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**ASIAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY WELCOMES
NEW EXECUTIVE OF SILICON VALLEY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**

(San Jose, CA) – The Asian Law Alliance, Asian Pacific American Leadership Institute (APALI), Vision New America, and Asian Americans for Community Involvement (AACI) will host a welcome reception for new Silicon Valley Community Foundation CEO and President Emmett D. Carson, Ph.D. on Monday, January 22, 2007.

Dr. Carson is a nationally recognized leader in philanthropy who most recently served as president and CEO of The Minneapolis Foundation. He will lead the newly formed Silicon Valley Community Foundation, a merger of the Community Foundation Silicon Valley and the Peninsula Community Foundation. The merger created one of the largest community foundations in the nation, and manages more than \$1.5 billion in assets and 1,400 philanthropic funds.

Asian Americans are one of the fastest growing ethnic groups in the United States and represent 30% of the Santa Clara County population.

The reception is an opportunity for the local Asian American community to meet and greet Dr. Carson, learn more about his background and priorities, and share perspectives with him.

The event will be held as follows:

WHAT: Welcome Reception for Dr. Emmett Carson
WHEN: Monday, January 22, 2007, 4:30-6:00 P.M.
WHERE: d.p. Fong Galleries
383 S. 1st Street
San Jose, CA 95113

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