

# California Bay Area 5-County API Elected Officials Roster 2022



To Create Synergy for Uniting  
Asian Pacific Islander American  
Leaders and Organizations

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## **ABOUT**

The API Coalition is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Our mission is to create synergy for uniting Asian Pacific American leaders and API organizations. Working as a team, the API Coalition and members will promote APIA empowerment and civic engagement. We will also champion social justice and equal opportunities for APIA and all Americans.

The API Coalition organization will sponsor programs and activities that develop APIA leadership; raise public awareness of APIA concerns; participate in governmental policy and decision-making processes; and, eliminate prejudice and discrimination of API and all Americans.



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS



### **Albert Wang**

#### *Chair*

Dr. Albert Wang was born in Taiwan and came to the US at the age of 14. He received his MD degree from UC San Diego, and currently serves as the Director and immediate past Chair of the for the 1800-doctor Palo Alto Foundation Medical Group.

Dr. Wang is passionate about community service. Past service includes President of the American Cancer Society, Northern California Chinese Unit and Board member of ACS California Division. He and his wife Anna helped found Friends of Children with Special Needs, supporting largely Chinese American immigrant families. He was also Vice Chair of Asian Pacific Islander American Public Affairs Association (APAPA) and Chair of APAPA California for many years.

For his long history of community service, Dr. Wang received American Cancer Society Silicon Valley Region Lifetime Volunteer Achievement Award, Fremont Education Foundation "A League of Their Own" award, KQED Disability Culture Award, World Journal Community Hero Award, among others.



### **Andy Li**

#### *President*

Born and raised in China, Andy came to the US for graduate study in 1994. After years of service in non-profit organizations and government-appointed positions, Andy was elected as Contra Costa Community College District Governing Board in 2018 and was elected as board president in 2021. In 2019, he was awarded API of the year by California state assembly member Rebecca Bauer-Kahan.

Besides being an elected official, Andy currently serves as the president of API Coalition and the president of CLUSA, a board member of the Leadership San Ramon Valley Program, a board member of Discovery Counseling Center, and a steering committee member of San Ramon Valley Diversity Coalition. Andy is also a long-time Rotary member.



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### **Ron Cho**

#### ***Vice President***

Ron has over 25 years of substantial technology, management, organizational development, and operational experience. He has helped lead venture capital backed startup companies like Arbor Software. Ron has a proven track record in creating and managing high performance technology teams from the ground up.

Ron serves on the City of San Diego Parks & Recreation Board and Regional Oversight Committee. Ron also serves on Mayor of San Diego's Asian Pacific Islander Advisory Board. Ron serves on San Diego's Asian Business Association Foundation Board. Ron previously served on the City of San Diego Citizen's Equal Opportunity Commission. Ron is also a former Board Member and Chair of Union of Pan Asian Communities.



### **Nancy Chen**

#### ***Treasurer***

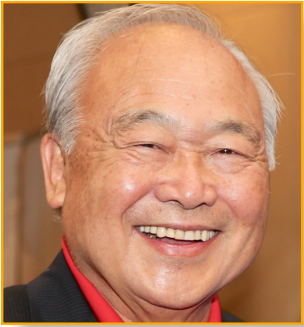
Nancy Chen has more than 18 years of work experience in accounting and management, covering high-tech manufacturing, B2B services, e-commerce, and non-profit organizations. She currently works as part of the accounting management in a large public school district, and as a member of the San Ramon Valley Unified School District (SRVUSD) Parcel Tax Committee. Before that, she worked as the controller of an e-commerce company.

Outside of her work, Nancy is passionate about civic participation and community service. She is a long time Rotarian, former Treasurer of the Rotary Club of Dougherty Valley/San Ramon, and former Treasurer of Asian Pacific Islander Public Affairs (APAPA), Bay Area Region (BAR). She was one of the co-founders of APAPA, Tri-Valley chapter, where she served as the Treasurer and one of the founding Vice Presidents. Her volunteering experience also includes serving as the community outreach coordinator of the National Alliance on Mental Illness, Contra Costa County (NAMI CCC).





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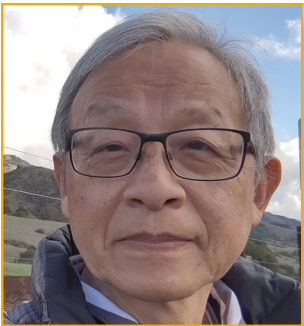


### **Joel Wong**

#### ***Secretary***

Joel Wong is a Certified Industrial Hygienist, Certified Safety Professional and a Registered Environmental Assessor. Joel served as the Division Leader of the Environmental, Safety and Health Division at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. He founded and owned Environmental and Safety Resources a private consultation service.

Since retirement in 2000, Joel has served on many API Organizations in various capacities, including President of CAPA (Chinese American Political Association) and Chair of the CAPA Community Education Fund. Joel is the current President of NAAPAC (formerly 80-20 PAC) and current President of NAAUnited (formerly 80-20 United), a 501C3 organization



### **Sandy Chau**

#### ***Board Member***

Wai Yan Sandy Chau was born in Shanghai, elementary school in Hong Kong, middle school in Vietnam, high school in Hong Kong and college in USA. Career started in Vietnam from 1972 to mid 1975. Worked with Asian Inc San Francisco on business empowerment for minority enterprises (1975-1977). Founded Universal Semiconductor in 1978.

Lived in Taiwan (1986 to 1989) and Hong Kong (1990 to 2000). Back to USA since 2001. Lived in Beijing half time 2009 to 2014. Active with Acorn group in high tech investments. In 1979 Founded AAMA (Asian American Multi Technology). Key participant of CIE (Chinese Institute of Engineers from 1979 to 1985) Active board member of Vision New America. President of Shin shin Education Foundation (2004 to 2009). Founder of Civil Leadership USA.



***API Coalition and CLUSA jointly invite you to the***

# **California Bay Area 5-county API Elected Official Summit**

*Invited Federal and State Elected officials*

*\*Confirmed*



**Kamala Harris**  
*Vice President*



**\*Ro Khanna**  
*Member of Congress*



**\*Rob Bonta**  
*CA Attorney General*



**\*Fiona Ma**  
*CA State Treasurer*



**\*Betty Yee**  
*CA State Controller*



**\*Ash Kalra**  
*Assemblymember*



**\*Alex Lee**  
*Assemblymember*



**\*Evan Low**  
*Assemblymember*



**\*Phil Ting**  
*Assemblymember*

**Sunday, May 1, 2022**

**4:00pm - 9:00pm**

**DoubleTree by Hilton  
Newark-Fremont**

39900 Balentine Dr., Newark, CA 94560  
510-490-8390

## **Program**

**4:00 – 4:45**

*Introduction of federal & state  
elected officials*

**5:00 – 6:20**

*Introduction of local  
elected officials*

**6:30 – 9:00**

*Dinner with keynote speakers*

## **Sponsors**



**Sandy Chau**



**Ken Fong**



**Dr. Hsing Kung**

***Join over 100 API elected officials from the Bay Area  
5 counties to celebrate API Heritage Month***

Questions or to RSVP: Contact Andy Li at [andy.j.li@gmail.com](mailto:andy.j.li@gmail.com) or (860) 263-9540





# ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN OFFICIALS

## FEDERAL



### **Kamala Harris**

#### *Vice President, United States of America*

Kamala Devi Harris was born October 20, 1964, to a Black Stanford University professor, her father, and a Tamil Indian mother who was a physician. Kamala Harris is the 49th and current vice president of the United States. She is the first female vice president and the highest-ranking female official in U.S. history, as well as the first African American and first Asian American vice president.

Born in Oakland, California, Harris graduated from Howard University and the University of California, Hastings College of the Law. She began her career in the Alameda County District Attorney's Office, before being recruited to the San Francisco District Attorney's Office and later the City Attorney of San Francisco's office. In 2003, she was elected district attorney of San Francisco. She was elected Attorney General of California in 2010 and re-elected in 2014. Harris served as the junior United States senator from California from 2017 to 2021. Harris defeated Loretta Sanchez in the 2016 Senate election to become the second African American woman and the first South Asian American to serve in the United States Senate.



### **Ro Khanna**

#### *Representative, United States Congress*

Representative Ro Khanna represents California's 17th Congressional District, located in the heart of Silicon Valley, and is serving his third term.

Rep. Khanna was born in Philadelphia, PA, during America's bicentennial, to a middle-class family. Both of his parents immigrated to the United States in the 1970s from India in search of opportunity and a better life for their children. His father is a chemical engineer and his mother is a substitute school teacher. Rep. Khanna's commitment to public service was inspired by his grandfather who was active in Gandhi's independence movement, worked with Lala Lajpat Rai in India, and spent several years in jail for promoting human rights.

Prior to serving in Congress, Rep. Khanna taught economics at Stanford University, law at Santa Clara University, and American Jurisprudence at San Francisco State University. He wrote the book *Entrepreneurial Nation: Why Manufacturing is Still Key to America's Future* and worked as a lawyer specializing in intellectual property law. Rep. Khanna served in President Barack Obama's administration as Deputy Assistant Secretary at the U.S. Department of Commerce. In 2012, California Governor Jerry Brown appointed him to the California Workforce Investment Board. He has also provided pro bono legal counsel to Hurricane Katrina victims with the Mississippi Center for Justice, and co-authored an amicus brief on the fair housing U.S. Supreme Court case, *Mount Holly v. Mt. Holly Gardens Citizens in Action, Inc.*



# ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN OFFICIALS

## STATE



### **Rob Bonta**

#### ***California Attorney General***

On April 23, 2021, Rob Bonta was sworn in as the 34th Attorney General of the State of California, the first person of Filipino descent to occupy the position. Attorney General Bonta's passion for justice and fairness was instilled in him by his parents, who served on the frontlines of some of America's most important social justice movements. It's why he decided to become a lawyer — to help right historic wrongs and fight for people who have been harmed. He worked his way through college and graduated with honors from Yale University and attended Yale Law School. Attorney General Bonta has led statewide fights for racial, economic, and environmental justice and worked to further the rights of immigrant families, renters, and working Californians.

