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**To:** City Clerk <[cityclerk@grand-rapids.mi.us](mailto:cityclerk@grand-rapids.mi.us)>  
**Subject:** Supporting Bing Goie for 3rd Ward

Esteemed Mayor and City Commissioners,

I am Romer L. Benitez, a proud resident of Cascade Township within the Greater Grand Rapids area, and a board member of the West Michigan Asian American Association (WMAAA). Bing Goie, a respected founding leader of our association, has been instrumental in uniting the Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) communities through pivotal initiatives, particularly in the realms of economic development, cultural awareness, and education to name a few.

I feel compelled to highlight the significant impact Bing has made in unifying the diverse factions within the AAPI communities. Under Bing's forward-thinking guidance, we have been galvanized to collaborate, significantly enhancing our collective contribution to the vibrancy of our community both now and for the foreseeable future. The unity and strength we have fostered together have far surpassed what we might have accomplished as individual entities.

We firmly hold that Bing's continued involvement in the commission is vital to ensuring a dynamic and varied representation from all walks of life within our sectors.

As you consider candidates for the vacancy, I strongly recommend reflecting on Bing Goie's distinguished record of leadership, unwavering integrity, and the substantial impact he has on our community.

Yours sincerely in service to our community,

Romer L. Benitez