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## **Asian Pacific Islander Legislative Caucus Applauds Lark Park's Appointment to the UC Board of Regents**

SACRAMENTO - The California Asian Pacific Islander Legislative Caucus applauds Governor Brown's appointment of Lark Park to the University of California Board of Regents today. Park becomes the only Asian American currently serving on the University of California's governing board.

"Lark Park is well qualified to be a strong advocate for all students and I applaud the Governor for selecting her to serve as a regent," said Assemblymember Rob Bonta (D-Oakland) and Chair of API Legislative Caucus. "It's important that our Board of Regents reflects the diversity of our students. Asian and Pacific Islander students represent the largest ethnic group of undergraduates in the UC system," said Bonta.

"Lark Park's appointment to the UC Regents is a major achievement for the Asian American community and the student population as a whole," said Assemblymember Evan Low (D-Silicon Valley), Chair of the API Legislative Caucus's Subcommittee on Appointments. "Park is an accomplished policy expert who will bring her wealth of experience and knowledge to the UC system's governing board. As the only Asian American serving on the Board, Park's appointment brings us one step closer to a Board of Regents that reflects the diversity of the student population they oversee."

"The Governor's appointment of Lark Park demonstrates a welcome recognition that the Board of Regents must represent all students," said Assemblymember David Chiu (D-San Francisco). "She will bring her extensive policy knowledge to a governing body that must ensure that the UC system is accessible to all students and maintains its educational excellence. The API community looks forward to her service."

### **About Lark Park** (from the Governor's office):

Lark Park, 47, of Sacramento, has been senior advisor to the Governor for policy in the Office of Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. since 2015, where she served as a deputy legislative affairs secretary from 2011 to 2015. She was a consultant to the California State Senate's Committee on Human Services from 2009 to 2011 and to the Committee on Health from 2005 to 2009. Park

served as a legislative aide and consultant to State Senator Gloria Romero in 2005 and as legislative aide and press secretary to State Assemblymember Joe Simitian from 2002 to 2005. She was a staff writer at the Industry Standard from 2000 to 2001, editor of equity research at W.R. Hambrecht and Co. in 2000 and a staff reporter at Technologic Partners from 1998 to 2000. Park was a consultant at Booz Allen Hamilton from 1995 to 1997 and served as a writer at the White House from 1994 to 1995. She earned a Master of Arts degree in English and American literature from Georgetown University and a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of California, Berkeley.

*The California Asian Pacific Islander Legislative Caucus represents and advocates for the interests of the diverse API communities throughout California. It seeks to increase Asian Pacific Islander participation and representation in all levels of government.*

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