



## A Team for Asian Americans & Pacific Islanders in Washington State

Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPIs) will play an important role in Barack Obama's administration. Barack grew up in multicultural Hawai'i, lived in an Asian nation and has family of Asian heritage. AAPIs make up the fastest growing racial group with more than 460,000 Asian Pacific Islanders in Washington State. We can play a decisive role in electing Barack Obama our president.



*"Barack Obama will continue to fight for the issues that affect the daily lives of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and for the dreams that will help our children succeed in a better America."*

**- Former Gov.  
Gary Locke**

**Invest in Education and Social Services:** Low and moderate income AAPIs in Washington state have been impacted by cuts in federal funding for housing, educational opportunities and social services such as child care, employment assistance and elder care. Refugees in particular need a higher level of funding support for resettlement programs. Barack Obama 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 legislation that provided millions for Tribal and AAPI-serving institutions.

**Reform Immigration:** Barack Obama has been a leading voice for the comprehensive reform of our immigration systems by securing our border, providing a path to citizenship for undocumented immigrants, and fixing a broken immigration bureaucracy. As President, he will fight for comprehensive reform that prioritizes keeping families together and improves the H1-B visa program. John McCain now opposes comprehensive reform legislation.

**Help AAPIs Reclaim the American Dream:** 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. He will support federal programs that invest in minority-owned businesses, provide technical assistance to small business owners and reduce discrimination in lending. Culturally relevant and competent small business assistance is particularly important since many AAPI immigrants contribute to the economy through owning, operating and working in small businesses.

**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 has 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 internment.

**Provide Universal Health Care and Access:** Barack Obama is committed to signing legislation by the end of his first term to ensure that all Americans have affordable, accessible health care coverage. Obama's plan will save a typical American family up to \$2,500 every year on health care costs. Barack Obama also supports programs that will address the disparity gap in health care for communities of color. He supports culturally competent and culturally appropriate service delivery to communities of color, as well as the use of culturally competent literature.

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