

ASIAN AMERICAN ASSN.

Historic Asian-American GMs

City Asian American Assn. honors the first two Asian Americans to become General Managers with the City.

Photos by Robert Larios, Club Director of Operations

The Los Angeles City Employees Asian American Association held a reception Aug. 7 to honor two members who have become General Managers with the City.

BongHwan Kim (Neighborhood Empowerment) and Sally Choi (LACERS) are the first Asian American City Employees to hold General Manager positions in the history of the City of Los Angeles.

The event was held in the courtyard between City Hall East and South. Departments included

ITA, LAPD, LAFD, Harbor, Neighborhood Empowerment, LACERS, and Community Development.

BongHwan Kim has been actively involved in advancing social, political and economic development in diverse community-based organizations for over 25 years.

Prior to his appointment at Neighborhood Empowerment, he served as the Executive Director of the MultiCultural Collaborative and the Korean Youth and Community Center in Los Angeles. He serves on a number of government commissions and corporate advisory boards. He serves on the Board of Directors of Workplace Hollywood, an organization established to diver-



BongHwan Kim, Neighborhood Empowerment, is the first Asian American general manager in the City of Los Angeles.



Sally Choi, LACERS, is the first Asian-American woman to become general manager in the City of Los Angeles.



From left: Joe Quan, ITA; Maychelle Yee, LAPD; Phyllis Yogi, LAFD (now Harbor); BongHwan Kim, Neighborhood Empowerment; Sally Choi, LACERS; and Michael Fong, Community Development.

sify the entertainment industry workforce. He has served as the co-chair of the Black Korean Alliance, the California Attorney General's Violence Prevention Policy Council, and the National Immigration Forum. He has been a lecturer at the University of California Los Angeles teaching in the areas of leadership and community building.

Sally Choi is a former LACERS Assistant GM and currently serves as Los Angeles' deputy mayor for finance and performance management. Choi succeeds Robert Aguillo Jr. Choi earned a Bachelor of science degree in public administration from USC and an MBA from the UCLA Anderson School of Management.

Established in 1971, the Los Angeles City Employees Asian American Association (LACEAAA) was formed to: represent employees of Asian/Pacific Islander decent and assist in protecting them from discriminatory acts; assist in their promotional advancement opportunities with the City of Los Angeles; and resolve unique work-related problems of its members. LACEAAA is a member of the Citywide AAC and is a founding member of the coalition of Asian employee associations from state, federal, and county governments. LACEAAA conducts training and social networking events for its membership and counsels and represents employees when necessary. LACEAAA has a Board of Directors elected by its membership.

The Officers are:

President:

Phyllis Yogi, Harbor;

Vice Presidents:

Michael Fong, Council;
Joe Quan, ITA;
Irene Sae Koo, LAFD.

Corresponding Secretary:

Maychelle Yee, LAPD;

Recording Secretary:

Glenn Kawahata, DWP;

Treasurer:

Mei Ong, Public Works/Sanitation

Congratulations to BongHwan and Sally! And thanks to Joe Quan, ITA, for his assistance.



Phyllis Yogi introduces the new General Managers.



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