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Dear Howard County Chinese School SGA members and community friends, I'm William Li, a rising sophomore at Marriott Ridge High school. I am excited to run to be the next SGA president.

After finishing 10th grade Chinese class at HCCS with solid grades throughout the years, I decided to continue taking Chinese culture class to maintain my Chinese learning momentum as much as I can.

Having already been an SGA member for several years, I plan to continue on to utilize my social and technical skills gained in and out of the organization to provide community support and expand SGA's outreach as well as organize events to bring us all together and improve together.

As the SGA president, the priority is to lead SGA to be very supportive in all the Chinese school events where we can help and also try our best to help as a strong team. We also can step out and organize our own event to outreach. Just as one example, we can try to help other students in broader communities who need social and academic assistance to get through the Covid-19 pandemic.

I have joined the AAPI Youth Ambassadors Program. Our goal is to promote acceptance and awareness for Asians, and support the community. For example, we made homemade lotion and food for a homeless shelter. Moreover, I testified in front of the Board Of Education on behalf of the AAPI Youth Ambassadors Program for the inclusion of Asian history in the Howard County Public School Curriculum. Furthermore, I interviewed a first generation parent and asked many questions about their experience in America compared to life in China. By testifying and interviewing first generation immigrants, I hope to increase awareness for Asian contributions to society, and decrease the amount of discrimination against Asians.

Small actions can provide the spark for the flame of a flourishing society if many people collectively participate. By making masks, face shields, food, testifying, and helping the community, I hope that others will follow along and make a difference together.

This year, I am joining BranchOut as a mentor and team lead to challenge myself. If I am elected, I will work with the other SGA officers to organize fun and impactful events to support Howard County Chinese School events, outreach to raise awareness for both HCCS and Asian Americans as a whole, as well as food drives to help out the community. I hope to spread the influence of HCCS by expanding to other organizations. Our SGA has a very good reputation already. With my strong communication and organizing skills, I believe I can lead SGA in direction even better. Please vote for me, William Li, for the SGA President.

Thank you for your trust and consideration.

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