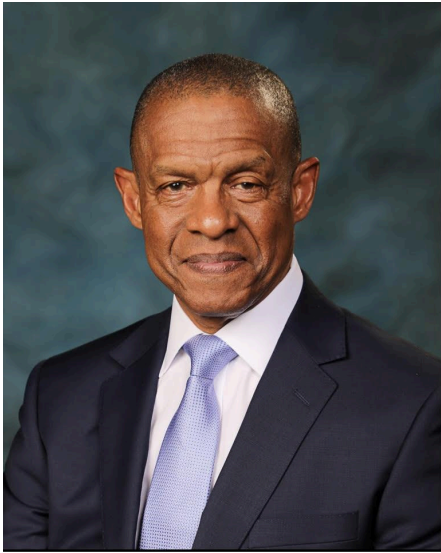




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## **Special Agent Erroll G. Southers (Fmr.) Federal Bureau of Investigation Los Angeles, CA**

Special Agent Erroll Southers (Fmr.) began his law enforcement career as an officer with the Santa Monica Police Department in California. He served as a gang investigator, field training officer, and Crime Impact Team member. In 1984, he joined the Federal Bureau of Investigation as a special agent in the San Diego office, where he conducted counterintelligence/terrorism investigations and served on the Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Team. In 1993, he became the Executive Director for the City Manager of Long Beach, California, and led the Youth, Education, and Community Services Unit as well as the Citizen Police Complaint Commission. In 2004, he was appointed by California Gov. Arnold

Schwarzenegger as Deputy Director for the Office of Homeland Security and was responsible for post-9/11 counterterrorism policy initiatives and projects to protect the critical infrastructure of the state. In 2007, he became Assistant Chief of Homeland Security and Intelligence at the Los Angeles World Airports Police Department and led counter-terrorism and security operations over the four airports under his jurisdiction. He was President Obama's first nominee for TSA Assistant Secretary, Governor Newsom's appointee to the Commission on the State of Hate, and Mayor Karen Bass' appointee to the Los Angeles Board of Police Commissioners, where he serves as President.

Southers left law enforcement in 2010. He is currently the Associate Senior Vice President of Safety and Risk Assurance at the University of Southern California (USC), responsible for overseeing the Administration Division's Safety Departments. He served as a Professor of National and Homeland Security at USC, specializing in Homegrown Violent Extremism Studies, and is the author of *Homegrown Violent Extremism*. He holds a bachelor's degree from Brown University, both master's and doctoral degrees in public policy from USC, and is a proud member of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity.

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