He previously worked as a Deputy City Attorney for the City and County of San Francisco, where he represented the City and County and its employees, and fought to protect Californians from exploitation and racial profiling. He went on to pursue elected office in Alameda County, first as an Alameda Councilmember and later as an Assemblymember representing Oakland, Alameda, and San Leandro. In the State Assembly, Attorney General Bonta enacted nation-leading reforms to inject more justice and fairness into government and institutions. As the People's Attorney, he sees seeking accountability from those who abuse their power and harm others as one of the most important functions of the job. He is married to Mia Bonta, and they are proud parents of Reina, Iliana, and Andres.



### **Betty Yee**

#### ***California State Controller***

State Controller Betty T. Yee was elected in November 2014, following two terms on the Board of Equalization, where she continues to serve as a voting member. Reelected in 2018, Yee is the tenth woman elected to statewide office in California history.

As chief fiscal officer of the world's fifth-largest economy, Yee chairs Franchise Tax Board and serves on the California Public Employees' Retirement System and California State Teachers' Retirement System Boards. Yee serves on dozens of boards, commissions, and financing authorities affecting policies from land management and affordable housing to crime victim compensation and educational facilities. As chair of the State Lands Commission, she stewards public trust lands and waters. Yee led adoption of the Commission's first strategic plan, focusing on sea-level rise and oil decommissioning, with a commitment to environmental justice and tribal consultation.

A native of San Francisco, Yee has more than 35 years of experience in public service, specializing in finance and tax policy. Yee leads a team of professionals responsible for financial reporting, audits, and issuing more than 49 million payments a year. Through the pandemic, she has worked to reimagine the State Controller's Office as a workplace of the future.

Controller Yee previously served as Chief Deputy Director for Budget with the Department of Finance, and in senior positions for several legislative committees.



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## STATE



### **Fiona Ma**

#### ***California State Treasurer***

Fiona Ma is California's 34th State Treasurer and the primary banker for the world's fifth-largest economy. She is the first woman of color and the first woman Certified Public Accountant (CPA) elected to the position. The State Treasurer's Office processes more than \$2 trillion in transactions and she oversees an investment portfolio that has averaged over \$100 billion during her administration. Her office provides financing for schools, roads, housing, recycling and waste management, hospitals, public facilities, and other crucial infrastructure projects that better the lives of residents.

Prior to being elected Treasurer, she was an elected member of the California Board of Equalization from 2015 until January 2019 and worked to protect the rights of taxpayers while ensuring California collected its fair share of tax revenues. Treasurer Ma was a member of the State Assembly from 2006-2012, serving as Speaker pro Tempore from 2010 to 2012 as well as Assembly Majority Whip. From 2002-2006, she served on the San Francisco Board of Supervisors. Treasurer Ma first became involved in public service in 1994 when she was elected president of the Asian Business Association



### **Alex Lee**

#### ***Assemblymember AD 25***

Alex Lee represents California's 25th Assembly District which includes the Alameda County communities of Fremont and Newark, and the Santa Clara County Communities of Milpitas, San Jose, and Santa Clara.

Assemblymember Lee was elected in 2020 and became the youngest Asian American legislator ever elected and first openly bisexual state legislator in California history. He currently serves on the following committees in the State Assembly: Education, Transportation, Business and Professions, Rules, Subcommittee on Education Finance, and several select committees including on Social Housing, transformative legislation he proposed.

In his first year in office, he was named "Legislator of the Year" by the Golden State Manufactured Home Owners League (GMSOL) as well as the California Attorneys for Criminal Justice (CACJ).

Previously, he worked on statewide policy regarding public safety, climate change, and education for California State Senator Henry Stern and Assemblymember Evan Low. Lee has been a Bay Area resident since birth and called both San Jose and Milpitas his home for all his life. He is a graduate of Milpitas High School and the University of California, Davis, where he served as Student Body President."





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## STATE



### **Ash Kalra**

#### ***Assemblymember AD 27***

Assemblymember Ash Kalra represents California's 27th District, which encompasses approximately half of San José and includes all of downtown. He was first elected in 2016, becoming the first Indian American to serve in the California Legislature in state history, and was re-elected to his third term in 2020. Assemblymember Kalra is the Chair of the Committee on Labor and Employment and also serves as a member on the Housing and Community Development, Judiciary, Transportation, and Water, Parks, and Wildlife committees. Last year, he was elected by his Assembly colleagues to serve as Chair of the California Legislative Progressive Caucus to help guide a strategic, thoughtful approach to advancing a compassionate, inclusive agenda for Californians.

He has established himself as a leader on issues ranging from criminal justice reform to environmental protection, and has championed legislation on health care sustainability, housing affordability, growing transportation infrastructure, and expanding economic opportunity for all. He previously served on the San José City Council for eight years and was formerly a Deputy Public Defender for Santa Clara County for 11 years, representing clients in dozens of felony jury trials. As a public defender, he represented indigent clients in both felony and misdemeanor matters, and a majority of his time was spent in drug treatment court where clients were given the opportunity to complete a rehabilitation program and turn their lives around.

Assemblymember Ash Kalra was born in Toronto, Canada, and moved to California as a young child, residing in the same South San José neighborhood where he grew up. He received a Bachelor of Arts in Communication from the University of California, Santa Barbara, and a law degree from Georgetown University.



### **Evan Low**

#### ***Assemblymember AD 28***

Evan Low has represented Silicon Valley residents in the California State Assembly since 2014. He first held elected office as a Councilmember for the City of Campbell, where he went on to make history in 2010 as the youngest openly LGBTQ+ mayor in the country. Assemblymember Low now serves as Chair of the LGBTQ Caucus. In 2015, he launched the California Legislative Technology & Innovation Caucus, whose members include a bi-partisan group of Assemblymembers and Senators. Assemblymember Low is also Vice Chair of the Asian & Pacific Islander Legislative Caucus. During his time as an elected official, Assemblymember Low has authored numerous laws that have increased government transparency, advanced equality, reformed the criminal justice system, helped small businesses, and encouraged job growth. He is a graduate of San Jose State University and Harvard University's Senior Executives in State and Local Government Program.



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## STATE



### **Phil Ting**

#### ***Assemblymember AD 19***

Phil Ting was elected to the State Assembly in 2012 and represents the 19th Assembly District that includes the Westside of San Francisco and the communities of Broadmoor, Colma, Daly City, and South San Francisco. He now serves as Chair of the Assembly Budget Committee.

Assemblymember Ting is a graduate of U.C. Berkeley and Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government. He began his career in public service as the Executive Director of the Asian Law Caucus, the first organization of its kind to advance and promote the legal and civil rights of Asian Pacific Islander communities. He also served as Community Relations Director at San Francisco State University before being appointed in 2005 by then-Mayor Gavin Newsom as Assessor-Recorder of the city and county of San Francisco. In that capacity, Ting served the city and closed a five-year assessment backlog and brought in \$290 million in unpaid property taxes. He also created a program to increase rooftop solar installations and spearheaded efforts to assist homeowners and tenants facing foreclosure.

As the current Chair of the Assembly Budget Committee, Assemblymember Ting knows that the California budget establishes and guides the priorities of the state. He is advocating tirelessly for education reform and reinvestment as well as for harnessing technology for a cleaner economy and more transparent government. Most importantly, he is fighting for equal rights for all Californians. He is pursuing responsible budget solutions that strengthen our middle class. Mr. Ting also brings practical experience to California's ongoing debate on tax reform. Prior to his current chairmanship, he served as Chair of the Assembly Committee on Revenue and Taxation and Chair of the Assembly Democratic Caucus.





# ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN OFFICIALS

## COUNTY



### **Connie Chan**

*Supervisor, City and County of San Francisco*



### **Gordon Mar**

*Supervisor, City and County of San Francisco*



### **Otto Lee**

*Supervisor, County of Santa Clara*

Supervisor Otto Lee represents District 3 on the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors, which includes Sunnyvale, Milpitas, and the Alviso, Berryessa, and northern neighborhoods of San José. When he was a child, his family fled Hong Kong to the Bay Area. Otto earned a B.S. in Chemical and Nuclear Engineering from UC Berkeley, and his law degree from UC Hastings. He is a former Sunnyvale Mayor & Councilmember, Retired U.S. Navy Commander, intellectual property attorney and father. Otto lives in Sunnyvale with his wife and three daughters. He was elected to represent Supervisorial District 3 in November 2020.



### **Phong La**

*Assessor, County of Alameda*

Phong La was elected on November 6, 2018, to serve as the Assessor for the County of Alameda, and is committed to making government work for the people of Alameda County. Phong obtained his Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of California, Davis and his Juris Doctor from the University of California, Hastings College of the Law. Phong worked as an attorney in one of California's largest real estate law firms, for the United States government, for a privately held real estate holding company and his own small businesses. Phong has also worked as an adjunct professor teaching Real Estate Law, Economics and Property Management.



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## COUNTY



### **David Chiu**

#### ***City Attorney, City and County of San Francisco***

David Chiu is San Francisco's first Asian American City Attorney. David previously represented San Francisco in the California State Assembly, and was the first Asian to serve as President of San Francisco's Board of Supervisors. Before elected office, David was Chief Operating Officer of a public affairs technology company, a criminal prosecutor at the San Francisco District Attorney's Office, a civil rights attorney with the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights, and Democratic Counsel to the U.S. Senate Constitution Subcommittee. The son of immigrants, David received his undergraduate, law, and master's in public policy degrees from Harvard University.



### **Aisha Knowles**

#### ***Trustee, Alameda County Board of Education***

Born and raised in Hayward by an Asian-American mother and African-American father, Aisha Knowles has an extensive background in public service and community relations, and has served as a Public Information Officer in the fire service for over 17 years. A resident of Ashland (an unincorporated community in Alameda County) with deep family roots in Russell City and Fairview, Aisha was elected to represent Area 4 on the Alameda County Board of Education in 2012, and has completed multiple terms as President of the Board in 2015-2016, and from 2020-2022.



