



ASIAN YOUTH CENTER
SERVING ALL YOUTH & FAMILIES

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To Whom It May Concern,

It is truly a pleasure to nominate Evie Jeang for the Woman of Influence Award. Ms. Jeang is a dedicated and amazing community leader.

She joined the volunteer Board of Directors of the Asian Youth Center (AYC) in 2012, and became the Second Vice President in 2014. As the Vice-President she chairs the Programs/Operations Committee of the Board of Directors which is responsible for governance and oversight of the agency programming and operations.

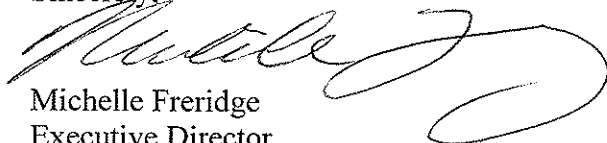
The Asian Youth Center (AYC) was founded in 1989 by a United Way Task Force, which identified serious and unmet social service needs of Asian immigrant youth and families in the San Gabriel Valley. Over the years, the agency grew from an annual budget of \$140,000 serving 50 youth in the City of Rosemead, to an annual budget of \$4 million serving more than 5,000 youth and family members across one third of Los Angeles County. Along the way, AYC expanded its scope and services to include youth and families of all ethnicities, while still retaining the core cultural and linguistic competence with Asian immigrants.

AYC's mission is to meet the needs of low-income, at-risk, and immigrant youth and families, of all ethnicities, with a special focus on vulnerable Asian immigrants. Current AYC programs are primarily in three departments: Educational Enrichment Services; Youth & Family Services; and Employment Services. Last fiscal year (July 1, 2012 – June 30 2013), AYC served 4,249 people. Ninety percent (90%) of people served were low-income.

Ms. Jeang volunteers more than 100 hours each year on the AYC Board of Directors and has been instrumental in the development of AYC's strategic plan and policies. This work provides the agency with the guidance to make a difference in the lives of more than 4,000 people each year.

AYC is deeply appreciative of the time and expertise that Evie donates to AYC and the difference she makes in the community. I am pleased to give Ms. Jeang my highest recommendation without reservation.

Sincerely,



Michelle Freridge
Executive Director