WASHINGTON, D.C., July 9, 2014 – AARP recently welcomed Doris Koo to its Board of Directors. The all-volunteer, 21-member Board of Directors is the governing body of AARP. Some of the major responsibilities of AARP board members are to approve the budget and monitor AARP finances, set policy positions, and determine the association's future direction.

“I am honored to serve on AARP’s Board of Directors.” Koo said. “It is an organization committed to service, inspiring social change, and ensuring that people of all backgrounds age with dignity and respect. I look forward to serving AARP members and the broader 50+ population.”

Koo, of Seattle, Washington, recently retired from a 13-year career with Enterprise Community Partners, a leading national nonprofit specializing in affordable housing advocacy and development, having served in a variety of executive roles, including that of president and CEO. Previously, she spent seven years with the Seattle Housing Authority, leading efforts to build or preserve affordable housing units, overseeing bond financing and asset and portfolio management, and serving as Director of Development. She founded and led, as Executive Director, Asian Americans for Equality, taking it from an all-volunteer organization to the biggest owner and developer of low-income housing in New York City’s Chinatown and Lower East Side neighborhoods. Koo has been a respected member of the AARP Foundation Board since 2012.

“Doris Koo's appointment to the Board of Directors brings to AARP a person who has committed her whole career to advancing the causes and needs of the less fortunate,” said Daphne Kwok, AARP Vice President of Multicultural Markets and Engagement. “Having served on an Asian American and Pacific
Islander community organization board with Ms. Koo, I have seen her effectively and passionately advocate for public good. As AARP expands its outreach to multicultural communities, having Ms. Koo in AARP's leadership will be a great asset.”

AARP received a large number of applicants to become a board member from AARP members all over the country in response to a call for applications. Applications were solicited online and an independent review committee evaluated the submissions and sent its recommendations to the then-current board for approval.

For more information about how AARP helps Asian American & Pacific Islander families get more out of life, visit [www.AARP.org/AAPI](http://www.AARP.org/AAPI), [www.facebook.com/AARPAAPICommunity](http://www.facebook.com/AARPAAPICommunity) and [www.twitter.com/AARPAAPI](http://www.twitter.com/AARPAAPI).

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