



Armenian Bar Association Congratulates California Attorney General Robert Bonta



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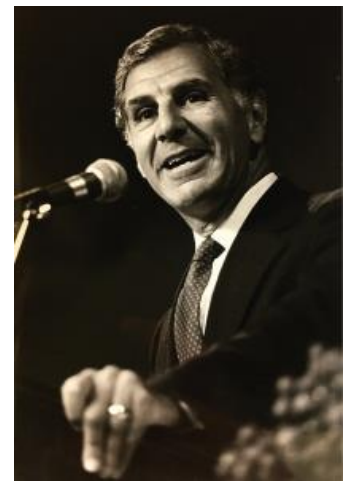
The Office of the California Attorney General has for decades held special meaning for the Armenian Bar Association. One of our enduring role models, a man of immaculate moral character and irreproachable professional demeanor, was California Governor George Deukmejian who, before becoming Governor, rose from the ranks of the California State Assembly and State Senate to become the 27th Attorney General of California.

Deukmejian led with a measured blend of conviction, conservatism, and compassion. He was also widely respected by a generation of deputies attorney general whose careers he launched and enhanced, among them members of various ethnic minority communities, including Armenian-Americans.

It is with this backdrop in mind that the Armenian Bar Association congratulates Mr. Robert Bonta on his appointment as California's 34th Attorney General. Mr. Bonta's appointment comes at a time when California, unfortunately like too many other places in this and other countries, has experienced an increase in race-based hate crimes and an escalation of divisive inter-communal rhetoric.

As the first Filipino-American Attorney General, Mr. Bonta understands these challenges all too well on both personal and professional levels. We are confident that he will employ the full power and authority of his office to replace hate with harmony, antagonism with acceptance, and separation with security.

The Armenian Bar Association wishes Mr. Bonta long and lasting success and looks forward to working with him on matters of mutual interest.



Governor George Deukmejian