Alternate Delegate

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Statement of Interest

Dear Residents & Fellows Section,

First, thank you for your advocacy. My name is Pauline Huynh, and I am a rising second year otolaryngology resident at Kaiser Permanente Oakland Medical Center. In June, I am asking you to elect me as your next RFS Alternate Delegate. I have been heavily involved in our AMA since I was a medical student, serving in a number of MSS Committees, within MSS Region 6, as Reference Committee Chair, on the Council of Constitution & Bylaws, and most recently as a former MSS Section Delegate.

As a resident, I have thus far served on our California Medical Association RFS as the Vice Chair of Policy Analysis, and am currently serving you as one of your RFS Sectional Delegates. I would be honored to leverage my local, regional, and national leadership experiences to advocate for RFS priorities and empower your voices in the face of a rapidly evolving healthcare landscape.

As a former MSS Sectional Delegate and Council Member, I’ve immersed myself in not only in the execution and planning for the policy procession within an AMA Section, but also that for the HOD—coordinating testimony, building coalitions within the House, and ensuring that our values are considered—while working tirelessly to protect our representation in this democratic process. As your RFS Alternate Delegate, I will leverage my unparalleled experience, existing partnerships with physician and student leaders, and political acumen to effectively push our RFS priorities and empower our members in their advocacy efforts.

Diversity Statement

“Ang hindi marunong lumingon sa pinangalingan ay hindi makakarating sa paroroongan.”

Roughly translated, Jose Rizal’s words mean, "No history, no self; know history, know self." Born in Vietnam, I came to the United States as a baby and spent my childhood trying to reconcile my Vietnamese and American cultures. As a Vietnamese-American, APA (Asian Pacific American) was an identity I felt I had to accept, yet one I was only able to bridge with a hyphen.

It wasn’t until college did I develop the tools to reflect on my heritage and the maturity to stop running from my APA identity. Working as a residential advisor introduced me with all walks of life, encouraged me to be cognizant of various social issues, and taught me how to engage in thoughtful dialogue without compromising my own values. Over time, I realized being APA is not something one just has to accept; it is something one dares to embrace. Claiming the APA identity takes courage in a world where people constantly want to define us, where our presence is exploited in national conversations without our voice.

My experiences have allowed me to develop the skills to serve on your Governing Council. Beyond the diversity I may bring as an Asian-American female, my journey towards embracing my APA identity has taught me the power of advocating for others, of representing our voices authentically, of engaging in thoughtful—if not uncomfortable—conversations with the purpose of enacting change.