



A Team for Asian Americans & Pacific Islanders in Minnesota

Asian Americans & Pacific Islanders will not be an afterthought in Barack Obama's administration. Barack grew up in multicultural Hawaii, lived in an Asian nation and has family of Asian heritage. Minnesota has more than 172,000 AAPIs, and they are the state's fastest growing racial minority. Minnesota's AAPIs have made a difference in recent elections and will make history by helping win Minnesota for Barack Obama in November.

"Barack Obama has the right plan to stabilize the economy, which will make a tremendous difference to AAPI small businesses in Minnesota," Mee Moua, Minnesota State Senator, District 67.

- **Help AAPIs Reclaim the American Dream:** Growing unemployment has affected AAPIs here in Minnesota 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. In Minneapolis-St. Paul AAPIs own nearly 2 percent of all businesses, employing 14,276 in 1997. Barack Obama will support federal programs that invest in minority-owned businesses, provide technical assistance to small-business owners and reduce discrimination in lending.
- **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, accessible health-care coverage. Obama's plan saves a typical American family up to \$2,500 per year on health care costs by modernizing the U.S. health-care system, promoting disease prevention and strengthening public health.
- **Invest in Education:** Barack Obama will reform and fund No Child Left Behind. He supports transitional bilingual education and will help Limited English Proficient students get ahead by holding schools accountable. He will continue his fight to increase and reform college financial aid by creating a new \$4,000 college tax credit. Affordable higher education is one of the most important issues for our community.
- **Fight Discrimination and End Racial Profiling:** As a community organizer, constitutional law professor and a civil-rights lawyer, Obama has fought to end all forms of discrimination and advocated equal opportunities for all Americans. 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 relocation.
- **Reform Immigration:** Barack Obama has been an outspoken supporter of the comprehensive reform of our immigration systems by securing our borders, providing a path to citizenship for undocumented immigrants, and fixing a broken immigration bureaucracy. As President, he will fight for such reform that prioritizes keeping families together and improves the H1-B visa program. John McCain opposes comprehensive immigration reform legislation.

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