



AAPI Voter Guide 2026

Compilation recording where the candidates in sixteen competitive races
with major AAPI electorates stand on five issues. Ratings tied to public
voting records or statements.

Eight federal and eight state races
Five issues · 160 ratings (5 per candidate)

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1. How to Use This Guide

Lantern Vote covers sixteen selected 2026 general-election races (eight federal and eight state) in districts where Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander (AAPI) voters can swing the result. Every nominee is rated on five issues on a five-point scale using floor votes, bill sponsorships, official statements, campaign platforms, speeches and questionnaire answers. Party affiliation does not factor into any rating.

Ratings based on statements rather than votes are identified in the justifications where possible. Voting records carry more weight, but statements fill gaps. Statement-only labels distinguish platform support from an implemented record. Each rating carries a short justification with source links.

Critical Issues

The five issues we used to grade candidates, all critical to the AAPI community

- Immigration & Visas: positions and votes on employment visas (H-1B), the End H-1B Visa Abuse Act of 2026 (H.R. 8443), detention and enforcement bills, and pathways to legal status.
- Zoning & Neighborhoods: land-use and development records as they affect historic AAPI neighborhoods (Ex: Little Saigon, Las Vegas Chinatown, Bensonhurst, Fort Bend, Johns Creek and Federal Way), plus each district's local flashpoint, named in the race notes.
- Education: school funding and vouchers, exam-based admissions (New York's 1971 Hecht-Calandra Act), and AANHPI history curricula (federal H.R. 3551; Illinois' 2021 TEAACH Act; California's 2024 AB 1805 on Mendez v. Westminster curriculum content).
- Language Access: multilingual government services and ballots such as the Language Access for All Act of 2026 (H.R. 7223) and responses to the March 2025 English-official executive order.
- Justice & Hate Crimes: anti-AAPI hate-crime legislation (COVID-19 Hate Crimes Act of 2021), policing policy, and statements after anti-Asian incidents.

Rating	What it means
5 Championed	Personal leadership sustained across multiple years/actions or producing a substantive implemented result. A single narrow introduced bill alone is not enough.
4 Supportive	A specific supportive position or action on the issue.
3 Mixed / limited	Mixed supportive and contrary actions, or clear but limited/indirect support.
2 Leaning against	Indicators of opposition to solutions surrounding the issue, such as negative floor votes or public statements.
1 Opposed	Clear opposition towards the issue's advancement, such as active championing of restrictive or contrary legislation/statements.
NR No record	Lack of reliable indicators on the public record. May have some vague statements but no clear indicators.

Rating rubric, applied identically to every candidate at every level of office.

Sources are ranked in the following order: roll-call records and bill pages (congress.gov, GovTrack, state legislature systems), official campaign and government sites, reputable media (ethnic-media outlets included) and clearly flagged questionnaires. Candidates who have never held office or have never voted on an issue are rated on what they have said or signed. Partisan source or undated social posts are marked as such. Section 20 lists known gaps.

Translation and reuse. Sections are standalone and can be used independently of the rest of the guide. Each section contains: a heading, district facts, and two candidate tables built for translation or reuse in social posts.

2. Scorecard at a Glance

The matrix below lists all thirty-two nominees on all five issues in one table. Each cell shows the rating as gold stars; NR identifies entries without a sufficiently clear issue record in the checked sources. Each race also has a separate section for details and justifications for ratings.

	Immigration & Visas	Zoning & Neighborhoods	Education	Language Access	Justice & Hate Crimes
CA-45 · U.S. House, California					
Derek Tran Democrat	★★★★☆	★★★★☆	★★★★☆	★★★★☆	★★★★☆
Chuong Vo Republican	★★★★☆	★★★★☆	★★★★☆	NR	★★★★☆
CA-40 · U.S. House, California					
Young Kim Republican	★★★★☆	★★★★☆	★★★★☆	★★★★☆	★★★★★
Ken Calvert Republican	★☆☆☆☆	★★★★☆	★★★★☆	★★★★☆	★★★★☆
NV-03 · U.S. House, Nevada					
Susie Lee Democrat	★★★★☆	★★★★☆	★★★★★	★★★★☆	★★★★☆
Marty O'Donnell Republican	★★☆☆☆	★★★★☆	NR	NR	★★★★☆
VA-10 · U.S. House, Virginia					
Suhas Subramanyam Democrat	★★★★☆	★★★★★	★★★★☆	★★★★☆	★★★★☆
Dave Beckwith Republican	★★☆☆☆	★★★★☆	★★★★☆	NR	NR
IL-08 · U.S. House, Illinois					
Melissa Bean Democrat	★★★★☆	NR	★★★★☆	★★★★☆	★★★★☆
Jennifer Davis Republican	★★★★☆	NR	★★☆☆☆	NR	NR
GA Senate · U.S. Senate, Georgia					
Jon Ossoff Democrat	★★★★☆	★★★★☆	★★★★☆	★★★★★	★★★★★
Mike Collins Republican	★☆☆☆☆	★★★★☆	★★☆☆☆	★★☆☆☆	★★★★☆
WA-03 · U.S. House, Washington					
Marie Gluesenkamp Perez Democrat	★★★★☆	★★★★☆	★★★★☆	NR	NR
John Braun Republican	★★★★☆	★★★★☆	★★★★★	★★★★☆	★★☆☆☆
WA-08 · U.S. House, Washington					
Kim Schrier Democrat	★★★★☆	★★★★☆	★★★★★	★★★★☆	★★★★☆
Spencer Meline Republican	★★★★☆	★★★★☆	★★★★☆	NR	NR
NY SD-17 · State Senate, New York					
Steve Chan Republican	★★☆☆☆	★★★★☆	★★★★☆	★★★★☆	★★★★☆
Larry He Democrat	NR	★★★★☆	★★★★☆	★★★★☆	★★★★☆
GA SD-48 · State Senate, Georgia					
Shawn Still Republican	★★☆☆☆	NR	★★☆☆☆	NR	★★★★☆
Laura Murvartian Democrat	★★★★☆	★★★★☆	★★★★☆	NR	★★★★☆
TX HD-26 · State House, Texas					
Matt Morgan Republican	★★☆☆☆	★★★★☆	★★☆☆☆	★★☆☆☆	NR
Eliz Markowitz Democrat	★★★★☆	★★★★☆	★★★★★	★★★★☆	★★★★☆
TX HD-27 · State House, Texas					
Ron Reynolds Democrat	★★★★☆	★★★★☆	★★★★☆	★★★★☆	★★★★★
Max Alalibo Republican	NR	★★★★☆	NR	NR	NR

	Immigration & Visas	Zoning & Neighborhoods	Education	Language Access	Justice & Hate Crimes
CA Governor · Governor, California					
Xavier Becerra Democrat	★★★★★	★★★★☆	★★★★☆	★★★★★	★★★★☆
Steve Hilton Republican	★★☆☆☆	★★★★☆	★★☆☆☆	NR	★★★★☆
CA SD-36 · State Senate, California					
Tony Strickland Republican	★★☆☆☆	★★★★☆	★★★★★	★★☆☆☆	★★★★☆
Chris Duncan Democrat	★★★★☆	★★★★☆	★★★★☆	NR	★★★★☆
CA AD-70 · State House, California					
Tri Ta Republican	★★☆☆☆	★★★★☆	★★★★★	★★★★☆	★★★★☆
Paula Swift Democrat	★★★★☆	★★★★☆	★★★★☆	NR	★★★★☆
WA SD-30 · State Senate, Washington					
Claire Wilson Democrat	★★★★☆	★★★★☆	★★★★★	★★★★☆	★★★★☆
Michael Rutland Republican	★★☆☆☆	NR	★★☆☆☆	NR	NR

Master matrix. Party is shown for identification only and is not part of any rating.

3. CA-45: Derek Tran vs. Chuong Vo

California's 45th District (Orange County: Westminster / Little Saigon, Garden Grove, Buena Park, Cypress, Cerritos)

Vietnamese Americans are the largest Asian American voting bloc, about 16% of all voters, and Asian American groups combined are roughly one-third of registered voters (NPR, Nov 2022). The district holds the largest Vietnamese community in the nation.

Competitiveness: Cook has rated the race Likely D since July 16, 2026. Tran won 2024 by just over 600 votes. The redrawn lines would have backed Harris by about 4 points (Cook Political Report / LA Times).

Top-two primary, June 2, 2026: Tran advanced with ~53.8%. Republican Chuong Vo advanced as the top Republican. Amy Phan West (Republican) did not advance.

Derek Tran DEMOCRAT *Incumbent since 2025*

Vietnamese American consumer-protection attorney, U.S. Army Reserve veteran and pharmacy owner. CAPAC Executive Board member; co-chair of the Congressional Caucus on Vietnam.

