

ERNIE TAKEMOTO

Vice President



Ernie has worked in a variety of assignments during his more than 30 year career as a probation officer, including juvenile and adult supervision, residential treatment programs, school based programs, and specialized gang suppression programs—including the Asian gang unit. While working the Asian gang unit, he became involved in working in the Asian community by providing information and assistance to parents and community based organizations concerning Asian juvenile gangs. During this period of time, Ernie felt that Asians were not given the same type of services that other ethnic groups were receiving.

He also felt that Asian probation officers were not being represented and as a result started the Asian Pacific Probation Association (APPA) in 1993, serving as president for the first seven years. Using the LACAAEA as a model and with the assistance and advice of former president Howard Takata, APPA became a viable and recognizable employee association in the Probation Department. Ernie believes that with his knowledge and experience that he received working with Howard Takata and the LACAAEA, it was time to give back to the LACAAEA and its membership. It is an honor and a pleasure for him to be serving on the Board as one of the two Association's Vice Presidents.