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MAYOR VILLARAIGOSA NOMINATES FORMER UNITED STATES ATTORNEY DEBRA WONG YANG TO LOS ANGELES BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa announced his nomination of former United States Attorney Debra Wong Yang to the Board of Police Commissioners. Yang will play a critical role in the evaluation and nomination of candidates to replace William Bratton as chief of the Los Angeles Police Department.

"This is an important time for the LAPD and for Los Angeles," Yang said. "I am honored to have the opportunity to work with the Mayor on police issues, the selection of a new chief and making important step now that the Consent Decree has ended."

Debra Wong Yang is currently a partner at Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher's Los Angeles office. She is Co-Chair of the firm's Crisis Management Practice Group and the White Collar Defense and Investigations Practice Group.

Ms. Yang previously served as U.S. Attorney for the Central District of California. She was appointed in May of 2002 by President George W. Bush, making her the first Asian-American woman to serve as United States Attorney.

After becoming United States Attorney, Ms. Yang was selected to serve President Bush's corporate Fraud Tax Force and to chair the Attorney General Advisory Committees on Cyber/Intellectual Property and Civil Rights. She was appointed by the Attorney General to sit on the Attorney General's Advisory Committee and on the Intellectual Property Task Force. She also served on the Ninth Circuit Jury Reform Committee.

Prior to being appointed United States Attorney, Ms. Yang was a California state judge. She was appointed to the Los Angeles Municipal Court in 1997 and became a member of the Los Angeles Superior Court in 2000. Ms. Yang served as the Supervising Judge for the Hollywood Courthouse.

Ms. Yang served as an Assistant United States Attorney for seven years prior to her judicial career where she successfully prosecuted a number of high-profile cases.

Ms. Yang has been an adjunct professor at the USC School of Law, where she taught trial advocacy. She has also been an instructor at the National Institute of Trial Advocacy and California's Judicial College. In addition to her professional success, Ms. Yang is a dedicated member of the community, previously serving as the President of The Chinese American Museum. She was also a founding member, officer and board member of the Southern California Chinese Lawyer Association.

In 2002, both the Inglewood Courts and the Los Angeles City Council honored her for her standing commitment to victim's rights. She has received the Asian Pacific Bar Association's Public Service Award, the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association's Trailblazer Award, and the Women's Leadership Award.

Ms. Yang received her J.D. from Boston College Law School and served as the law clerk to the Honorable Ronald A.W. Lew in the U.S. District Court.

LEAAP would like to extend an enormous congratulations and best of luck to Debra with her new endeavors on the Board of Police Commissioners!



The National Training Conference held on August 9-14 in Las Vegas, Nevada was a huge success. Approximately 220 NAPOA members nationwide were in attendance. First Assistant Chief James McDonnell was featured as the keynote speaker during the opening ceremonies. His speech focused on utilizing your leadership skills and applying it to one's professional life. We were very much honored to have him represent LEAAP at this year's national conference.



Topics that were presented during the conference were both dynamic and compelling,

concerning homeland security, terrorism, Asian gang trends, Asian gang investigation techniques, asset forfeiture and money laundering, EEO process and bridging the cultural gap, officer safety and survival, wellness, promotional preparedness, management and leadership courses and other topics of general interest. The instructors were all recognized experts or specialists in their fields of expertise. This conference provided a valuable insight on contemporary issues and trends facing law enforcement and an opportunity for attendees to meet and collaborate with local, state and federal personnel from law enforcement agencies throughout the country.



Police Officer III Charles Surh was appointed as the Secretary by the LEAAP Board in early 2008.

Charles is a Korean-American who was born in Seoul, Korea and immigrated to Southern California in 1971 with his parents and two older brothers. He is currently assigned to Gang and Narcotics Division, Asian Gang Unit. Charles is now looking into the future and starting a new venture while still working with the Department. He just obtained a franchise, "Edible Arrangements," and is looking to open in October 2009. We all wish him luck and prosperity while he dives into his new escapade. Below is a personal message from Charles Surh.

Greetings and hello to all fellow and future LEAAP members. I was very excited and honored to be nominated to be your Secretary for 2008-2009. I will strive to make this organization the best it has ever been and will help overcome the hardships to come. We are looking forward to the upcoming events and hope you will participate.

Currently, I am tasked with recruitment and as you all may know, the number one recruitment tool is, "You." I would like to take this opportunity to ask each LEAAP member to try and help spread the word about our organization whether they are sworn, civilian or not even associated with the Department. If you believe that someone could make a positive impact within this organization, we would like to have them join.