ISSUE	RATING	ASSESSMENT AND SOURCES
Immigration & Visas	★★★★☆	Mixed. One of 46 Democrats to vote YEA on final passage of the Laken Riley detention bill (Jan 2025). VietRISE criticized a later pro-ICE commendation vote. Co-leads the Born in the U.S.A. Act on birthright citizenship. Voted against the Stop Illegal Entry Act and a 2026 DHS funding bill over ICE accountability. Introduced a bill to attach liability for wrongful deaths in private ICE detention in July of 2026. Not a cosponsor of the End H-1B Visa Abuse Act; no H-1B position found (GovTrack; campaign release , Jul 2026).
Zoning & Neighborhoods	★★★★☆	Cosponsor of the Affordable Housing Credit Improvement Act of 2025 (H.R. 2725), joining July 2, 2025 (GovTrack). Backed expanding the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit and building units through public-private partnerships in an October 2024 candidate questionnaire (OC Register , Oct 2024). Urged enactment of the bipartisan 21st Century ROAD to Housing Act (H.R. 6644) in July 2026; which became Pub.L. 119-101 days later. No rezoning or density position touching Little Saigon found (campaign release , Jul 2026). Voted Yea on the June 23, 2026 House motion to concur in the amended H.R. 6644 housing bill (Roll Call 224, 358-32). [House vote] <i>Rating basis: A direct supportive housing-supply vote establishes specific support. Neighborhood-specific rezoning is not required for this score.</i>
Education	★★★★☆	Original cosponsor of the Teaching AANHPI History Act (H.R. 3551), verified on GovTrack's cosponsor list. Introduced the bipartisan Combating CCP Influence Act on foreign influence in U.S. institutions in March 2026. Platform calls for public-school investment, teacher pay and vocational education. No record on exam-based admissions debates (GovTrack; tran.house.gov , Mar 2026).
Language Access	★★★★☆	Not a cosponsor of H.R. 7223. Cosponsored H.Res. 1148 supporting National Language Access Month on April 21, 2026. This is a recorded policy position, not an enacted services program. His campaign site also runs English, Spanish and Vietnamese editions. (GovTrack ; Congressional Record). <i>Rating basis: Nonbinding National Language Access Month cosponsorship is supportive but limited, matching Subramanyam's existing 3 for the same resolution.</i>
Justice & Hate Crimes	★★★★☆	Issued a statement after the Islamic Center of San Diego shooting as a CAPAC Executive Board member. Cosponsored the COPS Reauthorization Act, which national law-enforcement groups including the Fraternal Order of Police endorse; his campaign separately cites support from the Association of Orange County Deputy Sheriffs and the Association for Los Angeles Deputy Sheriffs. No opposing record found (congress.gov ; campaign release).

Chuong Vo REPUBLICAN

Retired law-enforcement officer; his campaign describes nearly three decades of service. Cerritos councilmember 2020-2025, including a term as mayor. GOP-endorsed.

ISSUE	RATING	ASSESSMENT AND SOURCES
Immigration & Visas	★★★★☆	His "Smart Border & Legal Immigration" platform states "we're a nation of laws and a nation of immigrants," calls to "speed up asylum and visa processing" and "modernize legal immigration," and rejects racial profiling. It pairs those lines with border-technology and agent-resource calls. No H-1B position found; no voting record. A DCCC report (partisan, uncorroborated) claims he called ICE agents' behavior "outstanding" (vo4congress.com). <i>Rating basis: Specific faster asylum/visa processing and anti-profiling commitments. Border resources alone are not an opposing policy action; uncorroborated partisan claims do not create mixed 3.</i>
Zoning & Neighborhoods	★★★★☆	As a Cerritos councilmember, voted Aye on May 9, 2024 to award a \$61,250 contract for rezoning Housing Element Sites A and 7 (5-0). The motion funds planning work for two commercial/industrial sites; it is not final approval of housing construction. This is a housing-planning record, with (official minutes). <i>Rating basis: Recorded Aye on a specific housing-rezoning planning contract. Implementation planning is not final construction approval, but it is a direct supportive action under 4.</i>
Education	★★★★☆	Platform calls for expanding CTE/STEM pathways, evidence-based reading instruction and tutoring funding, and says parents should have "a real voice in their children's education." His wife is a classroom teacher. Nothing found in the checked sources on AANHPI history curricula or exam-admissions policy (vo4congress.com). <i>Rating basis: Specific federal reading/tutoring funding and CTE/STEM expansion. This is a specific supportive public-school position.</i>
Language Access	NR	No statements or positions found on multilingual government services, bilingual ballots or the English-official executive order.
Justice & Hate Crimes	★★★★☆	Pro-law-enforcement platform lists body cameras, de-escalation training, community policing and fentanyl penalties. No hate-crime-specific material. No statements on anti-Asian hate were found in our search. <i>Rating basis: Specific body cameras, de-escalation and community-policing commitments. BroadJustice includes concrete accountability reforms; no enacted or anti-AAPI statute claimed.</i>

4. CA-40: Young Kim vs. Ken Calvert

California's 40th District (Orange, San Bernardino and Riverside counties: Yorba Linda, Brea, Fullerton, Chino Hills, Corona) **Asians are 19.0% of district residents, the largest minority group (2020 Census). A district-specific Asian American citizen voting-age population figure did not turn up.**

Competitiveness: Cook PVI R+6 on the 2026 district lines (Cook Political Report, checked October 18, 2026). Special all-Republican general: no party-control stakes.

SPECIAL R-vs-R GENERAL: California's top-two primary produced two Republicans, incumbents Ken Calvert (~35%) and Young Kim (~21%). Democrat Esther Kim-Varet (~17%) was eliminated. Party control of this seat cannot flip in November. Redistricting drew the two Republican incumbents into the same district, so AAPI voters here are choosing between them.

Young Kim REPUBLICAN Incumbent since 2021		
Korean American, among the first Korean American women in Congress. Former CA Assemblywoman. Serves on Financial Services and Foreign Affairs.		
ISSUE	RATING	ASSESSMENT AND SOURCES
Immigration & Visas	★★★★☆	Cosponsor of the bipartisan DIGNIDAD Act of 2025 (H.R. 4393), which would let undocumented immigrants present before 2021 apply for up to seven years of legal status with work authorization, regular DHS check-ins and \$7,000 in restitution; no federal benefits and no path to citizenship through that status. The bill also carries border-security and enforcement provisions. Earlier backed DACA recipients, was an original cosponsor of the Divided Families Reunification Act, and co-introduced the current bipartisan Divided Families National Registry Act (H.R. 1273, Feb 2025) for Korean War-separated families. Voted YEA on the Laken Riley Act (Jan 2025). Not a cosponsor of H.R. 8443; no H-1B statements found (congress.gov ; GovTrack).
Zoning & Neighborhoods	★★★★☆	Cosponsored the 21st Century ROAD to Housing Act (H.R. 6644) on Jan 15, 2026 and backed it in a June 2026 floor statement. The bipartisan housing-supply bill streamlines permitting and rural-housing programs. It became Pub.L. 119-101 in July 2026. The bill is federal housing-production policy and takes no position on rezoning or density affecting Asian American neighborhoods (GovTrack ; GovTrack). Voted Yea on the June 23, 2026 House motion to concur in the amended H.R. 6644 housing bill (Roll Call 224, 358-32). [House vote]
Education	★★★★☆	Not a cosponsor of the Teaching AANHPI History Act. Authored H.R. 8445, the Stop DEI Act, on April 22, 2026, proposing to deny specified federal funds to colleges that consider race, sex, ethnicity, color or national origin in violation of civil-rights laws. Her education platform supports school choice, merit, STEM and college affordability. No AANHPI-curriculum or exam-admissions position was verified. (Congress.gov ; education platform). <i>Rating basis: Education authorship and funding/choice platform exist. The Stop DEI proposal is not proof of opposition to AANHPI history; review as a limited/mixed education record.</i>
Language Access	★★★★☆	Authored the Health CARE Act of 2023 (H.R. 5762), proposing a universal language-access symbol in health care. Not a cosponsor of H.R. 7223; no statement on the March 2025 English-official order was found in the checked sources. The earlier bill is a language-access policy record, not enacted service delivery. (introduced bill). <i>Rating basis: Authored a specific health language-access proposal. Concrete but narrow, not an enacted service program.</i>
Justice & Hate Crimes	★★★★★	Voted YEA on the COVID-19 Hate Crimes Act (House Roll Call 145, May 18, 2021). Cosponsored the 2021 Hate Crimes Commission Act. Testified at the March 2021 House hearing on discrimination against Asian Americans after the Atlanta shootings. Published a "bipartisan stand" op-ed and criticized "Kung Flu" rhetoric in 2020. Not an author of the flagship act (GovTrack ; youngkim.house.gov).