### **Grace Mah**

#### ***Trustee, Santa Clara County Board of Education***

Grace Mah has served on the Santa Clara County Board of Education since 2007. Grace is co-founder of the Strong Start Coalition, dedicated to increasing access to early learning opportunities for babies and preschoolers in Santa Clara County. Grace is also a volunteer at Palo Alto public schools, and the initiator of a Mandarin immersion program in the Palo Alto Unified School District. Grace has 18 years of experience in high-tech. She has a B.S. in Engineering from the Caltech, an M.S. in Electrical Engineering from UC Berkeley, and the Public Leadership Credential from the Harvard Kennedy School.



### **Rosemary Kamei**

#### ***Trustee, Santa Clara County Board of Education***



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### **Tara Sreekrishnan**

#### *Trustee, Santa Clara County Board of Education*

Tara Sreekrishnan is a dedicated public servant with a focus on education, sustainability, and equity. She brings professional experience across every level of local government: city, county, and state. Tara serves on the Santa Clara County Board of Education where she represents over 250,000 residents in Trustee Area 2 which spans all of Saratoga, Los Gatos, and Cupertino, as well as parts of Sunnyvale. She is a member of the Strong Start Coalition which works to strengthen early care, health, and education for newborns and children up to age 8 across Santa Clara County.



### **Victoria Chon**

#### *Trustee, Santa Clara County Board of Education*



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## CITY



### **Lily Mei**

#### ***Mayor, City of Fremont***

Lily Mei is the first elected woman and Asian American mayor in Fremont's 65 year history. Besides being the first woman to serve as Fremont's Mayor, Lily is also a working mom—bringing a unique perspective on the needs of women, children and families to her leadership role. She previously served two terms as a School Board Trustee before being elected to the City Council.



### **Rich Tran**

#### ***Mayor, City of Milpitas***

Richard "Rich" Tran is the first hometown kid elected to the Mayor's seat in 32 years. Rich has dedicated his life to public service after experiencing the Great Recession out of college in 2008. He credits his political path to his inspiration, the 44th President of the United States Barack Obama.



### **Malia Vella**

#### ***Councilmember, City of Alameda***



### **Tony Daysog**

#### ***Councilmember, City of Alameda***





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## CITY



### **Julia Mates**

*Councilmember, City of Belmont*

Julia Mates has lived in Belmont for 12 years. She was appointed to the City Council in January 2018 and elected in November 2018 and served on the Planning Commission prior to that. Julia is a graduate of Washington High School in San Francisco, UCLA, and Cal State Sacramento, where she obtained her Master's degree in History/Public History. She has worked as a Historian and Cultural Resources Specialist consultant for over 17 years, where she acquired skills and experience in land use planning.



### **Rashi Kesarwani**

*Councilmember, City of Berkeley*



### **Rigel Robinson**

*Councilmember, City of Berkeley*



### **Jeff Wan**

*Councilmember, City of Clayton*



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### **Diana Colvin**

*Councilmember, City of Colma*



### **Joanne F. del Rosario**

*Councilmember, City of Colma*



### **Liang Chao**

*Councilmember, City of Cupertino*

Dr. Chao serves on the legislative policy committees at the city, and for the League of California Cities. Chao co-founded Better Cupertino in 2015 to put power into the hands of local residents and Young American Policy Advocates in 2019 to empower youth for democracy. After earning a Ph.D. degree in Computer Science from Princeton University, Chao served as an assistant professor in Iowa State University and then worked in Silicon Valley for many years writing software programs to optimize large computer chips.



### **Darcy Paul**

*Councilmember, City of Cupertino*

Mayor Paul graduated from Harvard College. At Harvard, he was Editor-in-Chief of the Harvard Journal of Undergraduate Sciences. Following college, he decided to pursue a career in the field of law following a year of conducting cancer research and teaching medical school admissions test classes to economically underprivileged and under-represented minorities in medicine. Prior to being elected to the Cupertino City Council, Mayor Paul served as the President of the Board of Directors of the Cupertino Chamber of Commerce in 2014.



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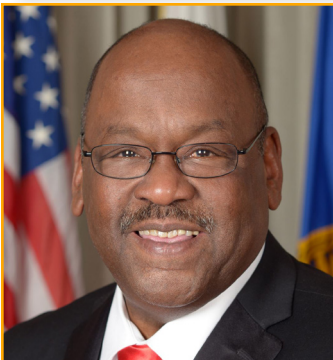
## CITY



### **Hung Wei**

*Councilmember, City of Cupertino*

Hung Wei was elected to the Cupertino City Council in November 2020. She served as School Board Trustee and past Board President with Fremont Union High School District from 2007 to 2018, serving 10,000+ students and parents. Hung also serves on many local non-profit boards - the Northwest YMCA, Fremont Union High Schools Foundation, Asian American Parent Association, Quota Cupertino, League of Women Voters of Cupertino-Sunnyvale, and is an active member of the Rotary Club of Cupertino and will serve as Rotary District Governor in 2023-2024 leading 62 Rotary Clubs with over 4,100 members.



### **Glenn R. Sylvester**

*Councilmember, City of Daly City*



### **Juslyn Manalo**

*Councilmember, City of Daly City*



### **Ray Buenaventura**

*Councilmember, City of Daly City*





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## CITY



### **Rod Daus-Magbual**

*Councilmember, City of Daly City*



### **David J. Fong**

*Councilmember, Town of Danville*

Dave is finishing his first year as the elected councilmember for the Town of Danville. Born and raised in the Bay Area, Mr. Fong has lived and raised his family in the Town of Danville since 1977. He has degrees from UC Berkeley and UCSF and is a licensed pharmacist. While Dave currently works as an executive for a digital health care practice technology company, his professional experience includes senior leadership positions for Fortune 50 and Fortune 500 retail healthcare business companies. Dave is also a former governor appointed member of the California state board of pharmacy and has served on various legislative, regulatory, and industry advisory committees promoting and protecting the health and safety of the general public.



### **Shawn Kumagai**

*Councilmember, City of Dublin*

Shawn Kumagai was elected to Dublin City Council in November 2018. The son of a first-generation immigrant, Councilmember Kumagai is also a third-generation veteran. He has been serving for the past 20 years in the United States Navy, and is currently serving as a Master Chief Petty Officer in the Navy Reserve, assigned to an intelligence unit at Camp Parks Reserve Forces Training Area in Dublin. He currently works as the District Director for Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer-Kahan (AD-16).



### **Sherry Hu Xin**

*Councilmember, City of Dublin*



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### **Gabriel Quinto**

*Councilmember, City of El Cerrito*



### **Lisa Motoyama**

*Councilmember, City of El Cerrito*

Lisa was elected to the El Cerrito City Council in 2020, to focus on bringing back the financial health of the City. An active community member, she has also served in volunteer positions ranging from the Contra Costa County Affordable Housing Finance Committee, and the Housing California Board of Directors, to two terms on the El Cerrito Planning Commission. An affordable housing finance professional in the nonprofit sector, she has a master's degree in City and Regional Planning from UC Berkeley and a bachelor's of arts degree in History and Art History from UCLA.



### **Dianne Martinez**

*Councilmember, City of Emeryville*



### **Richa Awasthi**

*Councilmember, City of Foster City*

First elected in 2018, Richa Awasthi was unanimously named Mayor by her colleagues in 2021, making history as Foster City's first female immigrant Mayor, and the first female South Asian Mayor in San Mateo County. As Mayor and a member of the Council, she has diligently worked to enhance the quality of life for residents while protecting essential services. Professionally, Richa serves as Senior Vice President, Zelle Payments at US Bank. She has over 22 years of corporate experience in Digital Payments Innovation and Banking with leading financial services organizations including Franklin Templeton, Charles Schwab, Wells Fargo, and Visa.



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### **Sam Hindi**

*Councilmember, City of Foster City*



### **Sanjay Gehani**

*Councilmember, City of Foster City*



### **Teresa Keng**

*Councilmember, City of Fremont*

Councilmember Keng was born in Hong Kong and raised in Taiwan until she came to US at age 15. She has a Economics degree from UCLA, a Master degree in Traditional Chinese Medicine, and currently pursuing her Doctoral degree in Education Leadership at San Jose State University. Councilmember Keng was first elected to Fremont City Council in 2018, and was re-elected in 2020 with 99% of the votes. She is a small business owner in Fremont and Mom to two kids with disabilities.



### **Raj Salwan**

*Councilmember, City of Fremont*

Councilmember Raj Salwan grew up in Fremont, and is proud to call it home. He attended Vallejo Mill Elementary School and walked to school from the one bedroom apartment where his father, mother, and 2 siblings resided. Fremont gave him the opportunity to go from that one bedroom apartment to help run a successful business and serve as a Human Relations Commissioner, Planning Commissioner, Councilmember, and as the Vice Mayor of Fremont.



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## CITY



### **Yang Shao**

#### *Councilmember, City of Fremont*

Dr. Yang Shao, City Councilmember and former Vice Mayor of Fremont, CA, is the first elected official in California with a Mainland Chinese background when elected School Board Trustee to the Fremont Unified School District in 2014. Dr. Yang Shao is a regular blood donor. He has donated over 18 liters of blood over the past 20+ years. In 2017, he was awarded "Community Hero" of California AD25. Dr. Yang Shao received a Ph.D. in chemistry from Harvard University. He is a senior executive with over 25 years of experience in biotechnology and biopharmaceutical industries in the Bay Area.



### **Aisha Wahab**

#### *Councilmember, City of Hayward*



### **Marie Chuang**

#### *Councilmember, City of Hillsborough*



### **Gina Dawson**

#### *Councilmember, City of Lafayette*





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## CITY



### **Wei-Tai Kwok**

*Councilmember, City of Lafayette*

Wei-Tai is focused on how cities can smartly plan for an environmentally sustainable future, including preparation for wildfire risk, long-term drought, and low-carbon mobility, all within the framework of a just and equitable transition to a zero-emission future. In his day job, he works in the solar and renewable energy sector. He is a Co-Founder of the Climate Reality Bay Area Chapter and past president of Sustainable Lafayette.



