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Koreans Americans for Political Action Announces Endorsement for Los Angeles City Attorney

Washington, DC. January 10, 2022 - The Board of Directors of Korean Americans for Political Action (KAPA) today announces that KAPA is endorsing Richard Y. Kim for Los Angeles City Attorney.

Mr. Richard Kim is currently a Deputy City Attorney in the Complex and Special Litigations Division of the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office. He has been with the Office since 2000. As a prosecutor, Mr. Kim prosecutes real estate crimes related to violations of the State and local fire codes, building codes, housing codes, and environmental laws in the city of Los Angeles.

For the past two decades, Mr. Kim has been involved in various Korean community-based organizations. Living in Los Angeles in his 20's, Mr. Kim experienced firsthand the sense of helplessness and lack of political voice after the devastation of Koreatown resulting from the 1992 civil unrest. In 2005, Mr. Kim served as the president of Korean American Democratic Committee (KADC) where he supported Korean American candidates running for elected offices. In 2008, Mr. Kim was elected to the Wilshire Center-Koreatown Neighborhood Council Board, a City-chartered organization that fosters neighborhood empowerment. In 2012, Mr. Kim, elected as the president of the Neighborhood Council Board, fought against gerrymandering of Koreatown during the redistricting process in Los Angeles. Mr. Kim currently serves on the board of Koreatown Youth and Community Center (KYCC), an organization that serves disadvantaged youths and their families.

Mr. Kim was born in South Korea and immigrated to the United States with his family in 1975. He grew up in Orange County, California and attended University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) where he received a B.A. degree in philosophy. He also attended Southwestern University School of Law where he received his J.D. Mr. Kim is admitted to practice law in the state of California.

"We are pleased to offer our endorsement of Richard because of his long record of over 20 years of serving the public during which he has garnered strong support amongst his colleagues as well as city-wide for his accomplishments and, perhaps more importantly, how he has achieved them," said John Lim, Chair of the Board.

"Richard is well-known in the Los Angeles Korean community for his continuous involvement and support of over 20 years. This is another important reason why KAPA is supporting him," added Hon. Sukhee Kang, Vice Chair of the Board and former Mayor of Irvine.

The Korean Americans for Political Action is a national non-partisan 501(c)4 non-profit dedicated to motivating, organizing and supporting Americans of Korean descent to become more directly involved in the American political process to promote legislation and policies that benefit Korean Americans and the American society.

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