ISSUE	RATING	ASSESSMENT AND SOURCES
		<i>Rating basis: Personal anti-Asian-hate advocacy spans 2020 op-ed, 2021 testimony and commission proposal plus enacted flagship vote. Sustained issue leadership, not merely attendance or single cosponsorship.</i>

Ken Calvert REPUBLICAN Incumbent since 1993

Longest-serving Republican in the CA delegation. Appropriations Committee. His Riverside County home was drawn into CA-40.

ISSUE	RATING	ASSESSMENT AND SOURCES
Immigration & Visas	★☆☆☆☆	Authored the 1996 legislation that later became E-Verify, and bills to make E-Verify mandatory nationwide. Voted YEA on the Secure the Border Act (H.R. 2, 2023) and the Laken Riley Act (2025). Campaigns on "ending illegal immigration" and ending "catch and release." His restrictive record covers unauthorized immigration and employment verification, not skilled visas. Not a cosponsor of H.R. 8443, and no H-1B statements were found (calvert.house.gov; GovTrack). <i>Rating basis: Sustained personal leadership on mandatory employment verification, including 1996 program authorship and repeated mandatory E-Verify bills. This is restrictive-policy leadership, not a claim of opposition to legal or skilled immigration.</i>
Zoning & Neighborhoods	★★★★☆	Authored H.R. 577, the Treatment and Homelessness Housing Integration Act of 2025, proposing treatment referrals within HUD's Continuum of Care program; it remains introduced. His FY2026 community-project requests include \$5 million for Via Vail road infrastructure needed for affordable housing in Rancho Mirage. These are homelessness/housing-development actions, not a position on every AAPI-neighborhood zoning dispute. Requested funds are not an award. [bill status] [funding request] Voted Yea on the June 23, 2026 House motion to concur in the amended H.R. 6644 housing bill (Roll Call 224, 358-32). [House vote] <i>Rating basis: Specific homelessness/housing authorship and affordable-housing infrastructure funding request. No enacted result claimed.</i>
Education	★★★★☆	Not a cosponsor of the Teaching AANHPI History Act (H.R. 3551). His official education position favors reevaluating the federal role in education, standards and accountability balanced with student, family and teacher rights, local K-12 control and spending restraint. No AANHPI-history-curriculum or exam-admissions position was verified. His committee work is appropriations, defense and water (calvert.house.gov/education).
Language Access	★★★★☆	Originally cosponsored the English Language Unity Act of 2005 (H.R. 997), proposing English for official government functions with specified exceptions. In 2006 voted Aye to strip the bilingual-ballot extension, then Aye on final Voting Rights Act reauthorization retaining it. Voted Nay on the multipart 2020 H.Res. 908, which included language access; that vote does not establish a clause-specific motive. (H.R. 997; amendment vote; final vote; 2020 vote). <i>Rating basis: Historical official-English authorship and anti-bilingual-ballot amendment vote, but also final reauthorization Yea retaining bilingual protections. Mixed, not no record.</i>
Justice & Hate Crimes	★★★★☆	Voted YEA on the COVID-19 Hate Crimes Act (May 18, 2021). Voted NAY on the Local Law Enforcement Hate Crimes Prevention Act (H.R. 1913, House Roll Call 223, Apr 29, 2009), which later became the Matthew Shepard and James Byrd Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act. No recent hate-crime cosponsorships or community advocacy found (GovTrack).

5. NV-03: Susie Lee vs. Marty O'Donnell

Nevada's 3rd District (Clark County: Summerlin, Spring Valley (including the Las Vegas Chinatown / Spring Mountain corridor), Enterprise, part of Henderson)

The AAPI Civic Engagement Fund reported 82,290 Asian citizen voting-age residents in NV-03, 14% of citizen adults, in 2022. APIAVote's separate 2024 statewide estimate is 11.97% AAPI electorate. These do not establish a current 12-14% district electorate range. (Fund; APIAVote).

Competitiveness: Cook has rated the race Likely D since October 9, 2026; DDHQ also rates it Likely D. O'Donnell loaned his campaign \$3M and holds a Trump endorsement.

Susie Lee DEMOCRAT Incumbent since 2019

Career education nonprofit leader; founded After-School All-Stars Las Vegas and chaired Communities In Schools of Nevada. CAPAC member. Appropriations Committee.

ISSUE	RATING	ASSESSMENT AND SOURCES
Immigration & Visas	★★★★☆	Cosponsor of the bipartisan DIGNIDAD Act of 2025 (H.R. 4393). Told The Nevada Independent "All undocumented immigrants should be deported: No" and criticized "indiscriminate terrorizing of our immigrant communities." One of 14 Democrats voting for the January 2024 GOP "open borders" resolution. Voted YEA on the Laken Riley Act (Jan 2025). Voted against the January 2026 ICE funding bill. No H-1B or visa record (congress.gov; Nevada Independent Q&A, Sep 2026).
Zoning & Neighborhoods	★★★★☆	Supportive on housing supply, limited on the neighborhood side. Voted YEA on final House passage of the 21st Century ROAD to Housing Act (House Roll Call 224, June 23, 2026). Announced a \$466,000 community-project investment in Nevada H.A.N.D. for the housing shortage (Apr 2026). Nothing found in the checked sources on rezoning or the Chinatown/Spring Mountain corridors; zoning is county jurisdiction (GovTrack; KLAS/8NewsNow, Feb 2026). <i>Rating basis: A direct supportive housing-supply vote establishes specific support. Neighborhood-specific rezoning is not required for this score.</i>
Education	★★★★★	Long, verifiable pro-public-education record matching her nonprofit career. Introduced bipartisan bills to fully fund Title I and IDEA, the Earn to Learn Act matched-savings bill (Aug 2026), and the Full-Service Community School Expansion Act of 2026. No AANHPI-history-specific record was found in the checked sources and she is not a cosponsor of the Teaching AANHPI History Act (susielee.house.gov). [susielee.house.gov] <i>Rating basis: Sustained education leadership: education-nonprofit work and repeated community-school authorship in 2023 and 2026, alongside funding proposals. No AANHPI-history bill or enacted version of these proposals is claimed.</i>
Language Access	★★★★☆	Not a cosponsor of H.R. 7223. Cosponsored H.Res. 908 on March 27, 2020 and voted Yea on September 17. The resolution condemns anti-Asian sentiment and recommits to language access and inclusive communication. It is nonbinding and COVID-specific, not an enacted interpreter-services program. (cosponsors; adopted text; vote). <i>Rating basis: Nonbinding, multipart and 2020-dated language-access resolution cosponsorship/Yea. Limited supportive evidence, consistent with 3 for symbolic language-access advocacy rather than enacted services.</i>
Justice & Hate Crimes	★★★★☆	Voted YES on the COVID-19 Hate Crimes Act (House Roll Call 145, May 18, 2021) with a statement pledging to "always fight for southern Nevada's Asian American and Pacific Islander communities." Engagement since includes CAPAC membership, a 2020 ACDC COVID roundtable, a 2025 Las Vegas Asian Chamber keynote and the 2026 National AANHPI Advocacy Day. No evidence she originated hate-crimes legislation (House Clerk).

Marty O'Donnell REPUBLICAN

Composer co-credited with the Halo and Destiny soundtracks. Never held elected office; finished 4th in the 2024 primary. \$3M self-loan; Trump-endorsed.

ISSUE	RATING	ASSESSMENT AND SOURCES
Immigration & Visas	★★★☆☆	Rated on statements only. Answered "Mostly yes" to "All undocumented immigrants should be deported" and "Yes" to the SAVE Act's proof-of-citizenship registration requirement (Nevada Independent Q&A, Sep 2026). His site demands "ending the magnets that cause illegal immigration" and praises Trump for ending benefits access. His stated focus is illegal immigration and border enforcement. No H-1B, green-card or asylum positions found (Nevada Independent; martyforcongress.vote).
Zoning & Neighborhoods	★★★★☆	In the September 2026 questionnaire answered "Mostly yes" on the Clark County lands bill and called for faster federal-land development to increase housing supply and bring down rents and home prices. This is a specific housing-development position, not municipal zoning authority or a Chinatown-corridor plan. (Nevada Independent). <i>Rating basis: Specific faster federal-land housing-development proposal. Same 4 threshold as specific supply proposals elsewhere, notwithstanding no municipal zoning power.</i>
Education	NR	No verifiable K-12 or higher-education platform. His site has no education section and the Sept 2026 Q&A asked no education question. Unverifiable Facebook snippets suggest school-choice support; flagged low-confidence and not graded (martyforcongress.vote).
Language Access	NR	No relevant record was found in the checked sources. No campaign-site content, no statements on multilingual services or the March 2025 English-official executive order; no record of engagement with the issue. He declined the Nevada Current's interview request.
Justice & Hate Crimes	★★★★☆	In a September 7, 2026 interview condemned antisemitism and said both parties should condemn extremism. The remarks link antisemitism to his criticism of Marxism and the DSA. This is anti-hate speech, not a verified anti-AAPI initiative, hate-crime bill or enacted policing record. (Washington Reporter interview). <i>Rating basis: Explicit antisemitism condemnation is anti-hate speech under the guide's broad safety issue, but no anti-AAPI bill or implementation.</i>

6. VA-10: Suhas Subramanyam vs. Dave Beckwith

Virginia's 10th District (Loudoun, Fauquier and Rappahannock counties; parts of Fairfax and Prince William; Manassas) **Non-Hispanic Asian residents are about 15.5% of the district (about 127,000 of 820,222, Data USA's 2024 ACS-based profile); 24.8% of residents are foreign-born. These are resident measures, not AAPI citizen voting-age or registered-voter shares. (Data USA).**

Competitiveness Solid D: Cook has rated it Solid D since November 18, 2025; PVI D+6. Subramanyam won 2024 by 18,788 votes.

