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Exhibit A to Registration Statement Pursuant to the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended

INSTRUCTIONS. Furnish this exhibit for EACH foreign principal listed in an initial statement and for EACH additional foreign principal acquired subsequently. The filing of this document requires the payment of a filing fee as set forth in Rule (d)(1), 28 C.F.R. § 5.5(d)(1). Compliance is accomplished by filing an electronic Exhibit A form at https://www.fara.gov.

Privacy Act Statement. The filing of this document is required by the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended, 22 U.S.C. § 611 et seq., for the purposes of registration under the Act and public disclosure. Provision of the information requested is mandatory, and failure to provide this information is subject to the penalty and enforcement provisions established in Section 8 of the Act. Every registration statement, short form registration statement, supplemental statement, exhibit, amendment, copy of informational materials or other document or information filed with the Attorney General under this Act is a public record open to public examination, inspection and copying during the posted business hours of the Registration Unit in Washington, DC. Statements are also available online at the Registration Unit's webpage: https://www.fara.gov. One copy of every such document, other than informational materials, is automatically provided to the Secretary of State pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act, and copies of any and all documents are routinely made available to other agencies, departments and Congress pursuant to Section 6(c) of the Act. The Attorney General also transmits a semi-annual report to Congress on the administration of the Act which lists the names of all agents registered under the Act and the foreign principals they represent. This report is available to the public in print and online at: https://www.fara.gov.

Public Reporting Burden. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .49 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden to Chief, Registration Unit, Counterintelligence and Export Control Section, National Security Division, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20530; and to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503.

| Name and Address of Registrant | | 2. Registration No. | | |
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| 3. Name of Foreign Principal Consulate General for Japan in Los Angeles | 4. Principal Address of Fore 350 S. Grand Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90071 | ign Přincipal | | |
| 5. Indicate whether your foreign principal is one of the follow | ving: | | | |
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| ☐ Corporation [| Voluntary group | | | |
| ☐ Association [| Other (specify) | | | |
| ☐ Individual-State nationality | | | | |
| 6. If the foreign principal is a foreign government, state: a) Branch or agency represented by the registrant | | · | | |
| Consulate General for Japan in Los Angeles | | | | |
| b) Name and title of official with whom registrant d | eals | • | | |
| Deputy Consul General Mr. Hiroko Matsuo | | | | |
| 7. If the foreign principal is a foreign political party, state: a) Principal address | Not applicable | | | |
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^{1 &}quot;Government of a foreign country," as defined in Section 1(e), of the Act, includes any person or group of persons exercising sovereign de facto or de jure political jurisdiction over any country, other than the United States, or over any part of such country, and includes any subdivision of any such group and any group or agency to which such sovereign de facto or de jure authority or functions are directly or indirectly delegated. Such term shall include any faction or body of insurgents within a country assuming to exercise governmental authority whether such faction or body of insurgents has or has not been recognized by the United States.

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| information set | with 28 U.S.C. § 1746, the undersigned swears or affirms under penalty of perjury that he forth in this Exhibit A to the registration statement and that he/she is familiar with the coheir entirety true and accurate to the best of his/her knowledge and belief. | she has read the ontents thereof and that such |
| Date of Exhibit A | Name and Title Signature | |
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| April 8, 2019 | Paul Vandeventer, President & Chief Executive Officer | 7 |

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OMB No. 1124-0004; Expires May 31, 2020 Exhibit B to Registration Statement Pursuant to the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended

INSTRUCTIONS. A registrant must furnish as an Exhibit B copies of each written agreement and the terms and conditions of each oral agreement with his foreign principal, including all modifications of such agreements, or, where no contract exists, a full statement of all the circumstances by reason of which the registrant is acting as an agent of a foreign principal. Compliance is accomplished by filing an electronic Exhibit B form at https://www.fara.gov.

