

Kimberly Yee

Candidate, AZ Superintendent of Instruction

Born and raised in Arizona, Kimberly Yee is the current Treasurer of Arizona and is serving in her second term of office. Kimberly Yee is the highest ranking statewide elected Republican in Arizona and is the first Chinese American Republican woman elected to a statewide office in United States history. She is currently a candidate for State Superintendent of Public Instruction and is endorsed by four former Republican State Superintendents of Arizona, including Lisa Graham Keegan, Jaime Molera, John Huppenthal and Diane Douglas. She is also endorsed by the Arizona Freedom Club PAC, affiliated with the Arizona Free Enterprise Club, Turning Point Action PAC, and Maggie's List, a national PAC dedicated to electing conservative women.

In the Arizona Legislature, Kimberly served as Senate Republican 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.

In 2016, she was a featured, onstage speaker during the opening day of the Republican National Convention to support the nomination of Donald J. Trump for President in Cleveland, Ohio. In 2014, she was nationally recognized as a "Rising Star" by the Republican National Committee. She has been named as one of the nation's "25 Most Influential Women in State Politics" by Congressional Quarterly's Roll Call.

Under Treasurer Yee's leadership, assets under management began at \$15.4 billion, and now assets have increased to over \$32 billion. In the same period, she has distributed over \$6 billion in investment earnings. Financial education is now taught in schools. AZ529 Education Savings Accounts have increased by over 58,556 in just 58 months under Treasurer Yee's administration.

Kimberly's has a deep public policy background and expertise on K-12 and higher education issues, serving in the gubernatorial administrations of two Republican governors, helping develop academic standards in K-12 education from reading, mathematics, science and social studies. She was a senior staff research analyst from 1998-2003 for the Arizona State Senate Education Committee, developing the first-in-the-nation innovative charter school laws, open enrollment policies that allow students to be educated at a school outside of their zip code, and laws protecting homeschool families.

As an elected member of the Arizona Legislature, Kimberly served as the Chair of the Senate Education Committee and was a legislative member of the Arizona State Board for Charter Schools. She sponsored education bills to advance school choice opportunities, protect the personal information of student data, increase academic achievement, raise civics education awareness, financial literacy, and promote vocational education and workforce development.

Kimberly Yee is a graduate of Pepperdine University where she earned degrees in English and Political Science. She holds a master's degree in public administration from Arizona State University. She previously worked in the Republican administrations of Governors Pete Wilson and Arnold Schwarzenegger in California and in the administration of Arizona Treasurer Dean Martin.

In the 1930's, Yee's family opened small family-run businesses in both Arizona and Pennsylvania. Kimberly is married with two young children and is active in her church and community.