

Remarks of G. Michael Green

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Press Conference Announcing Korean American Advisory Committee

Today, I am pleased to announce the formation of the Korean-American Advisory Committee to the Delaware County District Attorney's Office. With me here are several leaders from the Korean American Association of Greater Philadelphia and two of my Assistant District Attorneys to share in the announcement of this coalition.

Over the last several years, the Korean- American community in Delaware County has grown substantially, and their contributions to Delaware County have been many. The Korean-American community fosters strong family values, educational achievement, and contributes to the economic development of the region with thriving business and entrepreneurial enterprises. The community's successes, however, have also highlighted its vulnerability to criminal activity.

Too often, Korean-Americans in Delaware County are victims of criminal conduct, and due to language and cultural barriers, that criminal conduct goes unreported and, consequently, not prosecuted. By forming this Committee, we intend to change that. We intend to make sure that the Korean-Americans in our community have a voice in the criminal justice system and that justice is done when someone is victimized.

The goal of the Korean American Advisory Committee to the Delaware County District Attorney's Office is straightforward. The Committee will bridge social and cultural gaps between law enforcement agencies and the Korean-American community by working directly with my Office to identify the reasons why the Korean-American community is underrepresented in the criminal justice system and to develop strategies to eliminate those factors. The Committee will be charged with formulating an aggressive agenda for community outreach emphasizing a greater level of communication and understanding between the Korean-American community and the law enforcement agencies that serve it.

By forming this Committee with the Korean American Association of Greater Philadelphia, I am confident that we will be able to minimize the victimization of Korean-Americans in Delaware County and move closer to my ultimate goal of preserving Delaware County as a peaceful and civil place to live and work.

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