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| octrote: "Political activity," ny agency or official of the | as defined in Section I(o) of the Act, means any as Government of the United States or any section of the United States or any section of the United States or with reference to the political | the public within the Unit | ted States with reference to for | rmulating, adopting, or chang | ing the | | | |

Attachment 1 to Exhibit B of Registration Statement Pursuant to the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended

Agreement 1

Contract

Deputy Consul General of Japan in Los Angeles Mr. Kazutoshi Hayashi (hereafter referred to as A), acting on behalf of the Consulate General of Japan in Los Angeles and in accordance with the authority vested in him and Paul Vandeventer, President & CEO, Community Partners FBO Metro Forum Project (hereafter referred to as B), have agreed as follows:

Article 1

A requests B to implement the project which is depicted in attached Scope of the Project and B agrees to undertake said project.

Article 2

B is an independent contractor of A, and any commitments made between B and any other person(s) shall not bind A, expect whenever A has given B special authority to do so.

Article 8

- (1) At the request of A, B shall make a report of its activities.
- (2) The aforementioned report shall include all activities provided in Article 1.

Article 4

The period of this contract shall be from September 1, 2017 to November 30, 2017.

Article 5

The fee for the project shall be \$21,000 (\$7,000 per month). A shall pay B at the end of each month upon reception of the invoice and monthly activity report.

Article 6

B must not disclose to a third party the contents of services stipulated by A under this contract or any confidential information learned in performing the services pursuant to this contract.

Article 7

B must act in accordance with the relevant laws and regulations set forth by the

State of Cabifornia, when pursuing its activities in accordance with this contract.

Article 8

If A deems B to have breached this contract, A may refuse to pay a part or the full amount of the contract value, or may seek return of payment.

Article 9

No security deposit shall be required.

Article 10

Any matters arising out of or in connection with this contract shall be resolved through consultation between A and B.

Article 11

Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, either party may cancel this contract by issuing notification 30 days in advance.

In witness whereof, the parties hereto have caused this contract to be executed in duplicate originals, one original to be retained by each party.

Executed this 1 September.

Signed:

Kazutoshi Hayashi

Deputy Consul General of Japan

in Los Angeles

Paul Vandeventer

President & CEO

Community Partners FBO Metro Forum Scope of the Project

Objective:

Share knowledge and analysis with the Consulate General of Japan in Los Angeles to help consulate gain a deeper understanding of local and regional politics.

Fee.

• \$21,000 (\$7,000 x 3 months)

Timeframe:

September 1 to November 30, 2017

Project Details:

- Hold a monthly discussion on a specific topic related to the political situation.
- Provide analysis on current political events and trends affecting the region.
- Additional meetings and requests to be made as needed depending on developing situations.
- Monthly report to be submitted describing the main points of the focused discussion meeting.

Attachment 2 to Exhibit B of Registration Statement Pursuant to the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended

Agreement 2

MFP

Contract

Deputy Consul General of Japan in Los Angeles Mr. Hiroki Matsuo (hereafter referred to as A), acting on behalf of the Consulate-General of Japan in Los Angeles and in accordance with the authority vested in him and Paul Vandeventer.

President & CEO, Community Partners FBO Metro Forum Project (hereafter referred to as B), have agreed as follows:

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Article 8

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- (2) The aforementioned report shall include all activities provided in Article 1.

Article 4

The period of this contract shall be from February 1, 2018 to March 31, 2018.

Article 5

The fee for the project shall be \$14,000 (\$7,000 per month). A shall pay B at the end of each month upon reception of the invoice and monthly activity report.

Article 6

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Article 11

Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, either party may cancel this contract by issuing notification 30 days in advance.

In witness whereof, the parties hereto have caused this contract to be executed in duplicate originals, one original to be retained by each party.

Executed this 1 February.

Signed:

Hiroki Matsuo

Deputy Consul General of Japan

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in Los Angeles

Paul Vandeventer

President & CEO

Project Plan (Feb – Mar 2018)

1 Purpose

In order to get a much bigger political voice of Japanese Americans, we will research other ethnic communities' efforts.

