa & New Hampshire:

For a small minority like the Asian Ams., it is crucial to organize an active chapter in those states. Why? When campaigning in those states, the candidates chase every vote personally because the number of votes is so small, and the winners of those primaries frequently become the nominees of their parties. Hence our activists have an excellent chance to persuade the presidential candidates to share the rightful concerns of the entire Asian Am. community.

Asian Ams. in those states putting out a great effort in the Presidential primaries will reap rich rewards for themselves and Asian Ams. across the nation. More on primaries later.

#### (4) All others:

Even when you have a 2% share of the vote in your state only, you can still be the kingmaker in the PRIMARIES of the presidential and/or Congressional races. See below:

### **Regardless of the % of Asian Am. voters in your area, You can be the Kingmaker in a primary:**

Let's say that your constituents have a 2% share of your state's vote. In the general election, your influence is relatively limited unless the rest of the votes happen to split 50/50. However, you can STILL be the kingmaker in a party primary for governor or US Senator.

How could that be? Let me explain. You'll then understand why blacks are so influential in the Democratic primaries, whether presidential or otherwise.

Let's say your state has about equal number of Democrats, Republicans, and Independents. Let's say the Asian Ams. in your state are all registered as Democrats, like the African Americans. Hence, in a Democratic primary, the number of eligible voters is only 1/3 that of the total available in the

general election. Since you are all registered as Democrats, the proportional influence increased from 2% to 6%. In addition, only half of the regular voters will vote in a party primary, assuming that all Asian Ams. will vote, then your influence increases from 6% to 12%.

There are often MANY significant candidates in a primary, and a simple plurality is sufficient to be declared a winner; i.e. any one getting the largest share of the votes will be the winner, whether it exceeds 50% or not. Under such a circumstance, the communities that can deliver a 12% share of the vote that is united in a bloc vote will absolutely become the kingmakers of a primary. That so called 12% share of the primary vote may be a very small number when compared with the total voters of the state, but that is enough.

Here is a recent example to show that a very small number of voters can result in a very significant office. Judy Chu of California won her title of "The First Chinese American Female Congressional Representative" by getting less than 16,000 votes to win the Democratic primary. While the total number of eligible votes in her Congressional District is estimated to be 360,000. This is only 1/20 of the eligible voters. Since her District is heavily Democratic, once she won the primary, she became the Congresswomen.

### **If you live in a power-base state?**

If you live in a power-base state of the Asian Am. community such as California or New Jersey, then, surprising as it may sound to you, 80-20 again urges you to focus your resources in the presidential PRIMARIES under normal circumstance.

Why, you may ask. Given our large % of vote share and the power of a bloc vote, can't we play a critical role in the presidential general elections? The answer is: NO. These are deep blue states. Our bloc vote is likely insufficient to tilt the election to a Republican presidential candidates, except under the most unusual combination of circumstance.

On the other hand, California permits the Independents/Declines to vote in party primaries. Since our % share of the total vote is high (8%), if we mostly register as Declines, we can in theory split the Declines into two camps and yet be the kingmakers in both Democratic and Republican primaries. The detailed mathematical calculations can be shown later, when the situation calls for it.

### **If you live in a battle ground state?**

Gather as many e-mail addresses of Asian Ams. as possible and share them with the National. Organize a chapter. The National is eager to help you. If you want to achieve impact with your state or local politics, the National will help. But PLEASE **focus on the presidential GENERAL election** when the time comes.

Should you be active in the presidential primaries? It's up to you.

### **If you live in Iowa or New Hampshire?**

Gather as many e-mail addresses of Asian Ams. as possible and share them with the National. Organize a chapter or form an affiliate with 80-20.

If you want to achieve impact with your state or local politics, the National will help. But PLEASE **focus on the presidential PRIMARIES** when the time comes.

Should you be active in the presidential general elections? It's up to you; you already know that Iowa and New Hampshire both have small electoral college votes.

If the Democratic Party is sharing our rightful concerns, get your fellow Asian Ams. to register as Democrats, because it may be that only Democrats may vote in a Democratic primary. If GOP is sharing our concerns, get them to register as Republicans. Before we get to enjoy the rights of being FULL citizens, our first priority should be "becoming equals" rather than party ideology.