The district's land-use flashpoint is data-center and transmission-line sprawl in 'Data Center Alley' (Loudoun County). Local AAPI and other residents cite it most on neighborhood preservation.

Suhas Subramanyam DEMOCRAT Incumbent since 2025		
Indian American former Obama White House tech-policy adviser. First South Asian American elected to Virginia's General Assembly (2019); co-founded its first AAPI Caucus (2021). CAPAC member.		
ISSUE	RATING	ASSESSMENT AND SOURCES
Immigration & Visas	★★★★☆	Active pro-visa record. Led the May 2025 bipartisan letter urging Secretary Rubio to modernize the "cumbersome" H-1B renewal process. Publicly rejected claims in 2026 that H-1B holders take American jobs. Not a cosponsor of the restrictive End H-1B Visa Abuse Act. Voted YEA on the Laken Riley Act (Jan 2025) and authored H.R. 5007 directing ICE to report on its arrests. No signature visa or green-card bill of his own has advanced (subramanyam.house.gov , May 2025). <i>Rating basis: Supportive skilled-visa advocacy but a contrary Laken Riley detention vote. Same genuine-mixed rule used for Tran, Lee, Schrier and Ossoff.</i>
Zoning & Neighborhoods	★★★★★	Data-center accountability is a signature issue. In Virginia he introduced SB 191 in January 2024 to examine and address data-center utility-cost subsidies; it was continued to 2025 in the Commerce and Labor Committee. His federal work continued in 2025-26. Introduced H.R. 9372 to set federal standards for measuring data-center electricity and water use, saying communities deserve "full transparency." Introduced a May 2026 bill to protect homes and property near data centers and held town halls on powerline impacts. H.R. 9372 was ordered reported, as amended, by the House Science, Space, and Technology Committee on June 25, 2026, by a 34-1 vote; it has not passed the House. The record is oversight and standards rather than opposition (subramanyam.house.gov , May 2026; VA Dogwood , Jul 2026; E&E News , Jun 2026). Voted Yea on the June 23, 2026 House motion to concur in the amended H.R. 6644 housing bill (Roll Call 224, 358-32). [House vote] <i>Rating basis: Personal data-center cost and siting leadership sustained from state office in 2024 to federal work in 2025-26.</i>
Education	★★★★☆	Original cosponsor of the Teaching AANHPI History Act (H.R. 3551) and co-founder of Virginia's first legislative AAPI Caucus. CAPAC member. No record found on TJHSST-style exam-admissions debates (GovTrack).
Language Access	★★★★☆	Not a cosponsor of the Language Access for All Act of 2026 (H.R. 7223); he is absent from the bill's 33-name cosponsor list. The bill responds to the March 2025 English-official executive order. Later joined the National Language Access Month resolution (H.Res. 1148, Apr 2026). No Virginia analog was located from his time in Richmond (GovTrack ; GovTrack).
Justice & Hate Crimes	★★★★☆	Not in Congress in 2021, so no COVID-19 Hate Crimes Act vote exists. Current record: CAPAC member, 2021 AAPI Caucus co-founder, and an appearance at a "stand with Virginia's AAPI community" anti-hate pledge event. No hate-crime bill sponsored in the 119th Congress. Limited and supportive (GovTrack).

Dave Beckwith REPUBLICAN

Retired Air Force colonel and former Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense. 17-year Loudoun resident and homeschool parent. Previously ran for the Republican nomination in Virginia's 10th District in 2022; won the 2026 primary with 72.5%.

ISSUE	RATING	ASSESSMENT AND SOURCES
Immigration & Visas	★★★★☆	Rated on statements only. In his 2022 iVoterGuide questionnaire, Beckwith answered "Strongly Agree" on physically securing the border and denying funds to sanctuary jurisdictions; his explanatory response backed border-wall funding. On legal immigration: "We have always welcomed legal immigrants... We should protect our neighborhoods, jobs, and resources from all others." No H-1B, green-card or asylum position found; his 2026 profile shows no answers on comparable questions (iVoterGuide).
Zoning & Neighborhoods	★★★★☆	Rated on statements only. His most distinctive land-use stance is "no powerlines in our backyards." He appeared with neighbors in the Valley North substation fight. His housing platform is market-oriented: a 5% flat tax under \$200k, portable mortgages, indexed capital gains "to unlock the housing market." Concrete action on transmission lines; no broader development or zoning record (beckwithforcongress.com , Jul 2026).
Education	★★★★☆	Rated on statements only. No AANHPI-curriculum record was found in the checked sources. In his 2022 iVoterGuide questionnaire he "Strongly Disagree[s]" on supporting CRT and "Strongly Agree[s]" that America must "restrict China's access to our technologies and educational institutions," with a parental-rights and school-choice platform; his 2026 profile shows no answers on comparable questions. He has not stated a position against AANHPI curricula (iVoterGuide). [iVoterGuide] His current education platform also calls for federal investment in vocational training and apprenticeships alongside school choice; this is relevant supportive funding evidence, not an AANHPI-curriculum position. [current education platform] <i>Rating basis: Current platform pairs direct federal vocational/apprenticeship investment with school choice. Mixed/limited 3 fits this broader education record. CRT/China-access answers do not establish opposition to AANHPI curricula.</i>
Language Access	NR	Nothing found supporting or opposing multilingual government services, official-English measures or the Language Access for All Act. His survey contains no language items; his eight platform planks include none.
Justice & Hate Crimes	NR	No statements, bills or survey answers on hate crimes or anti-AAPI violence. His "Safe and Secure Communities" plank is pro-law-enforcement resourcing. Xi Van Fleet, the Chinese American anti-CRT organizer, endorses him (beckwithforcongress.com).

7. IL-08: Melissa Bean vs. Jennifer Davis

Illinois' 8th District (parts of Cook, DuPage and Kane counties: Schaumburg, Arlington Heights, Buffalo Grove, Elk Grove Village) - OPEN seat

Non-Hispanic Asian residents are roughly 13.8% of the district (about 103,000 of 746,772 residents, Data USA's 2024 ACS-based profile). This is resident share, not citizen voting-age population or registered voters. (Data USA).

Competitiveness Solid D (Cook, Decision Desk, Inside Elections, Sabato). Open seat: Raja Krishnamoorthi vacated it to run for U.S. Senate.

Krishnamoorthi's Senate bid ended in the March 2026 primary. Neither successor candidate has addressed the H-1B-heavy tech-professional angle of this district in a published platform.

Melissa Bean DEMOCRAT		
Former three-term U.S. Representative for IL-08 (2005-2011). Blue Dog/New Democrat; former JPMorgan Chase Midwest chair. Comeback candidate; won an 8-candidate primary.		
ISSUE	RATING	ASSESSMENT AND SOURCES
Immigration & Visas	★★★★☆	Mixed record across 2005-2026. Voted YEA on the DREAM Act of 2010 (House Roll Call 625) and AYE on the 2005 Sensenbrenner enforcement bill H.R. 4437 (Roll Call 661, Dec 16, 2005), one of about 36 Democrats to do so. Her 2026 platform supports "comprehensive immigration reform with a pathway to citizenship," opposes "mass deportation and family separation," and demands ICE due-process oversight. No H-1B or employment-visa record found (GovTrack; GovTrack; campaign issues page).
Zoning & Neighborhoods	NR	Federal race. Her platform addresses housing, health care, education and energy "costs" generally but contains no zoning, density or data-center positions.
Education	★★★★☆	Platform: "fight to restore the U.S. Department of Education," "fully fund IDEA," and oppose "vouchers that drain our schools of tax dollars." Clearly supportive of public education. In Congress she sponsored the College Savings Flexibility Act. No record on AANHPI-history curriculum or TEAACH implementation (campaign issues page). <i>Rating basis: Specific IDEA funding, restoring Education Department and opposition to vouchers. An AANHPI-specific bill is not required for this general-education score.</i>
Language Access	★★★★☆	Voted No on the July 13, 2006 amendment to strip the bilingual-ballot extension, then Aye on final Voting Rights Act reauthorization retaining it through 2032. This is a historical ballot-access record, not a verified current platform. (amendment vote; final vote). <i>Rating basis: Specific 2006 vote against stripping bilingual ballots plus final reauthorization Yea. Historical and not a current platform.</i>
Justice & Hate Crimes	★★★★☆	Voted AYE on the Local Law Enforcement Hate Crimes Prevention (Matthew Shepard) Act (House Roll Call 223, Apr 29, 2009) and on the FY2010 NDAA conference report that enacted it (Roll Call 770, Oct 8, 2009). Her 2026 platform adds "supporting strong action against hate crimes, harassment, and discrimination." The record is not AAPI-specific (GovTrack; campaign issues page).

