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Dan Ruben
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Dear Mr. Ruben,

My name is Angie Chang staff attorney in the Asian and Pacific Islander Community Outreach Special Project (API Special Project) with the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles (LAFLA). Heather Paik was a law clerk with the API Special Project this summer, and I am writing to inform you of Ms. Paik's fellowship evaluation.

The API Special Project connects low income, Limited English Proficient (LEP) individuals and families in the greater Los Angeles area to LAFLA's legal services or to different, more appropriate organizations/social services. We do this through community outreach clinics and through our seven language lines. One of the main duties of an API law clerk is to work on the language lines, talking, connecting and referring LEP callers to adequate legal and/or social services. Ms. Paik, being advanced in the Korean language, often managed API's Korean language line, performing intakes and providing referrals. Due to her work, Ms. Paik connected many LEP individuals to legal and/or social services, furthering one of API's goals in providing competent legal services to the Asian and Pacific Islander communities in the greater Los Angeles area.

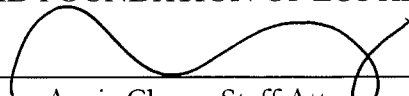
Substantively, the API Special Project focuses on immigration and family law, working with survivors of domestic violence, trafficking, and other related crimes. Ms. Paik researched and drafted a legal memo regarding an asylum applicant from Bangladesh. She performed legal research on asylum for North Koreans facing the resettlement bar after having escaped to South Korea. She worked on trafficking cases and immigration petitions for survivors of domestic violence. Ms. Paik lastly participated in the yearly surveys on language access in the Department of Public Social Services downtown Los Angeles office, and at the Stanley Mosk Courthouse in Los Angeles.

Ms. Paik was a great asset to the API Special Project this summer. Due to Ms. Paik's efforts this summer, the API Special Project received significant assistance from her work. If you have any questions or need any additional documents, please feel free to contact me at (323) 801-7974 or via email at AngieChang@lafla.org.

Sincerely,

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