



## **Henry Ong**

### **Public Information Director I**

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#### **BIOGRAPHY**

Henry Ong serves as Public Information Director I for the City of Los Angeles Department of Public Works. Appointed in December 1999, he assists the Public Information Director II in the planning, development and execution of media and community relations; crisis, marketing and employee communications; and supervising the public relations, graphics and administrative staff.

A former print-media journalist, Henry Ong entered City service in 1989 at the Department of Water and Power (DWP). He worked as a Management Assistant at DWP, but decided to switch to public relations in 1995 when he became a Public Relations Specialist in the Los Angeles Public Library. He was promoted to Principal Public Relations Representative with the Police Department in 1998. The following year, he was promoted to his current position as Public Information Director I at the Department of Public Works.

Ong has a bachelor's degree in biology from the University of Singapore and a Master's degree in journalism and mass communications from Iowa State University. He served as managing editor for several newspapers and magazines, including Los Angeles City Press, AsiAm and the Sun Newspapers.