Jennifer Davis REPUBLICAN

Tech entrepreneur; co-founded software firm Davisware. Mother of ten. First-time candidate from Huntley with no prior campaigns.

ISSUE	RATING	ASSESSMENT AND SOURCES
Immigration & Visas	★★★★☆	Rated on statements only. Mixed platform. Her "Strong Borders, Fair Immigration" plank is restrictive: "illegal immigration costs Illinois taxpayers billions," "deport criminal aliens." She also wants to "prioritize legal immigration for skilled workers who help grow – not replace – American jobs" and to "champion streamlining legal pathways," notable in this district. The wage-protective framing echoes restrictionist rhetoric; the explicit push to expand skilled legal immigration cuts against an H-1B pause. No position found on H.R. 8443 (campaign issues page).
Zoning & Neighborhoods	NR	Nothing found in the checked sources on zoning, density or data centers. Her priorities are Main Street/small business, crime, education, immigration and national security.
Education	★★★☆☆	Rated on statements only. Her platform states "Put parents back in the driver's seat as their children's first educators" and "keep classrooms free from ideological agendas, return to core academics." She endorses "a range of educational options – public, charter, private, or home schools" plus "slashing bloated administrative costs." She has not addressed AANHPI-history curriculum (flagged as not AANHPI-specific) (campaign about page).
Language Access	NR	No statements found in the checked sources on multilingual government services or the Language Access for All Act.
Justice & Hate Crimes	NR	Her "Ensure Safe Communities" planks are generic rule-of-law and police-resources items. No anti-AAPI-hate-crime component, statement or legislation found.

8. GA Senate: Jon Ossoff vs. Mike Collins

Georgia, U.S. Senate statewide

Advancing Justice-Atlanta counted 196,210 AAPI registered voters in Georgia (2022) with a record 64.6% turnout in 2020; the 2022 report puts AAPI voters at 3% of Georgia's electorate. Georgia's AAPI population is among the fastest-growing in the U.S. (~150% over two decades).

Competitiveness Competitive (Sabato's Crystal Ball). A June 2026 Fox News poll had Ossoff +13 (56%-43%). That June snapshot does not establish a subsequent trend.

2026 backdrop: reports of racist/white-nationalist material tied to people in Collins's orbit became a central controversy. His campaign says the ex-staffer 'has no affiliation' and that Collins 'unequivocally condemns' the posts (Guardian, Aug 27, 2026).

Jon Ossoff DEMOCRAT Incumbent since 2021		
Investigative journalist and former congressional aide; the 2017 Democratic nominee in Georgia's 6th District, elected to the U.S. Senate in the January 2021 runoff.		
ISSUE	RATING	ASSESSMENT AND SOURCES
Immigration & Visas	★★★★☆	No H-1B bill sponsorship or Senate vote was found; a 2017 campaign interview gave a generally supportive legal-immigration answer when asked about H-1B (NRI Pulse, 2017). The rest is mixed. Voted YES on final passage of the Laken Riley Act (Senate Roll Call 7, Jan 2025) and sponsored the Border Smuggling Crackdown Act. Repeatedly co-sponsored the Korean American Divided Families National Registry Act, a top Korean American community priority (GovTrack; ossoff.senate.gov, Jun 2024).
Zoning & Neighborhoods	★★★★☆	Official-action basis (senators hold no zoning power). Beyond his housing-supply bills, he won a 2022 USDA agreement to improve affordable-housing access for rural Georgians facing language barriers. He announced \$1.312 million for Baldwin County affordable housing (Mar 2026) and backs bipartisan housing-construction job training (Sep 2026). Concrete housing-affordability actions; no zoning, density or displacement position (ossoff.senate.gov, May 2022). Voted Yea on March 12, 2026 Senate passage of amended H.R. 6644 (Roll Call 53); that was not the final Senate vote. [Senate vote] <i>Rating basis: A direct supportive housing-supply vote establishes specific support. Neighborhood-specific rezoning is not required for this score.</i>
Education	★★★★☆	Specific general-education support; no AANHPI-history authorship is claimed. He sponsors the Skilled Workforce Act (S. 2664) and publicized bipartisan training for rural elementary-school teachers (Apr 2026). He sponsored no K-12 AANHPI-history bill in three Congresses, and he is not a cosponsor of the Senate companion, S. 1844 (Hirono, D-HI), as of October 22, 2026 (GovTrack; Congress.gov). <i>Rating basis: Sponsored a specific workforce-training investment bill and supported rural-teacher training. Broad Education includes funding and technical education; not merely indirect support.</i>
Language Access	★★★★★	He sponsored the Bilingual Public Safety Act (S. 3586) and the Federal Grants Language Accessibility Act (S. 2471). At a March 2022 Judiciary hearing he said he had written the Attorney General to urge every federal agency to update its language-access plans, so immigrant communities can report crimes and reach services. None of the bills became law (ossoff.senate.gov, Mar 2022). <i>Rating basis: Sustained personal leadership: 2022 agency-plan and FBI-access advocacy plus sponsorship of two 2023-24 language-access bills. No enacted bill claimed.</i>
Justice & Hate Crimes	★★★★★	Voted YEA on the COVID-19 Hate Crimes Act (Senate Roll Call 165, Apr 22, 2021, 94-1). Then pressed DOJ on implementing hate-crime protections for Asian American communities (2022) and delivered Atlanta spa-shootings anniversary remarks (2023). The Georgia Asian

ISSUE	RATING	ASSESSMENT AND SOURCES
		American Advocacy Fund endorsed his re-election in July 2026. Others authored the signature bill (GovTrack; AAAF, Jul 2026). <i>Rating basis: Recorded 2021 vote followed by personal 2022 DOJ implementation oversight and 2023 Atlanta-shootings advocacy. Sustained personal follow-through on anti-hate protections meets 5; not original authorship of the 2021 act.</i>

Mike Collins REPUBLICAN U.S. Representative, GA-10

Third-generation trucking company owner; in the House since January 2023; won the June 2026 GOP runoff over Derek Dooley.

ISSUE	RATING	ASSESSMENT AND SOURCES
Immigration & Visas	★☆☆☆☆	Authored the Laken Riley Act, law since January 2025 (Public Law 119-1; S. 5 in the Senate, H.R. 29 in the House). It requires ICE detention of non-citizens arrested or charged with theft-related offenses and lets states sue over federal immigration decisions. Also sponsored the SAFE for America Act of 2025, which eliminates the Diversity Visa program (up to 55,000 green-card lottery visas a year), and the RAZOR Act. This is the strongest restrictionist record in this race. No H-1B-specific position found (congress.gov; collins.house.gov, Jan 2025).
Zoning & Neighborhoods	★★★★☆	In AJC's April 2026 issue review, supports reducing builder regulations and limiting excessive corporate homebuying to lower housing costs. WABE's September 2026 report says he voted for the bipartisan housing bill limiting institutional-investor homeownership. These are housing-affordability positions and reported actions, not municipal zoning authority; the owning House vote is now verified below. [AJC, Apr 2026] [WABE, Sep 2026] Voted Yea on the June 23, 2026 House motion to concur in the amended H.R. 6644 housing bill (Roll Call 224, 358-32). [House vote] <i>Rating basis: Specific builder-regulation/corporate-investor positions plus verified Yea on June 23 housing bill. A concrete supportive housing record under 4; not municipal zoning.</i>
Education	★★☆☆☆	Voted for the Parents Bill of Rights Act and touts it on his official education page. Cosponsors H.R. 899, which would terminate the U.S. Department of Education. Heritage Action scores him 98% (118th) and 100% (119th). No AANHPI-history-curriculum record. His record runs against federal public-education investment, with no inclusive-curriculum support (congress.gov).
Language Access	★★☆☆☆	Cosponsored H.R. 1772 on June 3, 2026, proposing English for official federal government functions and an English naturalization standard. The bill preserves specified exceptions for health and safety, crime victims and defendants, IDEA and other matters; it is not an enacted ban on all translation. (cosponsors; bill text). <i>Rating basis: Cosponsors official-English legislation restricting routine federal language use, with exceptions. Opposition signal, not a blanket ban or sole authorship.</i>
Justice & Hate Crimes	★★★☆☆	Joined Congress in January 2023, so he could not have voted on the 2021 COVID-19 Hate Crimes Act. Since then he has sponsored no hate-crimes legislation, and no AAPI-specific statements were found. In July and August 2026 his campaign also faced reports of racist material by former associates. His office says the ex-staffer "has no affiliation" and that Collins "unequivocally condemns" the posts (Guardian, Aug 2026). <i>Rating basis: Reported office condemnation of racist, Nazi and KKK posts is a limited anti-hate statement. Same symbolic/statement boundary as O'Donnell; associates misconduct is not attributed as his own policy.</i>

