



### **Biography for Arizona State Treasurer Kimberly Yee**

As State Treasurer, Kimberly Yee oversees the cash management of Arizona's \$40 billion state budget and payments to agencies, local governments and schools. Upon taking office in January 2019, assets under management were at \$15.4 billion. Today, assets under management stand at over \$24 billion, an increase of over 50 percent in two years. Treasurer Yee led the effort to pass a state law requiring students to have financial education in high school before graduation, and was the first State Treasurer to have visited all 15 counties in Arizona during the first year of her administration.

Born and raised in Arizona, Treasurer Kimberly Yee is the first Asian American elected to a statewide office in Arizona's history. She is the first Chinese American Republican woman to win a major statewide office in the history of the United States. She served for eight years in the Arizona Legislature in the House and Senate. She also served as Senate Republican Majority Leader, the second woman elected to this position in Arizona's history, following U.S. Justice Sandra Day O'Connor who served the position in 1973, forty-four years earlier.

Treasurer Yee has been named one of the nation's "25 Most Influential Women in State Politics" by Congressional Quarterly's Roll Call. She was also featured nationally in Lifetime Television's "Her America," featuring one woman from each state making a difference in America.

Prior to elected office, she worked in the administrations of two governors Pete Wilson and Arnold Schwarzenegger, and former State Treasurer Dean Martin.

Kimberly Yee is a graduate of Pepperdine University where she earned degrees in English and Political Science. She holds a master's degree in Public Administration from Arizona State University, where she was a member of the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi.

Kimberly is married with two young children and is active in her church and community.