

# Press Release

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## **Statement on the incidence ESPN removing Robert Lee from calling a game due to his "offensive" name**

**Washington, DC, August 24, 2017** — Communities of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, along with all Americans, are appalled by the maneuver that ESPN approaches one of its sports announcer Mr. Robert Lee to give up the opportunity calling University of Virginia's season-opener football game against William and Mary. Mr. Robert Lee was removed from this specific game as the result. An Asian American, who only shares a given name at birth with an iconic Confederate General, has to leave the work post from an important game he longs for, is a classic example of Political Correctness going extreme in this country. The absurdity is so obvious that it caused outcry nationwide cross communities and political spectrum. ESPN executives not only treated an innocent employee unfairly which could potentially alter his career path, but also set a devastating example that an individual, minority or not, could be sacrificed by a bias speculation to please a small group with strong political agenda.

National Committee of Asian American Republicans (Asian.GOP) demands a policy review in ESPN examining how much influence political correctness ideology has in its routine operation procedure, and adjust its decision making process ensuring every individual employee gets fair treatment regardless of their race, gender, and even given name. Asian.GOP calls all American communities uniting against ideology of extreme left as well as extreme right for a true color bind society, where every individual is treated equally with no discrimination and no preference.

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