9. WA-03: Marie Gluesenkamp Perez vs. John Braun

Washington's 3rd District (southwest Washington: Vancouver, Longview, Centralia, Camas; Clark, Cowlitz, Lewis, Pacific, Skamania and Wahkiakum counties)

Asian (non-Hispanic) residents are 3.7% of the district (ACS 2024 via DataUSA), the lowest AAPI share in this guide. It is included because small turnout shifts, including any AAPI turnout effect, can decide the House majority.

Competitiveness: Cook moved the race to Lean D on October 9, 2026; UVA Center for Politics rates it leans D. 2024: Gluesenkamp Perez 51.7%–47.9%; 2022: 50.1%–49.3% (2,629 votes). OPB's Sept. 17-27 DHM poll of 543 likely voters put Braun at 48%, Perez 47% after leaners (±4.2 points), within sampling error. (OPB).

Primary order-of-finish: early counts had Gluesenkamp Perez first, but certified final counts put State Sen. John Braun first (39.7%) with her second (36.4%). Democrat Brent Hennrich finished a distant third and did not answer whether he would endorse Perez, saying she must earn voters' support (OPB, Aug 7, 2026). President Trump endorsed Braun in April 2026.

Marie Gluesenkamp Perez DEMOCRAT Incumbent since 2023		
Auto-repair shop co-owner. First elected in a 2022 upset over Joe Kent. Blue Dog Coalition co-chair; House Appropriations Committee. Not a CAPAC member.		
ISSUE	RATING	ASSESSMENT AND SOURCES
Immigration & Visas	★★★★☆	Mixed record. Voted YEA on the Laken Riley detention bill (Jan 2025, one of 48 Democrats on initial passage) and on the SAVE Act proof-of-citizenship registration requirement (Apr 2025). Supports reinstating Title 42 expulsions and the "Remain in Mexico" policy. Voted NAY on the Secure the Border Act (2023) and frames border security around fentanyl enforcement. Not a cosponsor of the End H-1B Visa Abuse Act or of the DIGNIDAD Act, and no skilled-visa position of any kind was found (GovTrack; GovTrack; Wikipedia).
Zoning & Neighborhoods	★★★★☆	Co-leads bipartisan housing-supply legislation. The CONSTRUCTS Act - Creating Opportunities for New Skills Training at Rural and Underserved Colleges and Trade Schools (Dec 2024, introduced with Republican Reps. Ciscomani and Zinke and Democratic Rep. Don Davis) addresses the shortage of skilled construction workers as a driver of housing costs, and the National Association of Home Builders commended it. She also carries a platform plank on bringing down housing costs. Authored but not enacted. The record is rural/small-town oriented: supportive rather than championing (House release, Dec 2024; campaign site). Voted Yea on the June 23, 2026 House motion to concur in the amended H.R. 6644 housing bill (Roll Call 224, 358-32). [House vote]
Education	★★★★☆	Her education record is narrow but on the issue's main lines. The Fairness for the Trades Act (2024, reintroduced bipartisan in 2025) would expand eligible 529-plan expenses to qualifying tools and equipment used in technical careers, plus advocacy making career-education courses credit-eligible, alongside a YEA vote canceling the Biden student-debt-relief rule (2023). Not a cosponsor of the Teaching AANHPI History Act (H.R. 3551); no AANHPI-curriculum engagement found (House release, Oct 2024; GovTrack).
Language Access	NR	Not a cosponsor of the Language Access for All Act of 2026 (H.R. 7223) or the National Language Access Month resolution (H.Res. 1148). No multilingual-services, ballot-access or interpreter legislation or statements were found (GovTrack; GovTrack).
Justice & Hate Crimes	NR	Took office in January 2023, so she has no vote on the 2021 COVID-19 Hate Crimes Act. Her GovTrack member page shows no hate-crime sponsorship, cosponsorship or vote. No AANHPI-specific statement or response to anti-Asian violence was located (GovTrack).

John Braun REPUBLICAN *State Senate Minority Leader*

Retired Navy captain (submarine force) and emergency-vehicle manufacturer. Washington state senator since 2013; Senate Minority Leader since 2020. Trump-endorsed.

ISSUE	RATING	ASSESSMENT AND SOURCES
Immigration & Visas	★★☆☆☆	His platform is enforcement-maximalist: "complete high-priority barriers," hire more agents, "tighten asylum loopholes," go after cartel supply chains. He attacked his opponent for opposing the 2023 Secure the Border Act. His one verifiable state vote cut against immigrant-worker protections: NAY on the 2019 immigrants-in-the-workplace bill (SB 5497, Senate 30-16). No anti-legal-immigration statements and no skilled-visa record were found. Leaning against (votebraun.com ; WA Legislature).
Zoning & Neighborhoods	★★★★☆	Voted YEA on both of Washington's landmark 2023 density laws: HB 1110 legalizing duplexes and fourplexes statewide (Senate 35-14) and HB 1337 expanding accessory dwelling units (39-7). Those are concrete supportive votes on the housing-supply agenda this issue measures. His later housing record includes co-sponsoring ESSB 5552, the 2026 law directing building codes for kit homes, signed March 14, 2026; his own platform is tax-and-spending focused (WA Legislature ; WA Legislature).
Education	★★★★★	Authored SB 5954, the 2015 College Affordability Program, which cut public-university tuition. His campaign calls these the first and largest such cuts in the nation. As Senate Ways & Means chairman he led the 2017-19 operating budget that fully funded basic education under the McCleary mandate with property-tax relief. Voted YEA on the 2024 parents'-rights initiative I-2081 (49-0) and prime-sponsored SB 5851 in the 2023-24 session to expand Holocaust and genocide education; it advanced through Senate committees but did not become law. The record contains no AANHPI-curriculum item (votebraun.com ; WA Legislature).
Language Access	★★★★☆	Mixed voting record: voted YEA on SB 5944, language-access providers' collective bargaining (Senate 44-5, Feb 11, 2026; became law in March 2026), and NAY on SB 5995, spoken-language interpreter and translator licensing (Senate 30-19, Feb 2, 2024; did not become law). A floor-management action (moving a 2026 bill from the Senate Rules "white sheet") is procedural (SB 5944 history ; SB 5995 history).
Justice & Hate Crimes	★★☆☆☆	Voted NAY on Senate Final Passage of SSB 5427 (Roll Call 36, Feb 7, 2024, 30-18-1), the hate-crimes and bias-incidents bill that later became law. An earlier lead said he sponsored a 2025-26 hate-crime bill after the Spokane pride-display vandalism case; that bill was Sen. Billig's. Braun's own SB 5851 (2023-24) was a Holocaust/genocide-education measure. No AAPI-specific statements either way; one adverse vote (WA Legislature , roll call #36).

10. WA-08: Kim Schrier vs. Spencer Meline

Washington's 8th District (eastern King County: Sammamish, Issaquah, Snoqualmie Valley, Maple Valley; across the Cascades to Wenatchee and Ellensburg)

Non-Hispanic Asian residents are about 11.0% of the district (about 86,100 of 781,768, Data USA's 2024 ACS-based profile). Sammamish and Issaquah have large Chinese and Indian American communities. A district-level AAPI citizen voting-age share was not verified. (Data USA).

Competitiveness Solid D: Cook has rated it Solid D since January 8, 2026; PVI D+3. Schrier has won every general by 2-9 points since 2018 (54-46 in 2024). District-wide, she took the August primary 53.69% to Meline's 15.83% (certified), and a September model gives her a >99% chance.

The second primary slot was razor-thin: Spencer Meline's election-night lead of 7 votes over second-place finisher Trinh Ha grew to a certified margin of 1,984 votes (Meline 30,324, Ha 28,340). Meline is a first-time candidate; through the July 15, 2026 FEC reports Schrier reported \$3,016,893.52 in cycle receipts to his \$126,516.63, about 23.8-to-1.

