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LAPD Chief Choi and Police Commissioners,

Congratulations to Chief Dominic Choi on his being promoted to the rank of Chief of Police of LAPD, which is a great individual accomplishment. Historically speaking, Chief Dominic Choi is the first American of Asian and Korean descent to hold the position of Chief of Police in the city of Los Angeles. We know that the communities of Korean and Asian heritage must rightfully and understandably be very proud of him and his achievement.

What Chief Choi does now in this position of leadership is critical for every community in the city and will reflect on him as an individual and the communities from which he came.

This is a historic and great opportunity to chart a course for the LAPD which has been suffering from low morale which results in difficulty in retaining LAPD personnel and recruiting new officers/ The low number of personnel directly impacts in a negative way the ability of the LAPD to prevent, investigate and reduce crime/ It is time for Chief Choi to lead the LAPD in an inspirational way that will improve officer morale which will result in so many benefits to the rank and file of the LAPD officers and the entire public!

Chief Choi must not be an interim Chief that just treads water so that LAPD can just barely stay afloat as it slowly sinks as the next Chief prepares to take the helm of a sinking ship.. Chief Choi is now in a position to make some bold decisive moves that will increase officer morale and create a positive tone for the next Chief to assume leadership/

A bold symbolic act that would immediately improve officer morale would be to restore the Blue Line Flag in the lobbies of police stations where it was removed. That would be a powerful symbolic act showing that the era of Chief "Bended Knee" is over and that the LAPD now has a Chief with a backbone that stands with his officers, present and past, living and deceased and does not take a knee to radical defund anti police activists/

The LAPD has had a Chief who really didnt listen to the officers and the public unless you were from a certain group who he sought to curry political favor with. Chief Choi can improve morale by demonstrating that he does care and will listen to the officers who actually protect and serve by going to where the officers are at Roll Calls, Training Division, Police Union meetings and other events. Chief Choi can improve community police relations by attending community police meetings and ensuring that those meetings are happening in every community and that the SLOs are doing their jobs reaching out to all community members, not just the regulars or "professional police community supporters".

This is a historical and transformative moment for us all. We hope Chief Choi can inspirationally lead the LAPD to the beginning of a new era by demonstrating leadership and vision/ Time is of the essence and the time is now. Lead Chief Choi and the officers and public will support you/ Lead, listen and Lead us to a better LAPD/ We, the people, want to support you and the LAPD so that we may have a safer city.

We, the People, sincerely hope that when your time as interim Chief comes to an end, you and all communities can look back and appreciate your legacy as the Chief and be proud!

Looking forward to a Positive LAPD,

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