



A Team for Asian Americans & Pacific Islanders in Virginia

Asian Americans & Pacific Islanders (AAPI) will play an important role in Barack Obama's administration. Barack grew up in multicultural Hawaii, lived in an Asian nation and has family of Asian heritage. Virginia has more than 400,000 AAPIs, the state's fastest growing racial minority. Virginia's AAPIs have made a decisive difference in recent elections and will make history by winning Virginia for Barack Obama in November.

- **Invest in Education:** BARACK OBAMA WILL REFORM AND FUND NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND. HE WILL HOLD SCHOOLS ACCOUNTABLE FOR TEACHING ENGLISH-LANGUAGE LEARNERS, AND WILL CONTINUE HIS FIGHT TO INCREASE AND REFORM COLLEGE FINANCIAL AID BY CREATING A NEW \$4,000 COLLEGE TAX CREDIT. HE WAS A SUPPORTER OF THE COLLEGE COST REDUCTION AND ACCESS ACT OF 2007, WHICH PROVIDED MILLIONS FOR TRIBAL AND AAPI SERVING INSTITUTIONS. JOHN MCCAIN OPPOSED INCREASING PELL GRANTS AND OTHER FUNDING TO REDUCE STUDENT DEBT.
- **Reform Immigration:** BARACK OBAMA HAS BEEN A LEADING VOICE FOR COMPREHENSIVE REFORM OF OUR IMMIGRATION SYSTEMS BY SECURING OUR BORDERS, PROVIDING A PATH TO CITIZENSHIP FOR UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS, AND FIXING THE BROKEN IMMIGRATION BUREAUCRACY. AS PRESIDENT, HE WILL FIGHT FOR COMPREHENSIVE REFORM THAT PRIORITIZES KEEPING FAMILIES TOGETHER AND IMPROVES THE H1-B VISA PROGRAM. AFTER JOHN MCCAIN SPONSORED COMPREHENSIVE REFORM LEGISLATION WITH SEN. KENNEDY, HE SWITCHED TO OPPOSING IT IN THE PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN.
- **Help AAPIs Reclaim the American Dream:** GROWING UNEMPLOYMENT HAS AFFECTED AAPIs HERE *in Virginia* AND ACROSS THE NATION. BARACK OBAMA WILL RESTORE FAIRNESS FOR MIDDLE CLASS FAMILIES BY CREATING A "MAKING WORK PAY" TAX CREDIT OF UP TO \$1,000 FOR MIDDLE CLASS FAMILIES, AND NEW TAX CUTS FOR COLLEGE, RETIREMENT AND CHILD CARE. AAPIs OWN MORE THAN 1.1 MILLION SMALL BUSINESSES. BARACK OBAMA WILL SUPPORT FEDERAL PROGRAMS THAT INVEST IN MINORITY-OWNED BUSINESSES, PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS AND REDUCE DISCRIMINATION IN LENDING.
- **Help Virginia's Transportation Move Forward:** INCREASING TRAFFIC CONGESTION, HIGH GAS PRICES, UNPLANNED GROWTH AND THE NEED FOR HIGHWAY, TRAIN AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS HAS AFFECTED THE QUALITY OF LIFE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN VIRGINIA. BARACK OBAMA WILL CREATE A NATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE REINVESTMENT BANK THAT WILL SUPPLEMENT EXISTING TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENTS TO CREATE NEW JOBS AND ECONOMIC ACTIVITY.
- **Fight Discrimination and End Racial Profiling:** AS A COMMUNITY ORGANIZER, CONSTITUTIONAL LAW PROFESSOR AND A CIVIL RIGHTS LAWYER BARACK OBAMA HAS FOUGHT TO END ALL FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION. IN THE ILLINOIS STATE SENATE, HE PASSED A LAW TO IDENTIFY AND COMBAT RACIAL PROFILING. HE RECOGNIZED THE GREAT WRONG DONE TO JAPANESE AMERICANS DURING WORLD WAR II. JOHN MCCAIN VOTED AGAINST THE BILL THAT PROVIDED JUSTICE FOR SURVIVORS OF THE JAPANESE AMERICAN RELOCATION AND INTERNMENT.
- **Provide Universal Health Care:** THERE ARE NEARLY 2.2 MILLION AAPIs WITHOUT HEALTH INSURANCE. BARACK OBAMA IS COMMITTED TO SIGNING LEGISLATION BY THE END OF HIS FIRST TERM THAT MAINTAINS PATIENT CHOICE AND ENSURES THAT ALL AMERICANS HAVE AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE COVERAGE. OBAMA'S PLAN WILL SAVE A TYPICAL AMERICAN FAMILY UP TO \$2,500 EVERY YEAR ON HEALTH CARE COSTS BY MODERNIZING THE U.S. HEALTH CARE SYSTEM, PROMOTING DISEASE PREVENTION AND STRENGTHENING PUBLIC HEALTH.

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