

# 2025 Community Safety and Business Symposium

## May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025

### Program Schedules

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<b>8:00 AM – 8:30 AM</b>	Registration & Networking Breakfast
<b>8:40 AM – 8:50 AM</b>	Event MC <b>Mike Nguyen and Dawn Lin</b>
<b>8:50 AM – 8:55 AM</b>	Welcome by Event Chairs Nancy J. Li, Kenneth Li & Tony Ly
<b>9:00 AM – 9:10 AM</b>	Opening Remarks <b>by Mayor John Whitmire</b>
	After the Mayor's address, the MC will invite the three event chairs back to the stage for the following presentations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ An Appreciation and Leadership Award to <b>Mayor John Whitmire</b></li><li>○ A Special Recognition Award to <b>Gigi Lee</b></li></ul>

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#### PANEL 1 – Building Trust and Safety Together

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<b>9:10am -9:50am</b>	<b>Enhancing Law Enforcement &amp; Community Collaboration for Safer Neighborhoods</b>
<b>Focus:</b>	Strengthening trust between the Asian community and local law enforcement agencies to improve safety, reporting of crimes, and community policing efforts.
<b>Key Discussion Points:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Understanding and addressing safety concerns specific to Asian communities</li><li>• Encouraging crime reporting and breaking language/cultural barriers</li><li>• HPD and Harris County Sheriff's Office initiatives to enhance public safety</li></ul>
<b>Panelists:</b>	<b>HPD Executive Assistant Chief (EAC) Alvaro Guzman</b> <b>HPD Assistant Chief Yasar Bashir</b> <b>Metro PD Chief Ban Tien</b> <b>HPD Gang Division Captain Mario Clinton</b> <b>Westside Captain Timothy Trometer</b>
<b>Moderator</b>	<b>HCSO Lt. Mike Nguyen</b>
<b>9:50 AM – 10:00 AM</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Q &amp; A</li><li>○ Present Award to Speakers and Moderator</li></ul>
<b>10:00 AM – 10:10 AM</b>	Raffle Drawing & Break

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## **PANEL 2 - Legal Protection for Our Business the Role of the District Attorney's Office in Community Safety**

**10:10AM**

MC Dawn Lin & Mike Nyugen call back for Panel 2

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**10:10am-10:50am:**

**Focus:** Understanding how the Harris County District Attorney's Office supports the Asian community through prosecution, legal resources, and victim assistance.

**Key Discussion Points:**

- Hate crime prosecution and legal recourse for victims
- Business fraud, scams, and legal protections for entrepreneurs
- How to work with the DA's Office for justice and accountability

**Panelists:** Harris County **District Attorney Sean Teare**  
ADA John Brewer, Special Crimes Bureau Chief  
ADA Adam Brodrick, Consumer Fraud Division Chief  
ADA George Lindsey, Organized Crime Division

**Moderator:** **SWMD Public Safety Director Peter Acquaro**

**10:50 AM – 11:00 AM**

- Q & A
- Present Award to Speakers and Moderator

**11:00 AM – 11:10 AM**

Raffle Drawing & Break

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## PANEL 3 – Investigating Crimes and Financial Threats

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11:10AM MC Dawn Lin & Mike Nyugen call back for Panel 2

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### 11:10 AM – 11:50 AM

**Focus:** Explore the critical roles and collaborative strategies of federal and local law enforcement in addressing hate crimes and security threats impacting Asian communities.

**Key Discussion Topics:**

- Federal efforts to combat hate crimes targeting Asian Americans
- Prevention of cybersecurity breaches, robberies, business fraud, and financial crimes
- Strengthening partnerships between law enforcement agencies and community organizations

**Panelists:**

- **SSA David Ko**, FBI – Expert in federal investigations, community protection, cybersecurity, and fraud prevention
- **Jody Lee**, Chairman, Southwest National Bank – Insights on protecting businesses and individuals through financial systems
- **Lt. Kendal Clark**, HPD – Property and Financial Crimes Division
- **Sgt. Kevin Ferguson** - Property and Financial Crimes

**Moderator: Captain N. Nguyen**, HPD – Auto Theft Division

### 11:50 AM – 12:00 PM

- Q & A
- Present Award to Speakers and Moderator

### 12:00 PM – 12:15 PM

Raffle Drawing & Break

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## Lunch & Keynote Presentation

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**12:30 PM** Event MC **Mike Nguyen and Dawn Lin**

**12:40PM- 1:10PM** Lunch served with **Featured keynote speakers Council Members Willie Davis and Twila Carter**

**1:10PM - 1:30 PM** Award Acknowledges

**1:35PM** Closing Remarks & Adjournment