

## **Kimberly Yee**

### **36<sup>th</sup> Arizona State Treasurer**



The Honorable Kimberly Yee serves as the 36th Treasurer of Arizona. As the state's chief banking and investment officer, she safeguards approximately \$15 Billion in assets and stewards the cash management of Arizona's \$40 Billion state budget and related payments to state agencies, local governments, and public schools. As Treasurer, she also serves as the Chair of Arizona's State Board of Investment and State Loan Commission and is a member of the State Land Selection Board.

Treasurer Yee is the first Asian American elected to a statewide office in Arizona history. She is also the first Chinese American Republican woman to win a major statewide office in U.S. history. With eight years of experience in the Arizona Legislature, plus four years working for the Arizona State Treasurer's Office, Treasurer Yee brings a unique perspective to this important financial leadership role for Arizona.

Treasurer Yee was first elected to the Arizona Legislature in 2010, most recently serving as Senate Majority Leader; the second woman ever elected to that position in Arizona history following U.S. Justice Sandra Day O'Connor in 1973.

Prior to holding elected office, Treasurer Yee served a long and distinguished career in federal, state, and local government public service. She served as Deputy Cabinet

Secretary for California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, as a Policy Analyst for California Governor Pete Wilson, and on the executive team of Arizona State Treasurer Dean Martin working as Legislative Liaison and Communications Director from 2007-2010. She also served as a senior research analyst for the Arizona Senate Committee on Education and provided administrative services for the Maricopa County Attorney's Office. At the federal level, Treasurer Yee worked for the United States Department of Justice in the Fraud Section, Criminal Division in Washington, D.C.

In 2016, then Senator Yee was a featured, on stage speaker during the opening day of the Republican National Convention in Cleveland, Ohio. In 2014, she was nationally-recognized as a "Rising Star" by the Republican National Committee at the RNC Winter Meeting. She was previously named one of the nation's "25 Most Influential Women in State Politics" by Congressional Quarterly's Roll Call, the leading media organization covering Congress.

Among her numerous honors, Treasurer Yee was selected as one of 25 national women leaders to participate in the 2018 Women in Government Program. She has been recognized as Legislator of the Year by the Arizona Chamber of Commerce and Industry. She was recently featured to represent the State of Arizona in the LIFETIME television series "Her America: 50 Women, 50 States" which profiled one woman from every state.

Born and raised in Arizona, Treasurer Yee is a graduate of Pepperdine University with two B.A degrees in English and Political Science and holds a Master of Public Administration from Arizona State University where she received the honored Scholar-Citizen Award.

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