“Governor Jerry Brown’s appointment of Goodwin Liu to the Supreme Court positions California as a front runner in judicial diversity, an area of critical concern for the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus, of which I am chair emeritus. Goodwin is a personal friend and leader in my home state of California, and I have worked with him for many years, particularly in ensuring access and equity in our education system. Not only has he been a leader in the Asian American and Pacific Islander community, he has proven himself in the legal profession as well, with support from renowned legal minds from a diversity of ideological backgrounds. Goodwin is an excellent pick for California and as an acclaimed education and constitutional law scholar, he will undoubtedly add immense value to the Court under the leadership of Court Chief Justice Tani Cantil-Sakauye.”