Kim Schrier DEMOCRAT Incumbent since 2019		
Sammamish pediatrician, the first in Congress. Energy & Commerce Committee; former Education & Labor Committee member. CAPAC member.		
ISSUE	RATING	ASSESSMENT AND SOURCES
Immigration & Visas	★★★★☆	Supportive of legal and skilled immigration on paper. Original cosponsor of the bipartisan Farm Workforce Modernization Act (2019), which creates a path to citizenship for farm workers. Her 2026 platform pledges to "expand and improve worker visas that agricultural and technology-based economies all across our district depend upon." But she voted YEA on the Laken Riley Act (Jan 2025, one of 46 Democrats on final passage), is not a cosponsor of the DIGNIDAD Act, and has no H-1B-specific bill work. Mixed (GovTrack; campaign site; GovTrack).
Zoning & Neighborhoods	★★★★☆	Cosponsored the Streamlining Rural Housing Act of 2025 (H.R. 4989). Also authored H.R. 8127, the Permanent Housing Affordability Act, on March 26, 2026, proposing shared-equity homeownership support; it remains introduced. Her August 2024 release described earlier housing-project funds, including senior-veteran units, Enumclaw units and YWCA preservation. No specific AAPI-neighborhood rezoning position was found in the checked sources. (H.R. 8127; 2024 release). Voted Yea on the June 23, 2026 House motion to concur in the amended H.R. 6644 housing bill (Roll Call 224, 358-32). [House vote] <i>Rating basis: Authorship of shared-equity housing legislation and earlier housing-project work exceed the old one-cosponsorship premise. Remains distinct from AAPI-neighborhood rezoning.</i>
Education	★★★★★	Consistent pro-public-education record without an AANHPI-specific item. Former Education & Labor Committee member. Platform backs universal pre-K, expanded school meals and college affordability. Enacted child-nutrition and children's mental-health legislation plus school-based health clinic funding. She is not a cosponsor of the Teaching AANHPI History Act (H.R. 3551) (campaign site; GovTrack). <i>Rating basis: Sustained child-nutrition and children's mental-health leadership across multiple Congresses, with her campaign identifying enacted provisions and an ongoing school-investment platform. This is broad Education leadership, not AANHPI-history authorship.</i>
Language Access	★★★★☆	Not a cosponsor of H.R. 7223. Cosponsored H.Res. 908 on April 3, 2020 and voted Yea on September 17. The resolution condemns anti-Asian sentiment and recommits to language access and inclusive communication. It is nonbinding and COVID-specific, not an enacted interpreter-services program. (cosponsors; adopted text; vote). <i>Rating basis: Nonbinding, multipart and 2020-dated language-access resolution cosponsorship/Yea. Limited supportive evidence, consistent with 3 for symbolic language-access advocacy rather than enacted services.</i>

ISSUE	RATING	ASSESSMENT AND SOURCES
Justice & Hate Crimes	★★★★☆	Voted YEA on the COVID-19 Hate Crimes Act (House Roll Call 145, May 18, 2021; vote record verified) and is a member of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus. No authored hate-crime statute was found in the checked sources. Also cosponsored H.Res. 908 on April 3, 2020 and voted Yea September 17, condemning anti-Asian sentiment and supporting language access; this was a nonbinding resolution. (resolution ; vote). [GovTrack]

Spencer Meline REPUBLICAN

First-time candidate. Owns three restaurants in the district. Endorsed by the King County and Snohomish County GOP organizations. Financial comparisons require matched reporting periods; newer October filings supersede the earlier July snapshot.

ISSUE	RATING	ASSESSMENT AND SOURCES
Immigration & Visas	★★★★☆	Rated on statements only. His "Smart & Secure Immigration" plank is enforcement-first: "enforce immigration law consistently," and immigration policy shouldn't "reward those who broke the rules." He answered "Strongly Disagree" on sanctuary cities in the iVoterGuide survey, while explicitly backing legal immigration and acknowledging that Washington's farms depend on a stable legal workforce. No skilled-visa position was found despite the district's tech economy. Leans against without opposing legal immigration (campaign site ; iVoterGuide).
Zoning & Neighborhoods	★★★★☆	Rated on statements only. His one concrete affordability plank would stop "large institutional investors from crowding out families in the single-family housing market" and pricing out first-time buyers. No position on zoning, density or development, and he has never held office (campaign site). <i>Rating basis: Specific proposed restriction on large institutional homebuyers to improve first-buyer affordability. Platform-only, not enacted; same 4 rule as other concrete proposals.</i>
Education	★★★★☆	His current Education, Skills & Opportunity platform supports expanding apprenticeships, technical education and career training, practical-skills instruction, and parental transparency. In an August 2026 interview also backed a parental-consent approach to school social-transition policy. These are education positions, not a verified AANHPI-curriculum view. His iVoterGuide answer on abolishing the Education Department was a non-answer. [current platform] [dated interview] <i>Rating basis: Current direct platform has specific apprenticeships/technical training and practical-skills education commitments. Specific supportive Education position, not merely parental-consent policy.</i>
Language Access	NR	No campaign-site content, questionnaire answer or statement on multilingual services, ballot access or the English-official executive order was found.
Justice & Hate Crimes	NR	His "Safe Communities" plank covers law-enforcement funding, open drug use, fentanyl and repeat offenders with nothing on hate crimes or bias-motivated violence. No AAPI-community statements or endorsements were located.

11. NY SD-17: Steve Chan vs. Larry He

New York State Senate District 17 (southern Brooklyn: Sunset Park, Bensonhurst, Dyker Heights, Bath Beach, Bay Ridge, Kensington)

The 2022-drawn district is 48.56% non-Hispanic Asian residents in LATFOR's adjusted Census map statistics, and 48.61% among adults 18+. Neither figure is registered voters or citizen voting-age population. Registration figures require a separate date and source. (LATFOR district report).

Competitiveness Toss-up / GOP-held lean. Chan flipped the seat in 2024, beating one-term incumbent Iwen Chu ~54.7%-44.9%. Both parties target SD-17 for State Senate control.

Iwen Chu is not on the 2026 ballot; her record is not used in any rating. Specialized-high-school admissions run through New York's 1971 Hecht-Calandra Act, which requires the SHSAT exam. Neither candidate has an explicit, sourced position on the law itself.

Steve Chan REPUBLICAN / CONSERVATIVE Incumbent since 2025		
Hong Kong-born immigrant. Retired NYPD sergeant (27 years) and former U.S. Marine. Florist and PTA president. First Asian American Republican elected to the NY State Senate.		
ISSUE	RATING	ASSESSMENT AND SOURCES
Immigration & Visas	★★★★☆	A self-described immigrant who "advocate[s] for legal immigration," he lists "illegal immigration" among the district's top problems. He wrote in 2024: "we have to stop inviting everyone else's problems, we are out of resources... We need to help our own needy first." He opposed migrant-shelter siting in the district. His 2025-26 bill list contains no pro-immigrant services measures. No H-1B comment found (Patch, Oct 2024; nysenate.gov).
Zoning & Neighborhoods	★★★★☆	Led sustained, visible opposition to the city's 150-bed men's shelter at 2501 86th St in Bensonhurst: rallies with Rep. Malliotakis and Community Board 11, and publicizing a stop-work order at the site. Held a town hall on the New Utrecht Library redevelopment. Sponsored small-business and small-landlord-leaning bills (storefront security-gate limits, housing-court changes). No record on Industry City rezoning or Sunset Park displacement (Brooklyn Eagle, Mar 2026). Rating basis: Shelter opposition is a documented local stance, but opposition alone is not proof of displacement prevention, net housing supply or a specific safety remedy. Limited neighborhood record, not automatic supportive 4.
Education	★★★★☆	At the Oct 2025 Bensonhurst rally he defended Gifted & Talented programs and the specialized-high-school track against proposed elimination, noting these schools "produced 15 Nobel prize winners." Chinese-language press reports he vows to keep pushing G&T expansion. Sponsored S9494 (state help for entities using federal K-12 scholarship tax credits). No explicit Hecht-Calandra/SHSAT bill, so the 1971 law itself is unaddressed (BK Reader, Oct 2025).
Language Access	★★★★☆	Voted Aye on the Language Access Expansion Act (S5535) on April 2, 2025 and April 1, 2026. It would expand government translation and interpreter requirements; it remains in Assembly committee, not law. His office published 2025 accounts of multilingual constituent help, including Mandarin translation; January 2025 reporting described free notary service. Current routine availability was not verified. (NY Senate; office accounts; Sing Tao). Rating basis: Two direct floor Ayes on language-access expansion. Pending bill and dated constituent help, not enacted availability.
Justice & Hate Crimes	★★★★☆	Public safety is his signature issue: an inaugural-month vow to overhaul bail, the Senate Republican Conference's 2026 "SAVE NY" agenda (repeal cashless bail, restrict parole for violent offenders), and S9938 on transit sentencing. In July 2026 he personally intervened to stop a violent street assault. Community ties include honoring the NYPD Asian Jade

ISSUE	RATING	ASSESSMENT AND SOURCES
		Society's 45th anniversary. No hate-crime-statute sponsorship found; the 2020 hate-crime-bail bill was Gounardes/Eichenstein, not Chan (nysenate.gov ; CBS New York, Jul 2026).