2 Specific tasks

Each month, CG will ask CP to make some fact-finding research on each ethnic community on the following issues:

- > Image of that ethnic community in U.S. or Southern California
- > The ethnic community's major political agenda
- > The ethnic community's major advocate groups/ individuals
- The ethnic community's measures for political empowerment/ mobilization

Feb Vietnamese

Mar African American & Latino

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Attachment 3 to Exhibit B of Registration Statement Pursuant to the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended

Agreement 3

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Contract

Deputy Consul General of Japan in Los Angeles Mr. Hiroki Matsuo (hereafter referred to as A), acting on behalf of the Consulate General of Japan in Los Angeles and in accordance with the authority vested in him and Paul Vandeventer, President & CEO, Community Partners FBO Metro Forum Project (hereafter referred to as B), have agreed as follows:

Article 1

A requests B to implement the project which is depicted in attached Scope of the Project and B agrees to undertake said project.

Article 2

B is an independent contractor of A, and any commitments made between B and any other person(s) shall not bind A, expect whenever A has given B special authority to do so.

Article 3

- (1) At the request of A, B shall make a report of its activities.
- (2) The aforementioned report shall include all activities provided in Article 1.

Article 4

The period of this contract shall be from May 1, 2018 to March 31, 2019.

Article 5

The fee for the project shall be \$7,000 per month. A shall pay B at the end ofeach month upon reception of the invoice and monthly activity report.

Article 6

B must not disclose to a third party the contents of services stipulated by A under this contract or any confidential information learned in performing the services pursuant to this contract.

Article 7

B must act in accordance with the relevant laws and regulations set forth by the State of California, when pursuing its activities in accordance with this contract. DocuSign Envelope ID: 07F55BA3-06E0-499C-B4F5-B7A57F625B4D

Article 8

If A deems B to have breached this contract, A may refuse to pay a part or the full amount of the contract value, or may seek return of payment.

Article 9

No security deposit shall be required.

Article 10

Any matters arising out of or in connection with this contract shall be resolved through consultation between A and B.

Article 11

Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, either party may cancel this contract by issuing notification 30 days in advance.

In witness whereof, the parties hereto have caused this contract to be executed in duplicate originals, one original to be retained by each party.

Executed this 1 May.

Signed:

Hiroki Matsuo Deputy Consul General of Japan in Los Angeles Paul Vandeventer

Paul Vandeventer
President & CEO

Project Plan (May 2018 – Mar 2019)

1 Purpose

In order to help CG gain a better understanding of issues in the regional communities, CP will facilitate research, with meetings, etc., on issues of concern in specific ethnic communities and interest groups, and study their impacts.

2 Specific topics

Each month, CG will ask CP to help CG make some fact finding research on one or a combination of the following issues:

- > Image of a specific ethnic community in Southern California
 - > The ethnic community's major issues of importance
 - > The ethnic community's main leadership groups/individuals
 - > The ethnic community's history of political empowerment/
 mobilization
- > Special interest groups (including nonprofits, political advocacy groups, etc.)
- > 2018 elections results (CA state & federal levels)
- > Understanding policy issues at the state, county, and local city levels

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Contract (addendum)

Mr. Hiroki Matsuo, Deputy Consul General of Japan in Los Angeles, acting on behalf of the Government of Japan and in accordance with the authority vested in him and Paul Vandeventer, Community Partners, agreed and entitled on 1 May 2018 as consultancy service, for good consideration, do hereby agree to make the following changes that are outlined below.

Article 1

The Outline of PR Consultancy Service stipulated in the Article 1 shall be changed to the attached outline.

Article 2

The fee for the service stipulated in the Article 5 shall be changed to \$10,000 per month. The additional portion of the fee for the month of June will be calculated on a daily pro-rated basis.

Article 3

The contract enters into force on June 8, 2018.

In witness whereof, the parties hereto have caused this contract to be executed in duplicate originals, one original to be retained by each party.

Executed June 8, 2018.

Signed:

Hiroki Matsuo Deputy Consul General of Japan in Los Angeles Paul Vandeventer

Paul Vandeventer
President & CEO

Attachment 4 to Exhibit B of Registration Statement Pursuant to the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended

Item 8:

Describe fully the activities the registrant engages in or proposes to engage in on behalf of the above foreign principal.

The registrant engaged in meetings with the following representatives or advisers of the Consulate General of Japan Los Angeles: Consul Shigeru Kikuma; Takeshi Komoto, Minister of Economy, Trade, Industry/Business and Energy; Brian Swords, Advisor, Economic Affairs; Jennifer Usyak, Advisor; Sachi Shitara, Researcher/Adviser; and David Abel, Chair, Metropolitan Forum Project.

