

CHINA TOWN HALL



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His Excellency

Gary F. Locke

U.S. AMBASSADOR TO THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

This live webcast and lecture features His Excellency Gary F. Locke, U.S. ambassador to the People's Republic of China, followed by comments from Eric Hyer, Asian studies faculty coordinator and professor of political science at BYU. The future of the U.S.–China relationship plays a critical role in both foreign policy and global economy. To help Americans better understand this dynamic relationship, the National Committee on U.S.–China Relations presents the Sixth Annual China Town Hall: Local Connections, National Reflections, hosted by BYU's Asian Consortium and Asian Studies in Action.

Gary F. Locke was sworn in as ambassador in August 2011, having previously Locke served as secretary of commerce and two terms as governor of Washington. Locke is the first Chinese-American to serve in all three roles. His grandfather emigrated from China to Washington State, initially finding employment as a servant, working in exchange for English lessons. His father, also born in China, was a small business owner, operating a grocery store where Locke worked while receiving an education from Seattle's public school system. He received a BA in political science from Yale University and a JD from Boston University. Locke and his wife Mona Lee are the parents of three children.