



Biography for Arizona State Treasurer Kimberly Yee

As State Treasurer, Kimberly Yee is one of six statewide elected Constitutional officers. She oversees the cash management of Arizona's \$40 billion state budget and payments to agencies, local governments and schools and manages \$17 billion in assets under management. In 2019, she led the effort to pass a state law requiring students to have financial education in high school before graduation. Treasurer Yee is the first State Treasurer to have visited all 15 counties in Arizona during the first year of her administration.

Treasurer Kimberly Yee is the first Asian American elected to a statewide office in Arizona's history. She is also the first Chinese American Republican woman to win a major statewide office in the history of the United States. She served in the Arizona Legislature for eight years, both in the House and the Senate.

Kimberly served as Senate Majority Leader and became 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.

Prior to elected office, she worked in the administrations of two governors, including Pete Wilson and Arnold Schwarzenegger, and served on the executive team of Arizona Treasurer Dean Martin, where she promoted fiscal conservative principles to protect taxpayers.

Born and raised in Arizona, Kimberly Yee is a graduate of Pepperdine University where she earned two B.A. degrees in English and Political Science. She holds a master's degree in Public Administration from Arizona State University where she received the honored Scholar-Citizen Award.

In 2016, she was a featured, onstage speaker during the opening day of her political party's national convention. In 2014, she was nationally recognized as a "Rising Star" by her party's national committee. She has been named one of the nation's "25 Most Influential Women in State Politics" by Congressional Quarterly's Roll Call. And she was recently featured to represent the state of Arizona in Lifetime Television Network's series "Her America: 50 Women, 50 States," which profiled one woman from every state.