The specific meetings arranged by registrant for the Consulate General of Japan Los Angeles are described below:

- September 2017: A lunch meeting with a briefing by businessman Arthur Sohikian to gather Sohikian's impressions about the political and social life of the Armenian community, including more about the robust Armenian community that has its major Southern California presence in and around Glendale. In attendance: David Abel, Brian Swords, Jennifer Usyak.
- December 14, 2017: A meeting with Los Angeles businessman and toy importer Charlie Woo to discuss his understanding of the character and interests of the large Los Angeles Chinese community. We talked about the differences in recent immigrant waves, the level of and degree of interest Chinese immigrants and long-time residents take in American social and civic engagement behaviors, and work in which Mr. Woo is involved that engages younger Chinese-Americans interested in becoming more active in civic life. In attendance: Paul Vandeventer, Brian Swords.
- December 19, 2017: An afternoon meeting in the offices of Community Partners to discuss the range of interests in conditions, characteristics, trends, patterns of community organizing that the consulate would be interested in exploring. We identified that it was particularly of interest to understand how various ethnic communities in the region organized and implemented their civic engagement activities; interacted with others of different ethnicities in the social, cultural and political spheres; and, how recent and more assimilated immigrants from these communities came to assert their presence and influence in the social, economic and political spheres. In attendance: Paul Vandeventer, David Abel, Shigeru Kikuma.

- Innuary 13, 2018: Attendance at an half-day annual gathering of the Empowerment Congress, which operates as a project of Community Partners, and which has been pioneered over for the last 25 years by Los Angeles County Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas as a means of insuring a flow of information from diverse aspects of his Second Supervisorial District to his office and vice versa. The Supervisor hosts the Empowerment Congress, a citizen committee organizes it and this year's gathering was a nonpartisan debate and dialogue among the declared candidates for California Governor. The debate was broadcast by PBS-SoCal, a local public television station. In attendance: Paul Vandeventer, Jennifer Usyak.
- February 13, 2018: A lunch meeting at Katsuya Restaurant in Glendale with Cora Oriel, President and Co-Publisher of the Asian Journal Newspaper Group, which is based in Glendale, California, to discuss the scope, population dimensions and civic interests of Filipinos living in the Los Angeles region. Given that Filipinos in the region are one of the largest population groups, the discussion focused on how community organizing occurs and around what sorts of social and economic issues in particular. We also discussed the news-gathering process and challenges in Filipino communities which do not differ from any diverse ethnic group. We talked about assimilation of Filipino families generationally and how interests of US-born children in Filipino families differ from those of their immigrant parents. In attendance: Paul Vandeventer, Jennifer Usyak, Shigeru Kikuma.
- February 22, 2018: Attendance as audience members at a nonpartisan discussion sponsored by the nonpartisan leadership organization called Coro Southern California focusing on voter registration among the diverse resident communities of Glendale, California. Panelists represented a range of views across the political, social, cultural and economic spectrum. The panel was facilitated by the nonpartisan elected Registrar of Voters for the City of Glendale and the invigorating discussion focused chiefly on what strategies groups were using to make sure qualified citizens registered and cast ballots in coming elections. After the discussion, we met and chatted with several of the 2017-18 class of Coro Fellows. In attendance: Paul Vandeventer, Jennifer Usyak, Shigeru Kikuma.
- March 27, 2018: A lunch meeting in Long Beach with Orange County broadcaster and Vietnamese community activist Quan Dinh, Ph.D., to discuss the trends and dimensions of the large Vietnamese community diaspora in Southern California. We explored the interesting features and civic psychology of immigrants who have been welcomed to and sheltered in the United States from a country in conflict. We discussed the economic challenges, the difficulty and long-term problems faced by immigrant communities that arrive with little capital other than their social and

intellectual capital but a strong work ethic to succeed. Again, generational differences became a topic of discussion since second generation ambitions – especially in reference to how US residence has conferred educational advantages on the population and the second generation is able to achieve so much more than their immigrant parents and siblings. In attendance: Paul Vandeventer, Jennifer Usyak, Shigeru Kikuma.

