



## Justice For New Americans

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### Media Advisory

**First public appearance of James Yee after his release**

#### Press Conference

Where: Crown Plaza,  
1221 Chess Drive, Foster City  
San Francisco, CA  
(close to SF airport)

When: 11:00 a.m. Friday,  
December 19, 2003

*“James Yee is coming to San Francisco”*

*“Mr. Eugene Fidell, Yee’s defense attorney, is going to call in by phone”*

#### Speakers:

Benafsheh Akhlaghi – Akhlaghi & Associates  
Cecilia L. Chang – Justice for New Americans  
L. Ling-chi Wang – UC Berkeley, Ethnic Studies  
Ted Wang – Chinese for Affirmative Action

(SAN FRANCISCO, CA 12/19/2003) Justice for New Americans (J4NA) is claiming victory in their effort to release James Yee. James Yee will appear in person to thank Justice for New Americans and the many other civil rights organizations and activists who have worked to bring unrelenting public attention to his ordeal.

“Most Americans heard of the petty additional charges but don’t even know he was released by the army,” said Cecilia L. Chang, president of Justice for New Americans. “The media coverage of James Yee’s case has been very uneven. We want him to meet the public in person for the first time. Now the media will have a chance to bring more balanced reporting to his case and the significant implications his situation has upon basic rights for all Americans.”

Dale Minami, a prominent Bay Area civil rights attorney and co-founder of Asian Law Caucus, further comments, “From our historical experience with Japanese Americans, we know that claims by the government of ‘military necessity’ or ‘national security’ can be outright lies. This is why we must view with skepticism the charges brought against James Yee.”

Prosecuting the last-minute charges of adultery and viewing pornography against James Yee would be an embarrassment to the American military establishment should they continue to

pursue a case so lacking in merit. Minami continues, “This seems more like a desperate move to distract the American public from the truth—that there is simply no case whatsoever against James Yee for violating national security.”

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Justice for New Americans (J4NA), formally known as WenHoLee.org, is a California public benefit corporation formed to eliminate biases in the United States arising from the erroneous perception that it is acceptable to deny the rights of foreign-born American citizens and their American-born children based on their country of origin, ethnicity and/or religious beliefs. The rights of all United States citizens are protected equally under the U.S Constitution and Bill of Rights. Since January 2003, J4NA has joined a coalition of civil rights organizations, including Amnesty International, the ACLU, and Blue Triangle Network, protesting the mass arrests and deportations of individuals who are of South Asian/Muslim and Middle Eastern backgrounds. [Http://www.j4na.org](http://www.j4na.org)