

## On the Human Relations Commission

Realtor says she's determined to stand up for the rights of others.

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Virginia Han knows what it's like to be bullied, to be non-confrontational and to be fearful of retaliation.

She knows, and she won't stand for such behavior.

Han, who was appointed by Fourth District Supervisor Chris Norby to the Orange County Human Relations Commission last month, said she looks forward to helping people stand up for their rights and be heard.

The Fullerton Realtor easily recalled an incident with her younger sister in their native Korea that helped determine her sympathetic path.

"My little sister was walking along when this older boy came up and hit her," Han said. "She was crying, and all my parents told her to do was to come in and eat dinner.

"But I wanted the boy's parents to know what he had done, so I marched my sister to their house and told her to cry harder," Han said. "Eventually, he had to apologize under pressure from his family."

Han expects similarities in her new position.

"Many immigrants have a high education, but they're still afraid to say anything," she said. "Many times the problem is overcoming language and culture."

**Q: How did you get involved in the Fullerton community?**

### Meet Virginia



**Family:** Husband Elliott, daughter Lorraine, son Nicholas.

**Education:** BA in Religion from Bethesda Christian University and working on master's degree at Talbot School of Theology.

**Answer:** While raising my two children with my husband, my active involvement began when I became president of the Sunny Hills High School Korean PTSA. Many times children born in America don't share news with their parents, and this was a good way to find out what was going on. I also served as a superintendent advisory committee member of the Fullerton Joint Union High School District from 1998 to 2000.

**Q: What other things did you do in the city?**

**A:** My dedication to the community continued when I became a member of the city's Investment Advisory Committee, then I was a Community Service commissioner.

**Q: Do you have time for other outside interests?**

**A:** I have a passion for serving the Lord and people in need. Human beings should be treated right. I'm so excited that I can use my passion for doing something for others.