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Dear APALA-NJ Members:

Please accept this letter in support of my candidacy for the APALA-NJ Board of Directors for 2017-2018. I am Of Counsel at Chasan Lamparello Mallon & Cappuzzo, PC, where I have practiced commercial litigation and public entity defense for nearly a decade. During that time, I recognized the necessity of bringing parity to our profession.

I am dedicated to improving diversity and more specifically, to supporting the entry and advancement of Asian Americans and other minorities in the field of law, through my involvement in local and State bar associations. I am proud to be an officer of the Hudson County Bar Association, putting me in line 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, for which I coordinated and moderated a panel on the impact of racist and xenophobic Internet search results on society and the law, which was presented at last year's NJSBA Annual Convention. In addition, I am co-editing the New Jersey Lawyer Magazine's upcoming Diversity Issue.

My dedication to diversity is long standing. In my past life as a journalist, I was an active member of the Asian American Journalists Association ("AAJA"), where we sought to advance diversity in the newsroom and to ensure fair and accurate news coverage of Asian Americans. In AAJA, I aided and participated in their mentoring and networking programs.

My experience in the local and state bar associations, as well as AAJA, will serve me well in helping APALA-NJ continue its mission – to promote Asian Americans in the legal profession, to educate and provide quality networking opportunities for our members, and to present Asians in a positive light to the community.

It would be an honor to serve as one of your Directors and advocate for APALA-NJ's goals. Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

/s/Maria P. Vallejo

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