### **Lynette Lee Eng**

*Councilmember, City of Los Altos*

Former Mayor and City Councilmember, Parks and Recreation Commissioner, 11 years; Santa Clara County Civil Grand Juror, 2 terms; BS, University of San Francisco



### **Kavita Tankha**

*Councilmember, City of Los Altos Hills*



### **Stanley Mok**

*Councilmember, City of Los Altos Hills*



# ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN OFFICIALS

## CITY



### **Marico Sayoc**

#### *Councilmember, City of Los Gatos*

Marico was first elected in 2014 and served as Mayor in 2017 and 2021. During her tenure she was elected by her peers to serve as the President of the League of California Cities, Peninsula Division in 2020, served as the President of the Cities Association of Santa Clara County in 2021, and was selected as AD28's 2022 Woman of the Year. In addition to serving on the Council, she is the Executive Director of CASSY – Counseling and Support Services for Youth, a nonprofit that partners with Bay Area schools to provide resources and professional, on-campus mental health services to students free of charge.



### **Anders Fung**

#### *Councilmember, City of Millbrae*



### **Anthony Phan**

#### *Councilmember, City of Milpitas*

Elected to the Milpitas City Council in 2016 and re-elected in 2020, Anthony Phan has led the City to become one of the fastest growing economies in the Bay Area. Born and raised in San José, he attended local public schools before becoming the first in his family to graduate high school and college. He earned his B.A. from UCLA and holds a Certificate in Political Psychology from Stanford University. Professionally, Anthony owns and operates a land use consulting firm that focuses on community development and works towards housing affordability.



### **Evelyn Chua**

#### *Councilmember, City of Milpitas*

Milpitas Councilmember Evelyn Chua, the first Filipino-American woman elected to Council. Currently, she has been focused on the allocation and disbursement of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. This includes relief to small businesses, grants to encourage more Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU), aids for rent, utilities, mental health, day care, workforce development, LGBTQ, women, and more. She introduced initiatives to address park rehabilitation, cyber security, catalytic converter thefts, and climate change awareness and education. It has been a busy first year for this freshman Councilmember.



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### **Javed Ellahie**

#### ***Councilmember, City of Monte Sereno***

Javed Ellahie was elected to the Monte Sereno council in 2018 and is currently the Mayor. He has lived with his family in Monte Sereno since 1988. He also serves as Director of Silicon Valley Clean Energy; represents Monte Sereno in the Santa Clara County Cities Association and the West Valley Mayors and Managers as association. Javed Ellahie holds a B.S.E.E., a J.D. and an L.L.M. degree and continues to practice Estate Planning in Campbell. He is also eligible to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court.



### **Sona Makker**

#### ***Councilmember, Town of Moraga***



### **Ellen Kamei**

#### ***Councilmember, City of Mountain View***

Ellen Kamei is a current Councilmember and former Mayor of the City of Mountain View. A third generation resident, Ellen is a multilingual and multiracial public servant passionate about youth and civic engagement, mental health services, and social equity for women and communities of color. A former educator and community volunteer, her professional experience includes working at every level of government as well as political campaigns. She is the President of the League of California Cities Women's Caucus, Treasurer for the League of California Cities Peninsula Division, and member of the Cal Cities Board of Directors



### **Margaret Abe-Koga**

#### ***Councilmember, City of Mountain View***

Margaret is in her fourth term on the Mountain View City Council. Elected in 2006, she became the first Asian American female to serve on the Mountain View City Council and as Mayor in 2009 during the Great Recession. She served again as Mayor in 2020, where she led the city through the COVID-19 pandemic. Margaret serves on regional bodies including the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, the Valley Transportation Authority, Bay Area Air Quality Management District, Silicon Valley Clean Energy and the Santa Clara County Cities Association. Margaret holds an AB in American Government from Harvard University. She and her husband have two daughters.





# ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN OFFICIALS

## CITY



### **Nikki Fortunato Bas**

#### *Councilmember, City of Oakland*

Nikki Fortunato Bas is Oakland's first Filipina-American Councilmember and to give voice to our diverse Asian Pacific Islander community at City Hall. And as a working mother —she will do whatever it takes to keep our kids safe and make sure their future is bright. Before her election to the City Council in 2018, she served as the Executive Director of the Partnership for Working Families and as the Executive Director of the East Bay Alliance for a Sustainable Economy (EBASE).



### **Sheng Thao**

#### *Councilmember, City of Oakland*

Finding her calling in public service, Sheng joined the office of Oakland's Councilmember At-Large, which represents the entire city, and worked her way up to Chief of Staff. In that role, Sheng helped manage multiple City budgets, fought for affordable housing, helped small businesses open, worked to get guns off our streets, and fought for cleaner air and water. Sheng knew she could do even more as an elected official herself. So she ran for City Council District 4 and won, becoming the first Hmong-American woman Councilmember in California history.



### **Lydia Kou**

#### *Councilmember, City of Palo Alto*

Lydia Kou, Vice Mayor and City Councilmember of the City of Palo Alto, elected in 2016. With a long history of community volunteerism spanning her 25+ years in Palo Alto, Lydia is committed to her community. Lydia was born in Hong Kong, grew up in Sudan and Guam, and raised by her widowed mother. Lydia works with her husband, John St. Clair III, in real estate specializing in residential real estate sales, investments, leasing, and property management.



### **Greg Lin Tanaka**

#### *Councilmember, City of Palo Alto*

Greg Lin Tanaka is currently a member of the Palo Alto City Council since 2017. He also founded a non-profit (8by8.us) that provides a concrete solution to the voter registration and turnout gap in our Asian-American communities. 8by8 has an award winning webapp that incentivizes AAPIs' to encourage 8 other Asians to register to vote in 8 days. He is also founder and CEO of a machine learning based crypto startup and received funding from Google Ventures, Andreessen Horowitz, and Menlo Ventures. Greg is a Caltech and UC Berkeley alumni. He's a 4th generation Japanese American from his dad's side and Chinese American from his mom's side.



# ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN OFFICIALS

## CITY



### **Jeff Gee**

*Councilmember, City of Redwood City*



### **Amourence Lee**

*Councilmember, City of San Mateo*

Councilmember Amourence Lee is the first Asian woman to hold the office. She was elected to office in November 2020. Her 15+ year career has focused on building strong and empowered communities in the nonprofit, public, and private sectors. Amourence studied public policy and public health at Columbia University where she received her Master degree. She was appointed to council in 2019 and served as Vice-Chair of the Parks & Recreation Commission and the General Plan Subcommittee. She serves on the board of the Home Association of North Central San Mateo and the San Mateo County API Caucus.



### **Sabina Zafar**

*Councilmember, City of San Ramon*

Sabina Zafar is an accomplished technology executive, community leader mentor and mother. She is a technology executive at the Oracle Corporation and an elected Councilmember serving the City of San Ramon. Sabina has served on the San Ramon Transportation Advisory Committee, the Boards of San Ramon American Association of University Women, San Ramon Dougherty Valley Rotary Club, and is a current Board member of APAPA. Sabina mentors at BRIIA, an accelerator and serves on the advisory board of Ariel Intelligence Solutions. She has raised both her children in San Ramon, and has volunteered actively with the school PTA and Girl Scouts of Northern California.



### **Sridhar Verose**

*Councilmember, City of San Ramon*

Sridhar Verose was elected to the San Ramon City Council in November, 2020. A 15-year resident of San Ramon lives with his wife Sucharitha and two kids who attend San Ramon public schools. Sridhar has a lengthy background of civic and volunteer work in the area, and is deeply committed to our City and residents. He was appointed to the San Ramon Parks and Community Services Commission in 2016, serving as Chairman in 2020. Councilmember Verose graduated with a Master's degree in Software Engineering from San Jose State University.



# ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN OFFICIALS

## CITY



### **Kevin Park**

*Councilmember, City of Santa Clara*



### **Raj Chahal**

*Councilmember, City of Santa Clara*

Raj is proud to be the first Asian, Indian to ever serve on the Santa Clara city council since 2018 and served as Vice Mayor for 2021. Raj served on Santa Clara Planning & International Exchange Commissions. Served as president of Santa Clara Sister Cities Association and currently is board member of Norcal Sister Cities International. Raj was founding Member/Scoutmaster, of the first Sikh Boy Scouts Troop of United States. Raj served as Board Member for Santa Clara City Library Foundation & Friends and Mission City Community Fund. Raj co-founded hardware manufacturing small business and holds MS in Physics and MBA.



### **Suds Jain**

*Councilmember, City of Santa Clara*

Suds Jain served on the Planning Commission for the City of Santa Clara for 5 years and was elected to the Council in 2020. He worked in Tech for 25 years and retired in 2008 to work full-time on the issue of Climate Change. He serves on the boards of the Northern California Power Agency (NCPA) and the Valley Transportation Authority (VTA). Suds holds BS and MS degrees in electrical engineering from MIT.



### **Rishi Kumar**

*Councilmember, City of Saratoga*





# ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN OFFICIALS

## CITY



### **Yan Zhao**

#### ***Councilmember, City of Saratoga***

Yan was elected to the Saratoga City Council in 2018 and served as Mayor in 2021. Prior to her election, she served on the Saratoga Madronia Cemetery District as a member of Board of Trustees for 4 years, and served as the Chair in 2018. Prior to this commitment, she served 8 years on the Saratoga Planning Commission and one year as the Chair. Yan holds a B.S. from UC Berkeley in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science and a M.S. from Santa Clara University in Electrical Engineering. She has worked in the semiconductor industry for over 20 years.



### **Mark Nagales**

#### ***Councilmember, City of South San Francisco***

Mark Nagales grew up in South San Francisco and has been part of the community for over 30 years. He attended local public schools and graduated from San Francisco State University in 2003 with a Bachelor's degree in History and Political Science. Nagales served as an Aide to several elected officials, including former Assemblymember Fran Pavley, former Assemblymember Gene Mullin, and Congresswoman Jackie Speier. Prior to being elected to the city council, Nagales served South San Francisco as Parks and Recreation Commissioner (2008-2014, Chair in 2013) and Planning Commissioner (2015-2018, Chair in 2018). Nagales was elected to the City Council in November 2018, and is proud to be one of the first Filipinos elected in South San Francisco.