### **What is the % of Asian Am voters in your state?**

If the census bureau data says that the % of Asian Am. population in your state is x%, then the % of Asian Am voters in your state is  $x/2$  % except for California. How come? There are 3 reasons: 1) only 60% of the Asian Ams. are citizens, 2) we have a higher proportion of people who are under 18 years old and are not eligible to vote, and 3) of those eligible to vote, our registration % is slightly lower than the rest of the nation.

In California, thanks to the enlightened business people in Silicon Valley and elsewhere, much money, time and energy had been invested in registering Asian Am. voters. So a 12% population has translated into an 8% vote in some elections. 80-20 uses this opportunity to salute all those noble volunteers.

### **Want to organize to run as delegates to the National Nomination Conventions?**

Being a delegate to the RNC (Republican National Convention) or the DNC (Democratic National Convention) sounds exciting. Delegates will have a fun time at the Conventions filled with memorable moments and glamorous parties. However, having many delegates is unlikely to politically empower our community. The presidential candidates, especially the likely nominee, control huge bloc votes. The ethnic communities don't have much of a chance to give additional input at the national conventions.

## VII. Two Sample Questionnaires and A Cover Letter

An election time is when politicians are internally ready to listen to voters. It is when a small minority may get its grievances heard and addressed by the political system. That is why the American forefathers insisted on frequent elections. Please find below an example of the type of questionnaire and its accompanying cover letter that your chapter may want to send. Shown below are those used by the national 80-20 PAC in the 2008 presidential election:

### (1) Cover Letter

## The 80-20 PAC, Incorporated □

<http://www.80-20initiative.net>

**The Honorable xxx**

Faxed/Emailed to: yyyyyyyy  
& Priority mailed June 1, 2007

Dear xxx:

The strength of America lies partly in individuals like you. You know full well the punishing nature of a presidential campaign and the immense challenge of your office were you to become our president. Nevertheless, you are offering your candidacy. As a citizen, I wish to pay you the highest respect.

I am writing on behalf of The 80-20 Initiative (henceforth 80-20) to inquire your views on Asian Pacific American (APA) concerns. A questionnaire is enclosed. I hope you will endorse our aspirations at your earliest convenience.

80-20 is by far the largest national APA political organization with an e-mail list of 700,000 supporters. It is nonpartisan & is dedicated to winning equal opportunity & justice for APA through a SWING bloc vote. Once 80-20 has endorsed a candidate, we become partisan and go all out to support our endorsed candidate. We have used our emails, ethnic cable TV and radio to independently and most effectively support the endorsed candidate. Our endorsement criteria are objective. They are based on the candidate's response to our questionnaire along with the record of service of the candidate and his/her party to the APA community in the past 4 years.

80-20 has the record of delivering three consecutive bloc votes, namely in the years of 2000, 2004 and 2006. See <http://www.80-20initiative.net/APAvote.html>

Independent sources have verified 80-20's effectiveness in delivering bloc votes. See below:

(1) "Click on Democracy," authored by 3 Syracuse Univ. profs., rated 80-20 as one of nation's two most effective cyberspace political organizations in the 2000 election.

<http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0813340055/qid%3D1025198992/ref%3D%3Dsr%5F11%5F0%5F1/104-8613051-5694362>

(2) After the 2000 election, National Science Foundation, NSF, funded a large national survey of how APAs voted in 2000. It showed 80-20 delivered 66/32 to our endorsed candidate nationally, and 70/28 in Calif. See [http://www.80-20initiative.net/NAA\\_Political\\_Survey.pdf](http://www.80-20initiative.net/NAA_Political_Survey.pdf) . 80-20 was the only APA organization explicitly mentioned in the NSF national survey.

In 2000, 7.4% of the voters in California were APA.

<http://www.census.gov/population/socdemo/voting/p20-542/tab04a.pdf>

In 2008, our % will top 8% in California, having 55 electoral votes. 43% of the APA voters nationally are registered as Independents/Declines. Since California primary allows them to vote in party primaries, at least in the Democratic Party, we estimate that up to **18%** of the CA voters will be APA in a given primary election involving a candidate endorsed by 80-20. We'll use our emails to drive them out.

