



May 15, 2009

The Honorable Hector De La Torre
State Capitol, Room 4016
Sacramento, CA 95814

AB 985, Illegal Property Restrictions - Proposed Amendments

Dear Assemblyman De La Torre:

Thank you for being willing to constructively address the issue of illegal restrictions on real estate ownership.

We believe that the existence of real estate covenants which unlawfully discriminate against persons on the basis of ethnicity, nationality, race or color is hurtful to the Asian Real Estate Community, and the community as a whole, and we encourage all reasonable and cost effective efforts to remove such language from all the public records of all the counties in California.

We believe that trying to make a correction only as a property sells is entirely inadequate, and is not cost effective. We respectfully request that you adopt instead an approach that uses technology to reach all property records, whether or not the properties are changing hands. County recorders are even now beginning use of this technology to redact Social Security Numbers from the public record of ALL properties. We respectfully request that they be empowered and encouraged to use the same approach with illegal ownership restrictions.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Allen Chiang
2009 Chairman