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May 31, 2006

Supervisor James T. Beall, Jr.
70 West Hedding Street, 10th floor
San Jose, CA 95110

Dear Supervisor Beall,

Thank you for sponsoring the FY 2007 budget request for the AACI health clinic!

Focusing on the diverse Asian American community, Asian Americans for Community Involvement (AACI)'s mission is to improve the health, mental health, and well-being of individuals and their families by providing an array of human services. AACI empowers the Asian American community by working collaboratively for equality and social justice.

The AACI health clinic provides primary care to Santa Clara County residents regardless of their ability to pay. Most of the patients who use the clinic are low-income Asian Americans with limited or no English language skills. The clinic provides services to patients of all ages in English, Mandarin, Cantonese, Vietnamese, and some Indian dialects.

The AACI health clinic is the only clinic in the county dedicated to serving the Asian American population, and it is currently bursting at the seams. One-time county funding would allow AACI to double the clinic from 5 to 10 exam rooms, and increase patient visits from 5,600 to 12,000 per year.

By providing primary care, the AACI clinic helps residents avoid costly emergency room care at the county hospital. The clinic is cost-effective and addresses unmet community need.

We appreciate your support.

Sincerely,

Christine Tyler, MPH
Director of Policy and Clinical Activities.

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