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It's a Baby Ape!



The Zoo's new baby orangutan.

Zoo celebrates the birth of a Bornean orangutan.

Photo by Tad Motoyama/LA Zoo

Tust in time for the recent orange Halloween J season, the Zoo celebrates the newest orangered, shaggy-haired addition to the Red Ape Rainforest - a newly born Bornean orangutan. This is the second baby for the Zoo's female Bornean orangutan, Kalim. She is one of four adult females in the Red Ape Rainforest. Father to the new arrival is Minyak, one of two orangutan males at the Zoo. Guests can see the baby orangutan and her older sister Berani, who was born in 2005.

Orangutans are native to the Indonesian islands of Borneo and Sumatra. In the Malay language, orang means person and utan means forest. Decked out in long, shaggy, orange-red hair, orangutans are the largest tree-dwelling mammals. Bornean orangutans are endangered and Sumatran orangutans are critically endangered. In the last 60 years, it's estimated that there has been more than a 50 percent decline in the orangutan population. This decline is primarily attributed to habitat loss.

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TAYLOR A FIRST FOR PW BOARD

rleen P. Taylor has been named Executive A Officer for the Board of Public Works. She succeeds William Weeks, Director of Management Employee Services, who has served as interim Board Executive Officer since 2010.

She is the first female and Asian American named to this position since the Board's incep-

Taylor formerly served as Election Division Chief in the Office of the City Clerk, where she was responsible for conducting municipal elections. In this capacity, she managed 25 full-time staff, 300 long-term temporary staff and 10,000 election-day workers. She oversaw a budget of \$17 million in costs and \$10 million in revenue with 2,000 polling places, 2,000 full sets of polling place supplies, booths, and voting equipment.

In her present appointment as Board Executive Officer, Taylor will support and advise the board on official procedures and established practices. Her duties include directing the proper and legal execution of the orders of the board, maintaining the board's official records; directing employees in the Board Secretariat; and performing the duties of an officer of the City under the

> provisions of the City Charter.



Arleen P. Taylor

"With her extensive background serving the City in a wide variety of sectors, Arleen Taylor will be a valuable asset to the Board of Works in helping them implement their ambitious street re-surfacing, tree-trimming and other capital improve-

ment projects that improve the quality of life in our City," said Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa. "I would also like to congratulate Arleen for being the first Asian American woman to hold this prestigious post in the Board's over a century-long history – it is so important that the diversity of our City is reflected in the staff that serves the needs of every community in LA."

Taylor was previously Director of Fleet Reengineering and Director of Finance and Special Operations, General Services. Taylor is a past president of the City's Quality and Productivity Information Network and a past Management and Supervision Instructor at the University of Phoenix. She holds a master's degree in public administration from California State, Long Beach, and a bachelor's degree in human services from California State, Dominguez Hills.