Before closing, let's cast aside mere political considerations. Helping a small American minority to achieve equal opportunity is the right thing to do. You will just be honoring your pledge of allegiance to the flag that ends with ... "**with liberty and justice for all.**" That is what our questionnaire is all about.

Sincerely,

Kathleen To

President, The 80-20 Initiative Ph: 1-866-FOR-8020 (1-866-367-8020) Fax: 1- 800-877-1676 E-mail:  
[kto@tstar.net](mailto:kto@tstar.net)

Cc: Board of Directors

(2) Questionnaires

80-20 Initiative, Inc.  
www.80-20Initiative.net

December 10, 2007

**Presidential Candidate Questionnaire for SENATOR ZZZZZZZZ**

"With liberty and justice for all." Thus ends our pledge of allegiance to the flag with a ringing commitment to all citizens. Unfortunately, liberty and justice remain an unrealized dream for Asian Americans. Two main concerns are stated below.

First, based on publicly available government statistics, Asian Americans have the **least** opportunity to enter management when compared with blacks, Hispanics and women; the **slowest** rate of progress toward equal employment opportunity in spite of having the **highest** educational attainment. See a full-page color ad in Washington Post on this matter which contains the complete documentation: [http://www.80-20educationalfoundation.org/projects/equalopp\\_washingtonpost.asp](http://www.80-20educationalfoundation.org/projects/equalopp_washingtonpost.asp). It has been read into the Congressional Record by Senator Thomas Carper of Delaware.

Only 0.6% of our Level III Federal judges are Asian Americans, all at the District Court level, while 5% of our nation's population are Asian Americans.

**Therefore**, we, Asian Pacific Americans, wish to know your answers to the following questions:

- (1) If elected, will you direct the Labor Secretary to hold public hearings regarding the validity of the huge amount of statistical data strongly suggesting discriminatory practices against Asian Americans in workplaces today?
- (2) If the data were shown valid, will you issue a directive to the Labor Department asking it to focus on enforcing Executive Order 11246 on behalf of Asian Americans, since in the past similar efforts have already been made on behalf of women and other minorities?
- (3) Two years after you have issued the directive described in item 2, will you meet with a group of Asian American national organizations, put together by 80-20 and the Labor Department, to review the progress in extending equal opportunity to Asian Americans?
- (4) If elected, will you make it a top priority of your Administration to nominate qualified Asian Americans to serve as Article III life-tenured District Court federal judges, whenever such vacancies are available?
- (5) If elected, will you make it a top priority of your Administration to nominate qualified Asian Americans to serve as Article III Circuit Judges, whenever there are vacancies in those positions?
- (6) If elected, will you consider nominating a qualified Asian American to the Supreme Court, when a vacancy occurs? Two years upon your taking the office, will you meet with a group of Asian American leaders, put together jointly by 80-20 and other Asian American national organizations to review the progress in adding Asian American Federal judges?

**My answer to Question 1 above is (Yes/No) \_\_\_\_\_**  
**My answer to Question 2 above is (Yes/No) \_\_\_\_\_**

My answer to Question 3 above is (Yes/No) \_\_\_\_\_  
My answer to Question 4 above is (Yes/No) \_\_\_\_\_  
My answer to Question 5 above is (Yes/No) \_\_\_\_\_  
My answer to Question 6 above is (Yes/No) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Mmmmmm Nnnnn)

**Respectfully submitted by The 80-20 PAC. Inc.**  
Please email a signed copy to Kathleen To, President,  
The 80-20 PAC, Inc <[xxxx@mmm.nnn](mailto:xxxx@mmm.nnn)>

The following is a questionnaire from one of our chapters:

### 80-20 NW Ohio Chapter Questionnaire

As you know, the official name of our organization is "80-20 Northwest Ohio Chapter," abbreviated as "80-20 NW Ohio"

[http://www.80-20initiative.net/about/chapters\\_oh.asp](http://www.80-20initiative.net/about/chapters_oh.asp)

Our objective is the same as that of its parent (national) organization, 80-20 Initiative: <http://www.80-20initiative.net/>, which is to win equal justice and opportunity for all Asian Pacific Americans (APAs). In addition, 80-20 NW OHIO takes politics down to the State and local levels, seeking to remove any political and institutional barriers that prevent APAs in Northwest Ohio from receiving and enjoying the full justice and equality to which all Americans are entitled.

