Dear JACCC Gallery Patrons:

The Japanese American Cultural Community Center (JACCC) invite all of the diverse voices in our community to participate in \textit{Hatsu-Zora (First Sky)}

\textit{Shikishi} paper-boards have been used in Japan since the 12\textsuperscript{th} century for traditional painting or to inscribe poetry. Today, \textit{shikishi} are given as a gift to mark a memorable or special occasion. In 1998 JACCC fused traditional and contemporary notions of the \textit{shikishi} by asking over 500 people to celebrate the New Year by expressing themselves using the \textit{shikishi} board. Participants included celebrities, local personalities, politicians, artists, priests, children, writers, and community members. The outcome was an intriguing and amazingly eclectic exhibit of \textit{shikishi} art. Some were simple while others elaborate and colorful were even fashioned into freestanding sculptures. All were unique.

Opening on January 7, 2018, year of the Dog, JACCC will celebrate its \textit{20\textsuperscript{th} Annual Shikishi Exhibition}. Based on the \textit{Hatsu-Zora (First Sky)} theme, we are asking you to express your thoughts, hopes, and dreams for the New Year using a \textit{shikishi}. There are no guidelines in using the \textit{shikishi}; you may write on it, use it as a canvas, and even cut it up to construct a three-dimensional object.

We hope that you will participate in the \textit{20th Annual Shikishi Exhibition}. You may purchase a \textit{shikishi} at your local Japanese market. Please note the entry fee to participate in the exhibition is $10 per shikishi.

The deadline to submit all work is Monday, December 18, 2017. Please contact JACCC at (213) 628-2725 with any questions or concerns. We look forward to seeing your artwork!

Sincerely,

JACCC

Thank you for your interest in the Japanese American Cultural Community Center’s \textit{20\textsuperscript{th} Annual Shikishi Exhibition}.

\textit{Hatsu-Zora (First Sky)}. Based on this theme, please use the \textit{shikishi} to express your thoughts, hopes, and dreams for the New Year in any way you like. There are no guidelines; you may write on it, use it as a canvas, fold it or cut it.
The exhibition opens on **January 7, 2018** in the George J. Doizaki Gallery with **finished shikishi due by Monday, December 18, 2017**. Please note that we will not be able to return the *shikishi* works after the exhibition.

Please return your finished *shikishi* and **artist information** (below) by mail or in person to JACCC. The fee to participate this year is $10/ *shikishi*. Checks can be made payable to JACCC.

**Finished shikishi, artists information and donation should be sent to:**  
JACCC  
244 South San Pedro Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012-3895

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact at (213) 628-2725  
Thank you for your participation, we look forward to receiving your artwork!

Sincerely,  
JACCC

**Artist Information** – return with finished *shikishi* to JACCC

* Name:  
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Occupation:  
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Address:  
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Phone#:  
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E-mail:  
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*Please print your name clearly, and as you wish to appear with your *shikishi*. 