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## **APAPA Announces New Judicial Appointment**

**Sacramento, CA -** The Asian Pacific Islander American Public Affairs Association -Government Appointments Committee (APAPA-GAC) is pleased to announce the appointment of Sophia Choi to the Superior Court of Riverside County.

Choi has 17 years under her belt as an attorney, including working for the Riverside County District Attorney, and will move to the judicial bench when she is sworn into her new position. Click <u>here</u> to read more about Choi's appointment.

"As the daughter of immigrant parents, I am honored by this judicial appointment from Governor Newsom and I am deeply grateful for the support from the APAPA-GAC," **said Sophia Choi, judicial appointee**. "I am very mindful that behind each case there are people whose lives are affected by courtroom decisions. I will continue to carry that mindset and act responsibly and attentively as I carefully listen to each case knowing the impact I will make on people's lives."

"Sophia is ready to move to the bench as she is more cognizant of the need to embrace diversity and to be sensitive to the differences of each person. On behalf of the APAPA-GAC, we are proud of Sophia and know that she will be successful as a judicial appointee," **said Alameda County Superior Court Judge Stuart Hing, co-judicial advisor for APAPA-GAC.** 

"Sophia believes the position of a judge brings with it both the ability and the responsibility to allow for underrepresented voices to be heard. She truly understands the need to be a careful listener in this growing community that reflects California's diversity and values," said Alameda County Superior Court Judge Stephanie Sato, co-judicial advisor for APAPA-GAC.

APAPA, founded in 2001, has grown into a nationwide organization with more than 50 chapters across the country, from Sacramento to Washington, D.C. with the national headquarters located in Sacramento. We are a community-based, non-profit, non-partisan organization focused on increasing API leadership and civic engagement at the local, state, and national level through voter registration and education, internships, and civic leadership programs. One important goal of the APAPA Government Appointments Committee is to cultivate and promote exceptional and diverse applicants for gubernatorial appointments.