1. If you are elected to be a Toledo mayor, will you enhance and promote Asian American cultural programs within 18 months. Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_
2. If elected, will you appoint at least ONE Asian American on your strategic or think-tank team? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
3. If elected, will you hire Asian Americans who will directly report to you or consider giving fair contract bids to Asian American businesses? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
4. If elected, will you promote Asian American employees to the administrative or managerial levels proportionately similar to white women and other minorities? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
5. If elected, will you take specific actions to protect Asian American equal justice and rights (including fighting against discrimination or racism against Asian Americans)? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Print Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Sign here: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## VIII. A Sample Reply

It was the following reply that stimulated the 80-20 National to work its tail off for the then candidate Sen. Obama in the battle ground states.

### Barack Obama

January 31, 2008

S.B. Woo  
President  
80-20 Educational Foundation

80-20 Educational Foundation Presidential Candidate Questionnaire for Barack Obama

(1) If elected, will you direct the Labor Secretary to hold public hearings regarding the validity of the huge amount of statistical data strongly suggesting discriminatory practices against Asian Americans in workplaces today?

YES

(2) If the data were shown valid, will you issue a directive to the Labor Department asking it to focus on enforcing Executive Order 11246 on behalf of Asian Americans, since in the past similar efforts have already been made on behalf of women and other minorities?

YES

(3) Two years after you have issued the directive described in item 2, will you meet with a group of Asian American national organizations, put together by 80-20 and the Labor Department, to review the progress in extending equal opportunity to Asian Americans?

YES

(4) If elected, will you make it a top priority of your Administration to nominate qualified Asian Americans to serve as Article III life-tenured District Court federal judges, whenever such vacancies are available?

YES

(5) If elected, will you make it a top priority of your Administration to nominate qualified Asian Americans to serve as Article III Circuit Judges, whenever there are vacancies in those positions?

YES

(6) If elected, will you consider nominating a qualified Asian American to the Supreme Court, when a vacancy occurs? Two years upon your taking the office, will you meet with a group of Asian American leaders, put together jointly by 80-20 and other Asian American national organizations to review the progress in adding Asian American Federal judges?

YES

Signature:



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# XI. Chapter-National Relationship

## (1) About the National

MISSION: 80-20 is a national, nonpartisan, Political Action Committee dedicated to winning equal opportunity and justice for all Asian Americans through a SWING bloc vote, ideally directing 80% of our community's votes and money to the presidential candidate endorsed by 80-20, who better represents the interests of all APAs. Hence, the name "80-20" was created.

CHARACTERISTICS: 80-20 is a democratic, transparent organization that goes strictly by the rule of law – its internal Bylaws.

COMPOSITION: It has two independent organizations, sharing the same goal but must operate at an arm's distance.

(a) **80-20 PAC, Inc** is registered with the Federal Election commission. It may endorse or aim to defeat political candidates. It has members and chapters. Your chapter is under this structure. Its website URL is <http://www.80-20initiative.net>. Financial payments to 80-20 PAC are not tax deductible. ALL its officers and Board members are elected by its members, under competitive conditions.

(b) **80-20 Educational Foundation, Inc** (EF) is a 501 c 3 organization. Donation to EF is tax deductible. It may not endorse candidates and may do political education only. Its web URL is <http://www.80-20EF.org>. Its Board is self-perpetuating.

## (2) 80-20 National's Bylaws Provisions Regarding Chapters, Affiliates, and Regional Committees

Article 6 of the Bylaws:

### 6.1 AFFILIATES OF 80-20:

Affiliates of 80-20 (hereafter as Affiliates) are organizations that are completely independent of 80-20 financially and decision-wise. They supply 80-20 with the e-mail addresses of their members and/or respond to the calls of 80-20 for actions on a voluntary basis only. They share 80-20's goal to empower Asian Pacific American community politically. However, they do not lend their organizational names to 80-20 when 80-20 endorses a political candidate.

