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## COUNCILWOMAN CHIN BLASTS RACIST 'O'REILLY FACTOR' SEGMENT ON CHINESE AMERICANS

CHINATOWN – Council Member Margaret S. Chin today denounced a segment that aired Oct. 3 on Fox News' 'O'Reilly Factor' that focused on Chinese American attitudes towards the Republican nominee for President, Donald Trump.

"Bill O'Reilly sent his correspondent into our neighborhood without knowing or acknowledging the culture, the language or even the difference between Japanese Americans and Chinese Americans. As the daughter of an elderly Chinese American who still lives in Chinatown, the moment when his correspondent mocked a senior citizen who seemingly did not know English stood out as a particularly mean-spirited act of disrespect. Would Bill O'Reilly or his correspondent treat an elderly Irish grandmother in the same manner? I suspect the answer to that question is emblematic of the persistent racism that still exists against Chinese Americans, who more than a century ago worked alongside Irish Americans to build the railroads that connected this continent. It is a legacy of hate that has been given new life and a national platform by the candidacy of Donald Trump and his allies at Fox News."

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