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SERY KIM RECEIVES ENDORSEMENT OF TONY PHAM, FORMER ACTING DIRECTOR OF ICE UNDER PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP

Proud first-generation Texan Sery Kim has officially received the endorsement from Tony Pham, the first Asian American and first Vietnamese person to lead Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

NAVARRO COUNTY, T.X. – Sery Kim, a lifelong Texan, attorney, and former Assistant Administrator for the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) appointed by President Donald J. Trump has officially been endorsed by Tony Pham in her campaign for the open seat in Texas' 6th Congressional District.

Sery Kim said, "Today, as a life-long Texan and child of legal immigrants from Seoul, South Korea, I am honored to receive the endorsement from this distinguished public servant. Tony's life story is the embodiment of the American Dream and serves as inspiration for all people that are hoping to legally immigrate to our great country. I am working hard to earn the votes of Texas' 6th Congressional District and will work even harder if my friends and neighbors send me to Washington. With close to 20,000 Vietnamese members of our community and over 40,000 Asian-American constituents, I understand how important these issues are to us. The radical left wing agenda of open borders and lawlessness pushed by Joe Biden, Nancy Pelosi, and Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez must be stopped, and I am ready to go to Washington to do just that."

In his endorsement, **Tony Pham said**, "As the highest ranking Vietnamese person to serve in President Donald J Trump's Administration, I saw first-hand how the immigration policies of previous Presidents were broken. Unfortunately our Country has reverted back to these policies of open borders and we are now seeing a surge in undocumented immigrants at our southern borders. Sery Kim has the correct approach to immigration reform and the people of Texas' 6th Congressional District should be confident in her ability to deliver these priorities to Washington, DC. As the former Acting Director of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, I fully endorse Sery Kim and can attest to her passion for standing up and leading the fight against extreme liberal agendas."

About Tony Pham



As the Acting Director for Immigration & Customs Enforcement, Mr. Pham led a national federal law enforcement organization whose mission was to safeguard the American people and the United States. He did so by overseeing a national group of law enforcement personnel and immigration detention facilities operated by private industry, ICE and many individual partnerships with local detention facilities. In his role, he steered an \$8 billion organization during the Covid19 pandemic by focusing on innovative healthcare and operational processes. Mr. Pham commissioned the agency's first ever ICE Health Services Corp (IHSC) annual report to analyze and compare the broad spectrum of healthcare services across the United States and the costs associated with the American taxpayer.

Prior to being promoted to the Acting Director role, Mr. Pham was selected as the Principal Legal Advisor for Immigration & Customs Enforcement. As a member of the Senior Executive Service, Mr. Pham led the

largest legal component within the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. With 1,300 attorneys nationwide, he managed the components of various investigatory missions and trial equities from the National Security Law Division to the Human Rights Violator Division.

Before entering federal service, Mr. Pham became the only lawyer in Virginia to operate a correctional facility, at Virginia Peninsula Regional Jail. He managed over 140 employees, both civilian and sworn law enforcement staff. In addition to managing the daily operations of the facility, he was in charge of a \$26 million annual budget. By instituting new security protocols and focusing on efficiencies, Mr. Pham save the organization over three quarters of a million dollars in his first year. Mr. Pham further enhanced safety and operational security by focusing on introducing new and innovative technologies from the private sector to bolster operational efficiencies. His success was recognized by the City of Williamsburg, Virginia, who passed a public Proclamation, recognizing his innovative spirit.

Prior to becoming an operator and Superintendent of his own detention facility, Mr. Pham served as the first ever in-house counsel to the Richmond City Sheriff's Office. In his eight (8) years there, Mr. Pham expanded revenue for his organization by focusing on public procurements of multi-million dollar contracts for goods and services to include healthcare services for inmates. Mr. Pham participated on the team which successfully won approval to construct a \$134 million new jail facility in the City of Richmond. Mr. Pham's legal portfolio included defending different personal injury and civil rights claims against his law enforcement client and drafting legislation intended to protect correctional operators.

As a graduate of the College of William and Mary and the University School of Law, Mr. Pham began his distinguished career as a prosecutor. Mr. Pham quickly progressed to prosecuting complex homicide cases and narcotics and firearms cases. He served for one year as a Special Assistant United States Attorney handling narcotics trafficking and illegal weapons matters. In 2006, he was tasked to create and lead the City's first ever gang prosecution unit, where his focus was training a new crop of attorneys and the dismantling of local organized criminal syndicates.

In 2020, Mr. Pham was recognized by the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security with the Distinguished Service Medal for his forthright leadership of DHS's largest law enforcement component during a pandemic. In 2009, Mr. Pham was recognized as one of Richmond's "**Top 40 Under 40**" individuals who are up and coming leaders in the area. In 2010, he was selected as one of **Virginia Lawyer's Weekly's "Leaders in the Law"** for his leadership in criminal law and the Asian American community. He has further been recognized in 2011, 2012 and 2020 as one of **Virginia Business Magazine's "Legal Elite"** in Criminal Law and Administrative Regulations. Recently, Mr. Pham was featured in a cover story by Virginia Lawyer's Weekly recognizing him as the "**The Only Lawyer in Virginia Running a Jail**".

As recognition to his leadership as an attorney, Mr. Pham was selected by the Supreme Court of Virginia to serve on the **Virginia State Bar's Disciplinary Board** where he served on a panel which adjudicated matters involving attorney misconduct. He further served as a distinguished faculty member of the **Justice Carrico Professionalism Course** on behalf of the Virginia State Bar. Mr. Pham further gained the confidence of two (2) Governors of Virginia when he was appointed and re-appointed to serve on the **Virginia Asian Advisory Board**.

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*Sery Kim is running as a candidate for the U.S. Congress in the 6th District of Texas.
More information about her campaign can be found at www.seryfortexas.com*