### **Flor Nicolas**

#### ***Councilmember, City of South San Francisco***

Born in the Philippines, Flor became a South San Francisco resident in 1988 when she and her husband with their two young children immigrated to the United States. After 30 years of being a community volunteer, Flor was elected to the City Council in Nov-2018 and became the Vice-Mayor in Dec-2021. She is currently the only female member of the City Council and the fourth woman (2 others were Asian) in the 114-year history of South City. Currently, she is the Vice-President and Head of Global Drug Safety and Pharmacovigilance at a precision oncology company located in Newark, CA.



### **James Coleman**

#### ***Councilmember, City of South San Francisco***



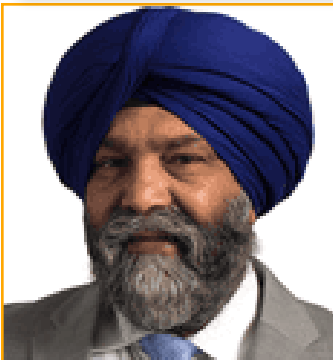
# ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN OFFICIALS

## CITY



**Omar Din**

*Councilmember, City of Sunnyvale*



**Gary Singh**

*Councilmember, City of Union City*



**Pat Gacoscos**

*Councilmember, City of Union City*

Pat Gacoscos is serving her third term as Union City Councilmember since 2010. She was Vice Mayor in 2012, 2017 and 2021. Previously, she held two elective positions: Trustee for the New Haven Unified School District; and Director for the Union Sanitary District. Pat is Union City representative to Alameda County Housing and Library commissions, City/School Partnership and Human Relations Commission. She is a member of the Chabot College Foundation and chairs the Sister Cities committee with nine sister city relationships around the globe. She was 2017 “Woman of the Year” awardee for 20th Assembly District.



**Jenny Wong**

*Auditor, City of Berkeley*



# ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN OFFICIALS

## CITY



### **James Chang**

#### ***Commissioner, Berkeley Rent Stabilization Board***

James Chang is an elected Commissioner on the City of Berkeley's Berkeley Rent Stabilization Board. Professionally, he serves as a Legislative Aide at the City of Berkeley. Currently an MBA Candidate at the UC Berkeley's Haas School of Business, James also serves as President of the Evening/Weekend MBA Association. Locally, James is a Board Member of East Bay Young Democrats. James entered into public service in 2010 when he served as the former Student Trustee for Ventura County Community Colleges. During his tenure as Trustee, James successfully advocated for the administration to mandate anti-bullying and anti-harassment policies.



# ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN OFFICIALS

## SCHOOL BOARDS



**Gary K. Lym**

*Trustee, Alameda Unified School District*



**Joy Gutierrez-Pilare**

*Trustee, Bayshore Elementary School District*



**Theresa Faapuaa**

*Trustee, Bayshore Elementary School District*



**Amy Koo**

*Trustee, Belmont - Redwood Shores School District*

Amy Koo has been on the Belmont-Redwood Shores School Board since 2013. She is the California School Boards Association (CSBA) Director at Large, Asian Pacific Islander, and serves on the boards of the San Mateo County School Boards Association and the Asian Pacific Islander School Board Members Association (APISBMA). Amy works at Gilead Sciences, a pharmaceutical company headquartered in Foster City. She is a 4th generation San Franciscan who holds a BS degree from MIT and MBA/MS degrees from Stanford. In her spare time, she enjoys singing/music, volleyball, traveling, and cheering for the SF Giants and 49ers.





# ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN OFFICIALS

## SCHOOL BOARDS



### **Rahila Passi**

*Trustee, Belmont - Redwood Shores School District*



### **Suvarna Bhopale**

*Trustee, Belmont - Redwood Shores School District*

Suvarna has been twice elected and has served as a Trustee for BRSSD since 2013. During her term, she has been committed to ensuring that all students receive a high-quality education, including academics, extra-curricular activities, sports and civic engagement. She has also volunteered as a Mock Trial Coach for the past 7 years. Suvarna worked as a litigator for Baker & Hostetler LLP, was Executive Director of TiE DC, and has authored a book on the Indian Institutes of Technology. Suvarna, her husband and two children have lived in Redwood Shores, CA since 2003.



### **Kansan Chu**

*Trustee, Berryessa Union School District*

Kansan Chu is currently served on the Berryessa Union School Board and State Department of Consumer Affairs Board. Kansan emigrated to the United States from Taiwan in 1976. After he finished his graduate school in Electronics Engineering in 1978, he moved to San Jose and worked at IBM Corp. as an engineer. Kansan has served on the Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA) Board and later served on the Santa Clara County Mental Health Board. He was elected to the Berryessa School Board and in 2001, San Jose City councilmember in 2006, State Assembly in 2014.



### **Khoa Nguyen**

*Trustee, Berryessa Union School District*



# ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN OFFICIALS

## SCHOOL BOARDS



### **Thelma Boac**

#### ***Trustee, Berryessa Union School District***

Before being elected to the Governing Board of Trustees for Berryessa Union School District in San Jose, CA Thelma Boac spent almost four decades as classroom teacher and principal in the East Side Union High School District in the city of San Jose. She is a sought-after educator, a professional leadership coach and mentor, a published author, and a highly respected community leader. Thelma has been the recipient of many awards and recognized by State legislative leaders, as well as various community organizations for her dedication to education and to public service.



### **Thuy DaoJensen**

#### ***Trustee, Brentwood Union School District***

As a child refugee from Vietnam, Thuy DaoJensen grew up in Hawaii, New Jersey, and Santa Clara, California. After working in Indiana as an education professor teaching diversity and equity issues, she moved back to California in 2015. In 2020, Thuy won two elections: as a District Delegate to the Democratic Party of Contra Costa County and as Board Trustee in Brentwood Union School District. She is also the Treasurer for Marsh Creek Democratic Club in east Contra Costa County. In July 2022, she will serve as President of the Rotary Club of Oakley.



### **Florence Wong**

#### ***Trustee, Burlingame School District***

A Bay Area native, Florence has served as a trustee for the Burlingame School District since 2015. She is a licensed psychologist and an active advocate for the disability community. She is a commissioner on the San Mateo Co. Commission on Disabilities and is a member of the State Council on Developmental Disabilities Bay Area Regional Advisory Committee. She volunteers for the American Red Cross San Mateo Co. Chapter as the Direct Services Coordinator and member of the Recovery and Disaster Mental Health teams. She resides in Burlingame with her husband and two children.



### **Richard H. Nguyen**

#### ***Trustee, Campbell Union School District***

Education is Richard's passion. In addition to serving as Board President of the Campbell Union School District, Richard has been coaching Lincoln High School's mock trial team for the past decade. Furthermore, Richard recently launched The Apply Guy, which offers college admissions coaching for high school students. Outside of education, Richard has a background in law, public policy, and politics.



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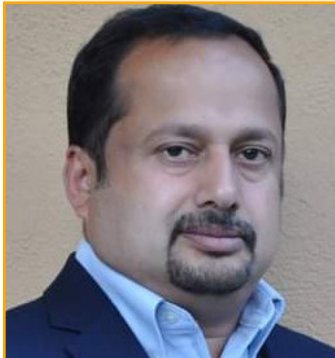
## SCHOOL BOARDS



### **Jerry Liu**

#### *Trustee, Cupertino Union School District*

Jerry was born in Taiwan and immigrated to the U.S. with his family at the age of ten. He attended Cornell University and moved to California after graduation. He is currently an engineering director at a large tech company. In his civic life, he has served as the President of the Cupertino Library Foundation as well as serving as a Planning Commissioner and Library Commissioner for the City of Cupertino prior to being elected to the School Board for Cupertino Union School District in 2018. He received the CREST (Cupertino Recognizes Extra Steps Taken) award from the City of Cupertino in 2016 for his volunteer work in the community.



### **Satheesh Madhathil**

#### *Trustee, Cupertino Union School District*



### **Sylvia Leong**

#### *Trustee, Cupertino Union School District*



### **William Kuo**

#### *Trustee, Dublin Unified School District*

William Kuo was appointed to the Dublin Unified School District (DUSD) Board of Trustees in May of 2020 to continue his late wife Catherine Kuo's term until Nov 2022 elections. A resident of Dublin since 1999, he has two children in the DUSD system. He has a BA in Molecular Cell Biology from Berkeley (1992) and DDS from UCLA. He switched careers to IT and worked at PeopleSoft. He favors making data-driven decisions when possible. His goal is to continue Catherine's campaign promises of Equitable Funding Distribution, Improved Safety Procedures, and the completion of a 2nd Comprehensive High School.





# ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN OFFICIALS

## SCHOOL BOARDS



### **Van T. Le**

#### *Trustee, East Side Union High School District*

As a refugee who worked hard to overcome many barriers, Van Le dedicates her life to serving her community, especially immigrants and refugees' families. She has been involved and volunteered to many organizations that support immigrants, homeless students and women suffer from domestic abuse. In addition, she has served as a Board Trustee for East Side Union High School District since 2010 and was elected as Board President in 2015 and 2021. She works diligently with all stakeholders to support the district's vision of creating equitable school communities that welcome and support students as who they are.



### **Christopher Corpus**

#### *Trustee, Evergreen Elementary School District*



### **Maimona Afzal Berta**

#### *Trustee, Franklin-McKinley School District*

Maimona Afzal Berta (She/Her/Hers) teaches special education in San Jose. She also serves as trustee on the Franklin-McKinley School District Board of Education. When she took office, she was the youngest elected woman in Santa Clara County and is the first Hijabi (headscarf-wearing) Muslim elected official in the State of California. In 2021, Maimona was awarded the Grosvenor Teacher Fellowship by National Geographic and Lindblad Expeditions, and received the "Woman of Distinction" recognition by Assemblymember Kalra. During the pandemic, she co-founded the Digital Equity Coalition to address the digital divide and currently serves as vice president of the organization.



