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Dear APALA-NJ Members:

Please accept this letter in support my re-election to the APALA-NJ Board of Directors for the 2018-2019 term. It has been my great pleasure and honor to have served as a Director over the past year. APALA-NJ has made great strides, and we continue to focus our efforts in furthering our mission of promoting Asian Pacific Americans (“APAs”) in the legal profession, providing quality networking and educational opportunities for our members, and presenting APAs in a positive light to the community.

During this last term, I participated as both a panel speaker and interviewer at the Association’s Mock Interview Workshop for law students; served on the Judicial and Prosecutorial Appointments Committee, where we attempt to ensure that qualified APA judicial candidates receive endorsement; and helped organize a networking/educational event held at the Rutgers School of Law.

As a partner at Chasan Lamparello Mallon & Cappuzzo, PC, and as an active officer/member of multiple local and State bar associations, I strive to bring parity to our profession. I am dedicated to improving diversity and more specifically, to supporting the entry and advancement of APAs and other minorities in the field of law. I am proud to be an officer of the Hudson County Bar Association, which slates me to become the first Filipina-American attorney to head the organization. I also am an active member of the New Jersey State Bar Association’s (“NJSBA”) Diversity Committee, with which APALA-NJ has been collaborating to provide diverse programing and events for all of our members.

My experience as an APALA-NJ Director and participation in local and state bar associations will serve me well in helping APALA-NJ reach its mission. I hope to continue to be an integral member of the Association’s efforts to reach its goals. Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

/s/Maria P. Vallejo

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