

April 10, 2013

The Honorable Philip Pennypacker
Santa Clara County Superior Court
191 N. First Street
San Jose, CA 95113

Dear Judge Pennypacker:

Asian Americans for Community Involvement (AACI)'s is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit whose mission is to improve the health, mental health, and well-being of individuals, families, and the Asian community. Founded 40 years ago, AACI is the largest community-based organization focused on the Asian community in Santa Clara County. Our annual budget is approximately \$14 million, and current programs include mental health and primary care health services, problem gambling treatment, health education, HIV/AIDS testing and education, substance abuse treatment, a center for survivors of torture, shelter and services for domestic violence victims, a senior center, youth programs, and English classes.

AACI works with many volunteers and is willing to be considered as a placement site for Mr. Shirakawa's community service, including volunteer service up to 20 hours/week for one year. We can envision Mr. Shirakawa volunteering with our Center for Addiction Recovery and Empowerment (CARE), which helps individuals and their families address problem gambling issues. The program provides culturally competent community education, professional development, and individual and group treatment services related to problem gambling. CARE also provides linkages to support services including financial counseling and legal advice.

CARE is overseen by Dr. Jorge Wong, AACI's Director of Regulatory Affairs and Compliance. Dr. Wong is a licensed psychologist, a certified problem gambling counselor, and a certified compliance professional. Dr. Wong would also be able to oversee Mr. Shirakawa's community service.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at (408) 975-2730, ext. 103 or michele.lew@aaci.org with any questions.

Sincerely,



Michele Lew
President and CEO