- March 28, 2019: A lunch briefing by Astrid Ochoa, Executive Director of Future of California Elections (FOCE), a project of Community Partners, discussing the current and evolving future state of elections in the United States and in California. The group discussed the latest state and federal election reforms and California's leadership in the nation in terms of reducing barriers to participation by having vote by mail, same day registration, and now the Voter's Choice Act. The discussion also raised the subject of national trends with Motor Voter, the ability of people to register as voters when they register their vehicles with the Department of Motor Vehicles. Ms. Ochoa shared other resources the participants could tap, including two produced by the Brennan Center (https://www.brennancenter.org/analysis/voter-registration-modernization-states) and (https://www.brennancenter.org/new-voting-restrictions-america) and information from the California Secretary of State on the Voters Choice Act (https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voters-choice-act/). In attendance: Paul Vandeventer, Jennifer Usyak, Shigeru Kikuma.
- April 2018: A lunch meeting with Adrin Nazarian, elected member of the California State Assembly, to learn more about the social, economic, cultural and political development of the growing Southern California Armenian community. The meeting explored how members of the community have assimilated into American life during a steady in-migration and immersion over several decades, particularly in the Glendale area of Los Angeles. The conversation explored the business and economic success of the Armenian community as well as ways in which community members have organized to preserve social and cultural ties among themselves in America as well as how they maintain ties to Armenia. In attendance: Jennifer Usyak, Shigeru Kikuma.
- August 14, 2018: A lunch meeting at the City Club with demographer Dowell Meyers, Ph.D., a scholar and professor at the University of Southern California, during which Meyers shared some of his scholarly understanding of demography and demographic change. We discussed in depth some of the effects of immigration in California. We focused on patterns and trends of the last two decades and particularly highlighted more recent dramatic declines in immigration due to growing border-crossing difficulties and changes in birth rates, as well as changing economic circumstances in Mexico and Latin and Central American countries. The conversation also explored difficulties that occur when public investment in educating rising generations of young people, immigrants and others both, declines. A practical outcome of lower public education investment is that earning capacity declines raising the question: who among today's rising group of

workers will have the money to buy the current generation's homes when they go on the market. Coupled with declining birth rates in this country which means fewer future workers will support a large cohort of "baby boomers", lower education investment also signals that those future workers may have lower earning capacity. In attendance: Paul Vandeventer, Jennifer Usyak, Shigeru Kikuma.

- August 28, 2018: A lunch meeting at the City Club with education expert Drew Furedi, Ph.D., chief executive officer of Para Los Ninos, a large Los Angeles multi-service charitable and educational organization serving many immigrant families. Furedi, who has worked as a senior staff member in the Los Angeles Unified School District, explained how that district (and many other smaller districts) are structured and how decisions get made through elected school boards and implemented through professional administrative staff working in concert with school principals, classroom teachers, students and, to varying degrees, parents of students and community members. We further discussed how school history curricula get determined, developed, translated into textbooks and modified over time. We explored the implications of quality education in a large public school system as compared to dispersed, free-standing and smaller systems comprised of locally administered charter schools and independent private schools. In attendance: Paul Vandeventer, Jennifer Usyak, Shigeru Kikuma.
- Strategies in Newport Beach by the (now-retired) head of the California Republican Party, Jim Brulte, a former state elected official, about the changing electoral demographics and political patterns in Orange County, California. The discussion ventured widely across the cumulative trends that have arisen over the last few decades and how political representation and interests have changed as new populations—many immigrant and more socially liberal than traditional historic Orange County populations—have emerged. Since the November 2018 general election was just a few weeks away, we concentrated for part of the conversation on the distinctive population trends emerging that eventually resulted in significantly different political representation of Orange County in the U.S. House of Representatives. In attendance: Paul Vandeventer, Takeshi Komoto, Shigeru Kikuma, Sachi Shitara.
- April 5, 2019: Meeting with Nate Shutman, consultant to newly elected U.S. Congressman Mike Levin (D-Carlsbad), regarding how elections are conducted. In attendance: Paul Vandeventer, Jennifer Usyak, Shigeru Kikuma.