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Dear Friends,

With the summer coming to a close, I'm excited to report that AAPIP's board and staff are gearing up to undertake a significant planning process that will envision how AAPIP can build on 25 years of important accomplishments in support of AAPI philanthropy and communities.

The process has already begun with an internal review of recent reports and input evaluations on AAPIP's effectiveness, and will build from there. We have given ourselves permission to think expansively about a broad range of potential strategic directions – the most innovative ways to advance AAPIP's mission in the years ahead. As a national affinity group we also understand the importance of getting feedback from our members and key stakeholders as new ideas emerge. So outreach and transparency are also integral to our planning process and hearing from as many of you as possible is exactly what we intend to do.

Another part of our planning process is more internally focused, to ensure that AAPIP has the capacity and systems to both deepen existing programs and undertake new opportunities. To that end, I'm pleased to announce that a new senior management team is now in place consisting of Noelle Ito, serving as Vice President, Programs, and Cynthia Choi, who is stepping into a new role as Vice President, Philanthropic Partnerships. Rounding out the management team is Lori Kodama, who is capably serving as our Interim COO. For more information on these appointments, please visit: <http://aapip.org/our-stories/announcing-new-staff-positions>.

I look forward to connecting with many of you in the AAPIP community in the months ahead!

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cora", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Cora Mirikitani
President & CEO