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NIA Appoints Susan Eng as Senior Fellow in Advocacy

TORONTO, May 17, 2019 – The NIA is proud to announce that Susan Eng, one of Canada’s leading advocates, has been appointed Senior Fellow in Advocacy.

“Susan has been at the forefront of countless successful advocacy campaigns during her illustrious career,” said Michael Nicin, Executive Director. “She has a track record of effecting social, financial, health and legal change. Her leadership and experience in advocacy will benefit the NIA immeasurably.”

Susan Eng is a Toronto lawyer and former Executive Vice President of the Canadian Association of Retired Persons (CARP). During her 8-year tenure as head of advocacy, Susan led CARP to shape the public discourse and secure legislative change on key issues such as pension reform, investor protection, mandatory retirement, workplace age discrimination, home care and seniors’ poverty. In 2012, Susan was named one of *The Hill Times*’ Top 100 Lobbyists.

Susan was the Chair of the Metropolitan Toronto Police Services Board from 1991-1995 where she advanced issues of public accountability, police use of force, anti-racism, and fiscal responsibility and initiated ground-breaking policy and organizational changes while under intense media scrutiny. Community service has been a long-term commitment. Susan successfully campaigned, along with other redress groups across the country, for a Parliamentary apology and redress for 62 years of legislated racism under the Head Tax and Exclusion Acts.

Susan served on the Board of Directors of the Urban Alliance on Race Relations. She was on the executive of the Chinese Canadian National Council. She was a founder of the Yee Hong Centre for Geriatric Care, a world-renowned care centre providing culturally appropriate care for Chinese, South Asian, Japanese and Filipino seniors.

Susan has served on the boards of the Canadian Civil Liberties Association and the YWCA of Greater Toronto. She was named a YWCA’s Woman of Distinction. She served three successive terms on the Governing Council of the University of Toronto and received the Arbour Award for her voluntary service to the University. Susan was awarded the Law Society Medal in 2015 for outstanding service in the profession.

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