

# "Dold leads on Asian-American issues while Seals misleads on endorsements"

By BIDISHA ROY

Leaders of the Dold for Congress Asian American coalitions called on Illinois 10th Congressional District candidate Robert Dold's opponent Dan Seals to fully disclose the truth about his endorsements. In a recent announcement, Seals touted the endorsement of the Asian American Action Fund of Greater Chicago (AAAFGC), but failed to mention the AAA-Fund's mission "is to encourage Asian Pacific American Democrats to participate in the political process and to empower the APA community..."

"Dan Seals touts endorsements from groups that are purely partisan without disclosing that fact, clearly misleading voters," said Namrita Nelson, an Arlington Heights resident and head of the Dold for Congress Indian Coalition. "Independent voters in the 10th District should know that Robert Dold is the best candidate for Asian-Americans."

Dold for Congress has formed active Korean-American, Indian-American and Armenian-American Coalition Groups and has been highly visible in these communities in the District.

Recent Illinois State University graduate Paul Kim of Wheeling said, "Robert Dold was recognized at NIKABA festival last month for his strong outreach to the Korean community, and he was the only candidate to participate in K-Fest two weeks ago. Dan Seals didn't show up to either of these important community events."

Kim continued, "Mr. Dold recognizes the importance of getting younger Koreans involved in politics and has given leadership roles on his campaign to many 2nd generation Koreans."

DePaul economic professor Jin Choi said, "Robert is right on the policy issues important to many Koreans; he is the only candidate in favor of the ratifying the U.S.-South Korean Free Trade Agreement, and he is the strongest advocate for local small businesses."

"Robert was an honorary guest at

## Many likely to contest for Chicago mayor

By A STAFF WRITER

Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley's announcement on Tuesday that he wouldn't seek a seventh term altered the political landscape in Illinois in a shake up that could stretch to Washington. While White House Chief of Staff Rahm Emanuel, 50, has said he is interested in the job, he would enter the race with baggage in Chicago, where he sharpened his political elbows as a Daley confidant and then a congressman.

"I don't think there is such a thing as frontrunner," said JPMorgan Chase & Co. Midwest Chairman William Daley, the mayor's brother, a former U.S. commerce secretary and an Emanuel friend.

Other political experts agree that the opening is likely to attract a large number of candidates and that Emanuel, who still owns a home in the city, wouldn't have the field to himself.

"He's an opportunist, but he's got his work cut out for him," said John McCarron, an urban affairs writer and adjunct professor at DePaul University in Chicago.

Chicagoland's Indian Independence parade on August 15th, and has worked hard to reach out to both Sikh and Hindu communities in the 10th Congressional District," said Namrita Nelson. "Robert has met with the head of a key Punjabi Cultural group and key lawyers, doctors, scientists and businesspeople in the local Indian community."

Human Rights lawyer Dr. Richard Belkin noted, "Dold has taken a strong interest in the human rights violations perpetrated against Hindus in Kashmir and is the only candidate in the 10th District talking about human rights in Asia."

"Robert spoke last April at the



Robert Dold

Armenian Cultural Center in Glenview as part of the commemoration of the 95th Anniversary the Armenian genocide that claimed hundreds of thousands of lives," said the head of Robert's Armenian-American coalition Maral Abrahamian. Abrahamian continued, "Robert is outspoken in his belief that the United States should recognize the Armenian Genocide and is the only candidate who has visited the All Saints community center."

"I am working very closely with the Asian-American community and will be a leader in giving Asian-Americans a stronger voice in Washington D.C.," said Dold.

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