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February 5, 2024

Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors
70 West Hedding Street
San Jose, CA 95110

Re: Lunar New Year as a County Holiday

To the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors:

As Chair of the Asian Pacific Islander Legislative Caucus and author of Assembly Bill 2596, which made Lunar New Year a state holiday in California, I urge the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors to support the referral to declare Lunar New Year a county holiday.

Recognizing Lunar New Year as a county holiday would not only lift up Asian Americans who have been experiencing a sweeping record of anti-Asian hate but would also send a powerful message of inclusion and embracement of the Asian American community and culture. The creation of this holiday would recognize the cultural and historical significance of Lunar New Year and acknowledge Asian Americans and all individuals throughout the world who celebrate this significant occasion.

For these reasons, I am proud to support Supervisor Lee's referral to declare Lunar New Year a county holiday. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Evan Low", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Evan Low
Chair, California Asian American & Pacific Islander Legislative Caucus
Assemblymember, 26th District – San José/Silicon Valley