### **Thanh Tran**

#### *Trustee, Franklin-McKinley School District*





# ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN OFFICIALS

## SCHOOL BOARDS



### **Vivek Prasad**

*Trustee, Fremont Unified School District*



### **Yajing Zhang**

*Trustee, Fremont Unified School District*



### **Naomi Nakano-Matsumoto**

*Trustee, Fremont Union High School District*

Elected to the FUHSD Board in 2018, currently serving as President. Northern VP for Asian Pacific American School Board Members Association. As a social justice advocate and Social Worker her passion is in diversity, equity, inclusion, and liberation work. Worked in executive management in the nonprofit sector. Has served on local and state-wide nonprofit boards. Was appointed to the SCC Commission on the Status of Women, SCC Housing and Community Development Advisory Commission, City of Sunnyvale's Cultural Diversity Advisory Committee. Has helped to establish several AAPI youth and women's organizations.



### **Rosa Kim**

*Trustee, Fremont Union High School District*

Born and raised in Korea, Rosa came to the US in 2000 with her husband and toddler daughter. She was a TV writer in Korea and continued writing documentary series for a local Korean TV channel. She worked as a teacher and principal at Silicon Valley Korean School. She is a co-author of Korean history textbooks for Korean Schools abroad and co-founded Echo-Korea, serving local students through summer camps and leadership training. She currently serves as treasurer of the Asian Pacific Islander School Board Members Association and vice president of the Asian American Parent Association.



# ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN OFFICIALS

## SCHOOL BOARDS



### **Tuyen Fiack**

#### *Trustee, Gilroy Unified School District*

Born in Vietnam, Tuyen came to the United States in 1975 with her family as refugees. She grew up in the Bay Area with an appreciation for diverse cultures. Tuyen's career has encompassed various industries including government, technology, insurance, healthcare and nonprofit. In 2018, she was elected as a Board Trustee for Gilroy Unified School District. In addition to being an elected official, Tuyen serves as the Director of Social Justice for YWCA Golden Gate Silicon Valley, leading the organization's anti-racism and gender-based violence prevention education work.



### **Peter Bufete**

#### *Trustee, Hayward Unified School District*



### **An Huang Chen**

#### *Trustee, Hillsborough City School District*

Current President of the Hillsborough City School District Board of Trustees. Also serves on the San Mateo School Board Association Board, Hillsborough Recreation Commission, Stanford Hospital Facilities Committee and San Mateo Transit Authority Citizens Advisory Council.



### **Gilbert Wai**

#### *Trustee, Hillsborough City School District*



# ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN OFFICIALS

## SCHOOL BOARDS



**Clayton Koo**

*Trustee, Jefferson Elementary School District*



**Manufou Liaiga-Anoa'i**

*Trustee, Jefferson Elementary School District*

Manufou was elected to the Jefferson Elementary School District Governing Board in 2015 serving as Past President and Vice President. For ten years she served on the San Mateo County Commission on the Status of Women and will be inducted into the 2022 San Mateo County Women's Hall of Fame. Her service has been honored by the White House Initiative on AANHPI, Congress, CA State Assembly and Senate, City and County of San Francisco, City of Daly City and San Mateo County Board of Supervisors. Her lifelong servant leadership spans over thirty five years as a public official, nonprofits board member and as a volunteer.



**Andrew Lie**

*Trustee, Jefferson Union High School District*



**Carla Ng-Garrett**

*Trustee, Jefferson Union High School District*



# ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN OFFICIALS

## SCHOOL BOARDS



### **Rosie Tejada**

#### *Trustee, Jefferson Union High School District*

Rosie Tejada is the proud parent of two. She was active in PTA for both her children and went on to lead passage of bond and parcel tax measures for local school districts. Since 2014, she has served on the Jefferson Union High School District Board of Trustees and is its current President. She currently serves on the County Committee for School District Organization and is a director for REACH Coalition (San Mateo County). In 2016 she was awarded the Asian and Pacific Islander Hero of San Mateo County Mind, Body, and Soul award.



### **Amarjit Kaur**

#### *Trustee, John Swett Unified School District*



### **Suzy Pak**

#### *Trustee, Lafayette School District*

Suzy Pak has served on the Lafayette Elementary School Governing Board since 2014. She is a native Californian and the product of California public schools, with more than 25 years in the financial services/asset management industry. Suzy is an active community volunteer with extensive non-profit and philanthropic board service. She has served as treasurer for organizations and campaigns, benefiting the community at large.



### **Cynthia Solis Yi**

#### *Trustee, Las Lomitas Elementary School District*

A NYC native raised by a single Filipina immigrant mom, Cynthia was the first Asian American female appointed to serve as a trustee on the governing board of the Las Lomitas Elementary School District (LLESDD). Cynthia Solis Yi is Chief Revenue Officer at La Cocina, a nonprofit organization working to solve problems of equity in business ownership for women, immigrants and people of color. Cynthia looks forward to continued participation and service on issues surrounding diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging as well as the mental health and well-being of LLESDD's students.





# ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN OFFICIALS

## SCHOOL BOARDS



### **Jason Morimoto**

*Trustee, Las Lomitas Elementary School District*



### **Yolanda Pena Mendrek**

*Trustee, Liberty Union High School District*

Yolanda has worked as an educator, teacher, vice-principal, and principal, since 1994. Was elected to the Liberty Union School District in 2006-2010, and in 2012-Present. She has been clerk and president of the board. Furthermore, she was elected Delegate and Director of Region 7 (Alameda and Contra Costa Counties), to the California School Board Association participating in several committees. Yolanda has been an active community member of Soroptimist International of the Delta, Brentwood Diversity and Inclusion committee and Kiwanis Club of Oakley. She was recently recognized by the City of Brentwood for her contributions to the community.



### **Kristie Wang**

*Trustee, Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District*

Kristie was born in Taiwan and immigrated to the U.S. at age seven, growing up in Sunnyvale and Fremont. She earned Bachelor and Master degrees in public policy and worked in Washington, D.C. She has worked on U.S.-Taiwan relations, domestic violence, education, children's health, children's media, and youth vaping. She was elected to School Board in 2020. Kristie has volunteered at her local women's shelter for twelve years and is an active member of Tri-Valley for Black Lives, Livermore Indivisible, and Taiwanese Americans for Progress. She is a founding Board Member of Global Taiwan Institute.



### **Vaishali Sirkay**

*Trustee, Los Altos School District*

Shali is a governing board member on the Los School District (LASD) Board of Trustees (Board President in 2021) and a commissioner on the Santa Clara County Juvenile Justice Commission (Co-Chair of the Equity & Justice Committee, former Chair of the Education Committee, member of various other committees). She recently joined the board of the Asian Pacific Islander School Board Members Association (APISBMA). An active member of her community, Shali co-chaired campaigns for LASD that led to the successful passage of bond and parcel tax measures in the November 2014 and 2016 General Elections.



# ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN OFFICIALS

## SCHOOL BOARDS



### **Cynthia Chang**

*Trustee, Los Gatos-Saratoga Joint Union High School District*

Cynthia Chang is in her 24th year serving on the Los Gatos-Saratoga Union High School District Board and prior 4 years on Saratoga Union School District Board. She is immediate past president (2020 and 2021) of Asian Pacific Islander School Board Members Association (APISBMA) and continues to serve on its board. She was recognized as Woman of the Year for Assembly District 24 in 2010 for "Her outstanding record of public service over the past two decades". Cynthia believes in cultural competence, global citizenship, academic excellence and social-emotional wellbeing for all children.



### **Katherine Tseng**

*Trustee, Los Gatos-Saratoga Joint Union High School District*



### **Deidre Siguenza**

*Trustee, Martinez Unified School District*



### **Sherwin Chen**

*Trustee, Menlo Park City School District*



# ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN OFFICIALS

## SCHOOL BOARDS



### **Hon Lien**

#### *Trustee, Milpitas Unified School District*

Hon Lien, School Board member of Milpitas Unified School District. Served as Trustee and Treasurer of Lincoln Law School. President of Rotary Club, Milpitas Planning Commission. Raised thousands for orphanages. Chaired fundraisers to stop Human Trafficking. Partnered with Agape in Sweden to deliver thousands of wheel chairs for victims of war.



### **Kelly Yip-Chuan**

#### *Trustee, Milpitas Unified School District*

Kelly's parents immigrated to the United States when she was almost seven years old. She is the third eldest of six children and graduated from UC Santa Barbara with a Bachelor's degree in Law & Society. After years of community service and involvement in her three kids' schools (currently 10th grader, 7th grader and 5th grader), she was elected to the Milpitas Unified School District in 2018. She served in many capacities from Board Trustee, Board Clerk, Vice-President, and now President of the MUSD. Her other roles included Board of Director for Milpitas Chamber of Commerce and Board of Director/Past President of Milpitas Rotary Club.



### **Michael Tsai**

#### *Trustee, Milpitas Unified School District*



### **Minh Ngo**

#### *Trustee, Milpitas Unified School District*





# ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN OFFICIALS

## SCHOOL BOARDS



**Shelly Hong**

*Trustee, Moreland School District*



**Wendy Sullivan**

*Trustee, Morgan Hill Unified School District*

Wendy was elected to the Morgan Hill Unified School District Board of Education in 2018, and served as Board President in 2021. She is a Director for the Asian Pacific Islander School Board Members Association (APISBMA), serves as a delegate, representing Region 20, on the California School Boards Association's (CSBA) Delegate Assembly, and was recently elected to serve as Vice President for the Santa Clara County School Boards Association (SCCSBA) for 2022-23. Wendy is also participating in Leadership Morgan Hill (a community leadership development program) as a member of the Class of 2022.



**Chris Chiang**

*Trustee, Mountain View Whisman School District*



**Sanjay Dave**

*Trustee, Mountain View-Los Altos Union High School District*





# ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN OFFICIALS

## SCHOOL BOARDS



**Sarabjit Kaur Cheema**

*Trustee, New Haven Unified School District*



**Lance Nishihira**

*Trustee, New Haven Unified School District*



**Linda Canlas**

*Trustee, New Haven Unified School District*

Linda is an educator, elected public servant, and community volunteer, devoting her career to promoting student success to enhance the quality of life in her community. She served as public school educator for over 35 years (Teacher and Principal), focusing on student achievement. Elected as New Haven USD Board Trustee in 2010, she successfully promoted a community effort that renamed a middle school for farm labor leaders Larry Itliong and Phillip Vera Cruz, the first public school in the U.S. to be named for Filipino-Americans. She served as President of the Alameda County School Boards Association for over five years.