I am also opening an Edible Arrangements at 3785 Wilshire Boulevard on the Northeast corner of Wilshire Boulevard and Western Avenue, at the 25-story Solair condominium complex. This is a new venture for me, since I have never taken a business class or opened my own business. I am hoping for the best and expecting a lot of work. We are currently under construction and hope to be open sometime in mid to late October. Our business phone number is 213-365-8080, so should you need anything please call me anytime and of course there is going to be a special discount for LEAAP members. I hope to see you all there sometime in the near future.

I am also looking forward to be more engaged in LEAAP functions and to actively involve more members in various committees. I would like to hear your comments and concerns regarding the LEAAP organization. I am also looking forward to meeting many of you at our next event (TBA). Should you have any questions, you can contact me at LAPDLEAAP1@gmail.com or call me at 909-957-4692 Cell. On behalf of all the board members, thank you for your membership and support.



JONES M. MOY
Police Chief
Monterey Park
Police Department

Chief Jones Moy began his distinguish law enforcement career as a Reserve Police Officer with the Monterey Park Police Department on September 8, 1976. On February 11, 1978, he was hired full time as a Police Officer by the City of Monterey Park. During his career, he worked various assignments throughout the Department, Patrol, Investigations, Crime Impact Team, and Administration. Over the years, Chief Moy promoted to the various ranks, and on September 25, 2004, he was appointed to Police Chief, the first Asian Pacific Chief of Police in Southern California.

From the beginning of his career, Chief Moy has been committed to strengthening relationships between the community and the Police Department. He was one of two officers assigned to implement the Department's Asian Task Force and of his thirty-year career; approximately fifteen of those years were specifically devoted to gang enforcement and building community partnerships.

In recognition of his dedication and attention to duty over the years, Chief Moy was awarded the Department's Medal of Merit, and he was twice awarded the Department's Distinguished Service Medal. Chief Moy has also been honored as "Officer of the Year" by the Police Department and on several occasions by community based service organizations.

Chief Moy holds a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from the California State University at Los Angeles; he is an honor graduate from the University of Southern California's Delinquency

Control Institute Program, and a graduate of the Supervisory Leadership Institute and the Pat Brown Institute on Community Policing.

Chief Moy is on the Board of Directors for the Monterey Park Eastside Optimist Club, a Board of Directors Member for the Asian Youth Center, Past President of the San Gabriel Valley Peace Officers Association, Treasurer for the San Gabriel Valley Police Chief's Association, a Community Advisory Board Member for the Asian Pacific Family Center, a member of the San Gabriel Valley Chinese Cultural Association, and past Vice President of the Law Enforcement Association of Asian Pacifics.

Chief Moy is married to Joyce and has three active boys.

On behalf of the Law Enforcement Association of Asian Pacifics, we commend you on your outstanding career. Your effort, dedication and leadership have made a difference in the lives you have touch in your distinguish service.





ANNOUNCEMENT OF BOARD MEMBERS ELECTION

The deadline for nominations is November 15, 2009.

To All LEAAP members:

Would you like to become more integrally involved as a member of this organization and utilize your knowledge and ideas to implement positive change and further advance the objectives and purpose of LEAAP? You can do so by serving as a Board Member. This is an excellent opportunity for those who want to represent their fellow members and exercise the collective voice of the organization in the law enforcement community and local political arena. Board Members have say and voting power on all LEAAP actions and agenda. The Board usually meets once per month as well as attending functions of interest on behalf of LEAAP.

The current two-year term of office for the existing board members will **expire December 2009** and the following Board Member positions will be open for election: President, 1st Vice-President, 2nd Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Sergeant of Arms. In order to be a member of the LEAAP board, you must be sworn and an active member of LEAAP. If you would like to nominate yourself or another member for any of the board positions, please submit the following information via email (listed in Board Member box) to any one of the current Board Members (BM):

Board Position nominated
Name, Rank, Assignment, Department
A short bio listing your experience and/or skills.

The ballots for election will be sent out to all members on December 1 and closed on December 15, 2009. The newly-elected Board will take office January 1, 2010. In the event that there are no nominations for a position, the current board member will resume that position.

Serving as a LEAAP board member presents a rewarding challenge and provides a valuable experience in return that will enhance your interpersonal skills and team-work abilities. Additionally, there are opportunities available to all members to serve on planning and event committees as well as contribute to the benefit of the organization. In fact, we are currently in need of a website manager to keep the LEAAP website updated and running smoothly. Please contact a BM if you are interested in any of the above or have further questions.

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