The officers of Affiliates are often approached for advice and counsel regarding pending 80-20 decisions. (Note added by S. B. Woo: 80-20 has many affiliates which are quite large by themselves. They benefit from the affiliation as it politically empowers them. Interested organizations please email S.B. Woo via [sbw@udel.edu](mailto:sbw@udel.edu) for more information.)

### 6.2 CHAPTERS:

A chapter is a local unit organized to assist national 80-20 PAC in winning equal justice and opportunity for all Asian Pacific Americans. A chapter shall be composed of no fewer than 25 members of the national 80-20 PAC residing in a given state or metropolitan area and be officially recognized by the national organization.

#### 6.2.1 REQUIREMENTS TO BE A CHAPTER

A chapter shall be officially recognized by the national organization upon meeting the following requirements:

- Support all actions adopted by the National Executive Committee and Board of Directors.
- Adopt bylaws that are not in conflict with the national 80-20 bylaws. Chapter bylaws shall be current, updated and posted on the chapter's web page.
- Elect its officers annually between November 1 and December 31 and submit the names and addresses of the officers to National by January 15 of the following year. All names of officers, board members and members shall be current, updated and posted on chapter's webpage.
- Register as an independent Political Action Committee.
- Be responsible for its own finances. Collect and manage chapter dues in accordance to chapter bylaws. All chapter members must pay both national and local dues.
- Submit names and email addresses of a chapter's members annually to the National by June 15.

#### 6.2.2 CHAPTER CHARTER APPROVAL

The National Board of Directors shall review and approve the prospective chapter's proposed bylaws and membership list before granting chapter recognition.

#### 6.2.3 LOSS OF CHAPTER RECOGNITION

A chapter shall be deemed to have forfeited its right to continue as a chapter for any of the following reasons:

- has had fewer than 25 members by June 30th
- has violated the purpose of the National or the provisions of its Bylaws
- has not supported National Board or Executive Committee actions

#### 6.2.4 CHAPTER NAMES

80-20 is a national registered trademark. Upon granting of official recognition by the National Board, a chapter can be called 80-20 XXX, where XXX shall be the identification of the city, county, region or state where the chapter is located.

When a chapter publicizes its endorsement of local candidates, it must clearly state that it is the decision of the chapter only.

#### 6.2.5 CHAPTER PRIVILEGES

- A chapter may use 80-20's name to attract and recruit members.
- A chapter may endorse political candidates from state, county, or city with the exception of presidential candidates, provided all other chapters and regional committees in the same election district concur.
- In the first two years after forming a chapter, the national dues of local chapter members are rebated to the chapter.
- A chapter may apply for financial assistance from the National in the amount not to exceed the maximum permitted by the Federal Election Commission.
- Chapter presidents are non-voting, ex-officio members of the National Board. The president of a chapter with more than 100 members shall become a National Board member.
- A chapter's web page shall be hosted by the National.

### 6.3 REGIONAL COMMITTEES

Each of the Regional Committees (RC) shall comprise of at least 25 paid National members, provided it receives approval of the President of 80-20. RC shall be certified every three year from the date of their first approval.

The chair of an RC is elected by their members each year and is a non-voting member of the Board. The chair of an RC with 100 members or more in good standing shall become a voting member of the Board.

An RC that does not have at least 25 members in good standing by June 30<sup>th</sup> of each year shall automatically be dissolved on that date.

#### 6.3.1 REGIONAL COMMITTEE PRIVILEGES

A regional committee shall not require to have separate bylaws or local dues. The National shall supply an RC with operating funds provided a budget is approved in advance. An RC shall have a web site provided by the National, containing an activity list, a membership list and other information as the RC may desire.

#### 6.3.2 REGIONAL COMMITTEE FUNCTIONS

A regional committee is to assist the National in projects where the presence of local volunteers is critical. Projects such as but not limited to:

- 80-20's Flag Display project on July 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Ticket selling for 80-20 fundraisers
- Advertising in local newspapers, radio and television stations