**Bowen Zhang**

*Trustee, Newark Unified School District*

Born in Beijing, Bowen moved to America with his family at the age of 17. Trained professionally as a software engineer, Bowen has worked for several successful startups in Silicon Valley that later become publicly traded companies. Bowen was first appointed to a vacancy on Newark School Board in Spring 2019. He was later elected to a full term in November 2020, becoming the first Chinese American elected official in Newark history. Bowen holds a dual bachelor degree in Applied Mathematics and computer science from UC Berkeley and a master degree in software engineering from Carnegie Mellon University.



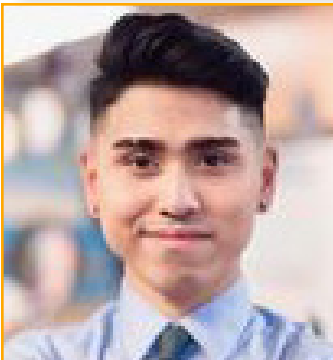
# ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN OFFICIALS

## SCHOOL BOARDS



**Phuong Nguyen**

*Trustee, Newark Unified School District*



**Jorge Pacheco Jr.**

*Trustee, Oak Grove School District*



**Nancy Yue**

*Trustee, Oak Grove School District*



**Aimee Eng**

*Trustee, Oakland Unified School District*



# ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN OFFICIALS

## SCHOOL BOARDS



### **Gary Yee**

#### *Trustee, Oakland Unified School District*

Dr. Gary Yee has served since 1973 as a public-school educator: elementary teacher; principal; district office administrator; and elected Board member of the Oakland Unified School District.. After more than ten years as a School Board Member(2002-2013), Gary was appointed by the Board as Interim Superintendent for the 2013-14 school year, before retiring. He was elected again in 2018, and currently serves as Board President.



### **Shanthi Gonzales**

#### *Trustee, Oakland Unified School District*



### **Jeff Tang**

#### *Trustee, Orchard School District*

Jeff was elected to the Orchard School District Governing Board in 2018. He received his graduate education in Computer Engineering from University of Southern California after being educated in Australia and China. He is also an active community volunteer with extensive non-profit board service. In 2004, he led a marrow donor registration event in Silicon Valley ranked #1 in AADP (Asian American Donor Program) history. He has served as a volunteer teacher for Bliss & Wisdom Chinese Ethic School since 2009. The Mandarin Immersion Program at BUSD is the poster child of his team's endeavor for preserving cultural tradition and educating future generations to become global citizens.



### **Shounak Dharap**

#### *Trustee, Palo Alto Unified School District*



# ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN OFFICIALS

## SCHOOL BOARDS



### **Jenny Varghese Bloom**

#### *Trustee, Ravenswood City School District*

Jenny was elected as Board Trustee of RCSD in 2020. She is a Senior College Admissions Counselor at Insight Education and also serves on the board of Ecumenical Hunger Program in East Palo Alto. Born to Indian immigrants, she grew up in Texas and graduated from UT Austin. After moving to California, she got her MA at LMU, and settled in the Bay Area. Jenny is proud to serve on the diverse board of RCSD, while also being the parent voice helping meet the needs of all of the members of the community.



### **Mele K. Latu**

#### *Trustee, Ravenswood City School District*



### **Ann Hsu**

#### *Trustee, San Francisco Unified School District*

Ann is an entrepreneur and professional in the technology industry for 20+ years. She worked at well-known large companies in Silicon Valley, then co-founded and led a dotcom for 13 years before co-founding a social venture making yogurt. She then took a break professionally to care for aging and ill family members while volunteering in the community, including chairing the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee of SFUSD and being president of her sons' high school PTA. She helped to recall three SFUSD school board members in February of 2022 and was appointed by SF's Mayor as a replacement in March.



### **Jenny Lam**

#### *Trustee, San Francisco Unified School District*





# ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN OFFICIALS

## SCHOOL BOARDS



### **Kenneth Chin**

*Trustee, San Mateo-Foster City School District*



### **Susanna Ordway**

*Trustee, San Ramon Valley Unified School District*

Immigrated from Hong Kong as a child, Susanna was the first in her family to attend college and to earn a Masters degree. Susanna volunteered many years with local & county organizations benefiting her community. In 2018, Susanna became the first and only API elected to the Board of Education for SRVUSD. Recently served as the Board President in 2021, Susanna is currently on Executive Boards including APAPA Tri-Valley Chapter and SRV Council of PTAs. She is also active with professional groups serving as oversight for ethics in the college admissions process to protect students and families.



### **Eric Cao**

*Trustee, Saratoga Union Elementary School District*



### **Phyllis Tung**

*Trustee, Saratoga Union Elementary School District*

Moved to United States in 1999 after earning her Master degree of Computer Science in United Kingdom. After involving greatly at schools and in the community, she was elected as school board member in Saratoga Union School District in 2019. She received the awards "An Excellent Representative of Saratoga Asian/Pacific American Community" from Saratoga City Council, and "Volunteer of the Year" from Saratoga Union School District. She also serves as Board Trustee at Hakone Foundation, Saratoga.



# ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN OFFICIALS

## SCHOOL BOARDS



### **Chialin Hsieh**

#### ***Trustee, South San Francisco Unified School District***

Born and raised in Taiwan, Chialin came to the US for graduate study in 1990. Earned bachelor's and master's degrees in Music Therapy and master's and doctoral degrees in Educational Leadership. Chialin has many years of service in K-12 system, universities, and community colleges, Chialin was selected as South San Francisco Unified School District Board of Trustee in March 2021.



# ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN OFFICIALS

## COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT



### **Edralin Maduli**

#### *Trustee, Chabot Las Positas Community College District*

Mr Edralin J Maduli has served on the Board for Chabot Las Positas Community College District since 2016 and represents Area 7. Mr Maduli has recently retired (2019) from his position as Vice Chancellor for the West Valley Mission Community College District. He has served community colleges for 25 years, including Cuesta College and Las Positas College. Previously he served in the USAF for over 20 years and retired as a Lieutenant Colonel. Mr Maduli received his AA from Hartnell College, BS from Cal Poly (SLO), MS from Oklahoma University and MBA from Golden Gate University.



### **Hal Gin**

#### *Trustee, Chabot Las Positas Community College District*

Dr. Hal G. Gin, Board of Trustees, Past Board President, Chabot-Las Positas Community College District (CLPCCD) since 2005. He is the first Asian American to serve on the two college governing board since the district was established in 1961. He is a Commissioner, Alameda County Planning Commission; Board member, Friends of Chabot College Foundation. Other leadership roles include Past President and current Board member of Hoy-Sun Ning Yung Benevolent Association and the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association (Chinese Six Companies); Trustee and former superintendent, Central Chinese High School.



### **Harris Mojadedi**

#### *Trustee, Chabot Las Positas Community College District*



### **Andy Li**

#### *Trustee, Contra Costa Community College District*

Born and raised in China, Andy came to the US for graduate study in 1994. After years of service in non-profit organizations and government-appointed positions, Andy was elected as Contra Costa Community College District Governing Board in 2018 and served as board president in 2021. In 2019, he was awarded API of the year by California state assembly member Rebecca Bauer-Kahan. Besides being an elected official, Andy currently serves as the president of both API Coalition and CLUSA, a board member of the Leadership San Ramon Valley Program, a board member of Discovery Counseling Center. Andy is also a long-time Rotary member.



# ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN OFFICIALS

## COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT



### **Gilbert Wong**

#### ***Trustee, Foothill-De Anza Community College District***

Born and raised in Silicon Valley, Gilbert has a passion for civil rights and is a member of the Organization of Chinese American-Silicon Valley (OCASV) and currently President. Gilbert served on Cupertino City Council and Mayor from 2007 to 2016. He was elected in 2106 to the Foothill-De Ana Community College District Governing Board and re-elected at large in 2020 with the highest vote in district history. Gilbert was elected in 2017 on the national Association of Community College Trustee (ACCT) Board of Director At Large and is the Pacific Regional Director. Lastly he served as President of the Asian Pacific Islander & Native American Trustee Association (APINATA).



### **Pearl Cheng**

#### ***Trustee, Foothill-De Anza Community College District***

Pearl Cheng is a Board Trustee with the Foothill-DeAnza Community College District. She previously served in K-12 on the Cupertino Union School District Board. Pearl holds a master's degree in mechanical engineering from Stanford and a bachelor's in bioengineering from the University of Iowa. Pearl was an engineer and manager with NASA's Ames Research Center working Space Shuttle and Space Station life science research missions. Following that, Pearl was the Education manager with United Way Silicon Valley. Recently, Pearl has been a substitute teacher with local public school districts (yes, teaching on Zoom!), and a Covid-19 contract tracer.



### **Lance Kwan**

#### ***Trustee, Ohlone Community College District***

Born and raised in Fremont, Lance was blessed to have a family that prioritized education. As the son of two immigrant Chinese parents, doing well in the competitive Fremont public school system created the opportunity for Lance to graduate from UC Davis. Upon return to his hometown, Lance dove into the Fremont's political landscape as an active campaign organizer. His activism lead him to becoming a Human Relations Commissioner for the City of Fremont and the current Ohlone Community College Trustee. He continues to serve the low-income population of Alameda County as a non-profit administrator at Spectrum Community Services.



### **Rakesh Sharma**

#### ***Trustee, Ohlone Community College District***

Rakesh Sharma was elected to the Ohlone Community College Board of Trustees in November 2020. Rakesh have been Fremont resident for over 34 years and founded Indo-Americans for Better Community; a Fremont based 501(c3) tax-exempt organization. Rakesh have been Planning Commissioner for the City of Fremont, President of Niles (Fremont) Rotary club and Trustee, American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin. Rakesh is a product of public education. His education includes Pre-Med, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.Phil. and Ph.D. in Clinical Biochemistry from JN Medical College, India. Rakesh worked at Stanford Medical School and University as Cancer Researcher for 18 years.





# ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN OFFICIALS

## COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT



### **Sue Lee Chan**

#### *Trustee, Ohlone Community College District*

Sue represents her community with passion and heart and has been actively involved on local, state, and national levels with the AAPI experience. She is currently serving on the CA Community College Board of Trustees; Chair of the Asian Pacific Islander Trustees and Administrators; and Member of the Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Accessibility State Steering Committee. Sue is Co-Founder of an API Leadership course at Cal State East Bay – designed to inspire, encourage, and mentor the next generation of leaders. Sue was, previously, a Councilmember and Vice Mayor of Fremont.



### **Cindi Napoli-Abella Reiss**

#### *Trustee, Peralta Community College District*



### **Nicky Gonzalez Yuen**

#### *Trustee, Peralta Community College District*

Nicky González Yuen is a teacher, union leader, scholar, mentor, political activist, and one of California's leading experts on community college student civic engagement work. He serves on the Peralta Colleges Board where he has developed a reputation as a principled and outspoken advocate for community empowerment and student & worker rights. Currently the chair of the political science department at De Anza College, he has taught thousands of students how to use the tools of democracy and community organizing to improve their lives and their communities.



### **Alan Wong**

#### *Trustee, San Francisco Community College District*



# ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN OFFICIALS

## COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT



### **Wendy Ho**

#### ***Trustee, San Jose Evergreen Community College District***

Wendy Ho, MPA is a community advocate and civic leader with over 15 years of experience working on public policy at the local, state, and federal level. Currently, Wendy serves as Chief of Staff to Santa Clara County Supervisor Otto Lee. Prior to her current role, the majority of Wendy's career was in the nonprofit sector, serving most recently as the Chief Strategy and Policy Officer for the Silicon Valley Council of Nonprofits. Her experience also includes policy roles with United Way Silicon Valley, the Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum, and U.S. Congress.



# ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN OFFICIALS

## SPECIAL DISTRICTS



**Aziz Akbari**

*Board Member, Alameda County Water District*



**Judy Huang**

*Board Member, Alameda County Water District*



**Mae Torlakson**

*Board Member, Ambrose Recreation and Park District*

From the Philippines, Mae migrated to the US in 1988, joining the University of California in 2000. Mae served as board member of the Ambrose Recreation and Park District in 2005. She was top vote-getter in elections 2006, 2010 and 2014 and ran unopposed in 2018. Mae is the first Filipina elected in Contra Costa County. She led efforts to establish the Great California Delta Trail and a waterfront park. She is the President of the Bay Point Garden Club. In 2019, Mae and husband, Former State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson, opened a consulting business, Team Torlakson, LLC.



**Janice Li**

*Board Member, BART*



# ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN OFFICIALS

## SPECIAL DISTRICTS



### **Stewart Chen**

#### *Board Member, City of Alameda Heath Care District*

Dr. Stewart Chen was born and raised in Manila, Philippines. He came to the United States in 1979 and later moved to California in 1985. He and Lorie settled down in Alameda to start a family and raise their children where they have lived for the last 30 years. Through the years, Dr. Chen has been an active member of the Alameda community. In 2010, Dr. Chen ran and was successfully elected to the City of Alameda Healthcare District (Hospital Board) where he served until he was elected to the City Council.



### **Angela Chen**

#### *Board Member, Cupertino Sanitary District*



### **Patrick Kwok**

#### *Board Member, Cupertino Sanitary District*

Patrick is currently a board member for the Cupertino Sanitary District. He is a former Mayor of the City of Cupertino and Councilmember. Previously he served on the Asian Americans for Community Involvement and the Santa Clara Valley Water District Board of Directors. He was also a board member and trustee for the Chinese Historical and Cultural Project for 20+ years. He has a master's degree in civil/environmental engineering from San Jose State University and a master's degree in Public Administration from Hayward State University.



### **Arun Goel**

#### *Board Member, Dublin San Ramon Service District*





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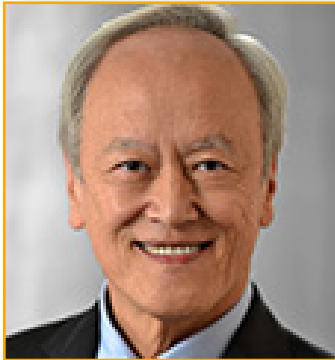
## SPECIAL DISTRICTS



### **Dee Rosario**

#### *Board Member, East Bay Park Regional Park District*

Dee Rosario is the Board member representing Ward 2. Prior to his retirement, Director Rosario worked at the East Bay Regional Park District for 37 years as a park ranger, firefighter, fire lieutenant, and as park supervisor of Redwood Regional Park. He has served on the Alameda County Parks, Recreation and Historical Commission in addition to other organization's boards. Director Rosario was born in Oakland and raised in the East Bay. He graduated from Mt. Eden High School in Hayward, earned an associate's degree from Chabot Community College, and attended California State University, East Bay. Director Rosario is married and resides in Oakland.



### **George O. Ting**

#### *Board Member, El Camino Healthcare District*



### **Jack Po**

#### *Board Member, El Camino Healthcare District*



### **Lanhee J. Chen**

#### *Board Member, El Camino Healthcare District*



# ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN OFFICIALS

## SPECIAL DISTRICTS



### **Peter C. Fung**

#### ***Board Member, El Camino Healthcare District***

Dr. Fung is a director of El Camino Healthcare District Board since 2014. He has served both as Chair and vice-chair of the Board. He graduated from University of Hong Kong Medical School before further training and specialization in University of Michigan. Dr. Fung has multiple board certifications, including neurology, stroke neurology and internal medicine. He was the medical director of the Stroke Program at El Camino Hospital from 2005 to 2015. His other interest includes community disease prevention and health disparity. He founded the Chinese Health Initiative, the only organization that caters to the healthcare needs, education, and instruction for the Chinese population in the Bay area.



### **Virginia Chang Kiraly**

#### ***Board Member, Menlo Park Fire District, San Mateo Harbor District***



### **Yoriko Kishimoto**

#### ***Board Member, Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District***

Yoriko Kishimoto has served on the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District Board of Directors since 2010. She is former Mayor of Palo Alto and the first Asian elected to the Palo Alto City Council. In addition to Midpen, she serves on the Bay Conservation and Development Commission as alternate to Supervisor Otto Lee and as Commissioner on Santa Clara County LAFCO board. Yoriko was born in Japan but educated in United States, and has an MBA from Stanford University. She and her husband have two grown children.



### **Benny Lee**

#### ***Board Member, Oro Loma Sanitary District***

Benny Lee has extensive expertise in public policy leadership, fed policy/funding advocacy, and lobbying. Consistently recognized and awarded for individual and team achievements in multiple organizations. Cross discipline expertise in socio-economic census data and data driven solutions in digital equity with underserved and unserved markets. Co-author and contributor to NIST Supercluster Smart City Blueprints and Cybersecurity Guidebook. Formerly served on the San Leandro City Council as well as several organizations such as the APAPA, APADC, hoa president, and other organizations involving Federal and State Policy Advocacy and Public Affairs involving technology.



# ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN OFFICIALS

## SPECIAL DISTRICTS



### **Michelle Lee**

#### ***Board Member, San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District***

Michelle was elected to the San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District Board in November 2020 for a four-year term. Her involvement in community service spans 35+ years and involves dozens of non-profits and veteran service organizations, which she participated in actively throughout her US Air Force career and after her retirement in 2015 as a Lieutenant Colonel. Michelle currently serves as President of the Dougherty Valley / San Ramon Rotary Foundation, Board Director of the Diablo Valley Veterans Foundation, 1st Vice Commander of the American Legion Post 246, and has been recognized for her work in youth mentorship and for broadening opportunities for women and girls. She and her husband, patent attorney Roger Lee live in the San Ramon Valley area where they raised their three children.



### **Nai Hsueh**

#### ***Board Member, Santa Clara Valley Water District***

Nai Hsueh currently represents the cities of Saratoga, Cupertino, west San Jose and portions of Sunnyvale and Santa Clara for the Santa Clara Valley Water District Board of Directors (Valley Water). She was elected in 2012. Prior to serving on the board, Nai worked at Valley Water for 30 years rising from a Junior Engineer to Chief of Capital Programs. She has a Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Hydraulic Engineering from National Taiwan University and University of Iowa, and is a Registered Civil Engineer in California. Nai was born in Taiwan.



### **Anjali Lathi**

#### ***Board Member, Union Sanitary District***

Anjali has served on the Board of Directors since 2002. She was the first East Indian and first Hindu elected to public office in the Bay Area, & one of the first special district electeds to receive recognition in Special District Governance for dedication to providing the best local services. Anjali earned both her Bachelor's degree (Economics) and her law degree, from the University of California at Davis. She is currently retired from law practice, having previously served in the public sector as a deputy district attorney, and in the private sector as defense counsel for school/community college districts.



### **Jennifer Toy**

#### ***Board Member, Union Sanitary District***

Daughter of two immigrant parents from China, Jennifer was born and raised in the Bay Area. Jennifer was elected and has served on the Board of Directors of Union Sanitary District since 1998, was the first Asian elected female in the Tri-City area and holds a Certificate in Special District Governance. She has had the honor to be named Woman of the Year from the 10th Senate District and Ohlone College Alumni of the Year. In addition, Jennifer currently serves as Vice President of the Ohlone College Foundation, Board Member of StarStruck Theatre, and is actively involved in youth sports.



# ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN OFFICIALS

## SPECIAL DISTRICTS



**Manny Fernandez**

*Board Member, Union Sanitary District*



**Jacob Eapen**

*Board Member, Washington Hospital Healthcare System*



**Jeannie Yee**

*Board Member, Washington Hospital Healthcare System*



**Olivia Sanwong**

*Board Member, Zone 7 Water Agency*