Larry He DEMOCRAT

Dr. Lining "Larry" He, first-generation Chinese immigrant. Democratic district leader (AD 47) and chief of staff to Assemblymember William Colton. First-time candidate.

ISSUE	RATING	ASSESSMENT AND SOURCES
Immigration & Visas	NR	Never held legislative office. No state-level record on immigrant-services funding, sanctuary policy or driver's-license debates was found in the checked sources. No H-1B comment was found.
Zoning & Neighborhoods	★★★★☆	Rated on statements only. Front-line organizer of the opposition to the 2501 86th St men's shelter and anchors the community group against it. During the March 2026 night demolition confrontation he was pushed down alongside a 70-year-old woman, then accompanied the non-English-speaking senior to Coney Island Hospital until 4:30 a.m. His platform targets rising commercial rents and vacant storefronts on neighborhood corridors. No positions found on Industry City rezoning or residential rezonings (Documented, Mar 2026; amNY). <i>Rating basis: Same shelter-opposition boundary as Chan. Assistance to an injured resident is not land-use policy; commercial-rent concerns add a limited neighborhood position.</i>
Education	★★★★☆	Rated on statements only. Defended Gifted & Talented and accelerated programs at the October 2025 rally. His current platform also proposes a specialized high-school campus in South Brooklyn, expanded afterschool access and paid peer tutoring, including bilingual matching. A specific Hecht-Calandra amendment or SHSAT bill was not verified. (campaign platform; rally).
Language Access	★★★★☆	His education platform proposes state grant-funded peer tutors and actively matching bilingual tutors to families in Cantonese, Mandarin, Russian, Spanish and Arabic. That is a specific language-access commitment in education, not a general multilingual-ballot or government-services plan. Earlier personal language assistance and Chinese-language outreach are separate. (campaign platform). His public-locker proposal also calls for multilingual interfaces and in-person sign-up in Cantonese, Mandarin, Russian and Spanish, coordinated through immigrant-serving groups and senior centers. [locker-access platform] <i>Rating basis: Specific state-funded bilingual tutoring plus multilingual public-locker interfaces and in-person signup. Clear public-services language-access proposals, not just campaign translation.</i>
Justice & Hate Crimes	★★★★☆	His platform proposes expanding secure public delivery lockers, prioritizing theft-prone buildings and seniors using NYPD data, plus a paid youth Civic Stewardship Corps presented as crime prevention. These are specific public-safety proposals, not hate-crime legislation or enacted results. Hands-on assistance during the shelter confrontation is separate. [package theft] [safety platform] <i>Rating basis: Specific secure-locker theft prevention and youth-employment crime-prevention proposals under broadjustice. No hate-crime bill or enacted result claimed.</i>

12. GA SD-48: Shawn Still vs. Laura Murvartian

Georgia State Senate District 48 (southern Forsyth County; parts of north Fulton (Johns Creek, Milton); a Gwinnett sliver) **SD-48 is 31.4% non-Hispanic Asian (2020-24 ACS; margin of error ±1.3 points), per the Atlanta Regional Commission. Johns Creek's 15.4% Indian, 9.2% Chinese and 4.2% Korean figures are older city-resident shares (Esri 2020 / ACS 2019), not district or eligible-voter shares. (ARC; Johns Creek).**

Competitiveness Lean R. Still won 2024 with ~53% over Ashwin Ramaswami in an R+4.6 district. The DLCC named SD-48 one of three Georgia Senate target races and later included Laura Murvartian on its October Top 10 list.

Legal context: Still was indicted in August 2023 in the Fulton County 2020-election interference case as a 2020 'alternate elector.' On Nov 26, 2025 the case was dismissed at the special prosecutor's request, citing insufficient evidence of criminal intent.

Shawn Still REPUBLICAN <i>Incumbent since 2023</i>		
Owner of Olympic Pool Plastering; former GA GOP finance chairman; succeeded Sen. Michelle Au (D).		
ISSUE	RATING	ASSESSMENT AND SOURCES
Immigration & Visas	★★★★☆	Voted YEA on SB 116 (2025-26), which requires DNA sampling of people charged with crimes who are under ICE detainers. Asian Americans Advancing Justice-Atlanta tracked the bill as "Oppose" (Senate passed 33-20, Feb 25, 2026). The GPS accountability scorecard verifies his yes vote. One enforcement vote, no sponsored immigration bills, no visa statements found. Leaning against (AAJC-Atlanta tracker ; GPS scorecard ; WABE , Apr 2026).
Zoning & Neighborhoods	NR	Zoning is municipal in Johns Creek and Forsyth, so he has no density or development votes. The one documented neighborhood-quality item is his SB 145, the "LEAF Act" (2023), which would have barred cities and counties from regulating gas-powered leaf blowers. It passed the Senate on February 27, 2023 and the House on March 27, then stalled over amendments; it did not become law. Similar leaf-blower preemption language was enacted in HB 374 (May 2023), which Still did not author (LegiScan ; GA Legislature). <i>Rating basis: Leaf-blower equipment preemption does not establish a position on housing, zoning, development or a land-use protection. It is context rather than housing-score evidence.</i>
Education	★★★★☆	Touts SB 233 (Georgia Promise Scholarship, \$6,500 private-school vouchers) on his issues page and authored SB 124 extending school choice to military families. Co-sponsored SB 390 (2024), which would have barred public libraries from spending state money on American Library Association dues or programs, a book/library-restriction measure. No AANHPI-curriculum record; Georgia has no such mandate (shawnstill.com).
Language Access	NR	No sponsored legislation, vote or statement found on multilingual services. Gwinnett County provides English/Spanish ballot services countywide and separate Asian-language outreach; those county services are not attributed to Still.
Justice & Hate Crimes	★★★★☆	First-listed author on the introduced SB 375 (2025), proposing a Hinduphobia definition for anti-discrimination enforcement and bias-motive penalty decisions. The text preserves protected speech and creates no new cause of action. It did not become law: the latest tracked action is Senate referral April 4, 2025. This is a relevant anti-hate proposal, not proof of a general anti-Asian-hate plan. (introduced text ; tracked status ; NRI Pulse). <i>Rating basis: First-listed authorship of anti-Hindu-discrimination/bias-motive legislation is an anti-hate record. Did not become law; preserve free-speech limits and debate.</i>

Laura Murvartian DEMOCRAT

Immigrant businesswoman who arrived from Mexico at age 8. Former Fortune 500 executive (Turner Broadcasting/Equifax). Founder of Arte GA; 2024 GA House nominee. Won her primary with 63.7%.

ISSUE	RATING	ASSESSMENT AND SOURCES
Immigration & Visas	★★★★☆	Rated on statements only. Her platform's "Government Overreach" section criticizes the federal government for "building ICE detention centers in Georgia without the input of any state or local officials," and argues state and local government should not stand by. A community-first stance on immigration enforcement with no policy specifics and no track record (lauramurvartian.com).
Zoning & Neighborhoods	★★★★☆	Rated on statements only. Her platform supports affordable housing, expanded public transportation, and attacks state preemption: "when they don't like what local municipalities are doing, they step in with preemption laws that override our mayors and city councils." Applied to land use, that favors neighborhood-level control. Supportive platform, zero legislative record (lauramurvartian.com).
Education	★★★★☆	Rated on statements only. Her "Thriving Schools" plank lists early literacy (3rd-grade reading), higher teacher pay and per-student spending, and school gun-violence prevention. She founded Fiesta De Libros, a community children's-literacy library at Plaza Fiesta. No AANHPI-history-curriculum position found; no votes ever cast. <i>Rating basis: Specific early literacy, teacher pay and per-student spending commitments. Statement-only but specific supportive funding positions meet 4.</i>
Language Access	NR	No verifiable policy record. Her priorities pages contain no multilingual-government or ballot-access plank and no statements were found. Bilingual community library work is not a government language-access position.
Justice & Hate Crimes	★★★★☆	Rated on statements only (no prior office). She signed the Georgia Majority for Gun Safety 2026 candidate pledge: secure storage, universal background checks and community violence-intervention funding. Her platform includes a "Safe Schools" gun-violence plank. Specific, signed violence-prevention support; nothing found on hate crimes, the Atlanta spa shootings or anti-Asian violence (GA Majority signers ; pledge text). <i>Rating basis: Signed specific secure-storage, background-check and community violence-intervention pledge. BroadJustice counts specified violence prevention, not only anti-AAPI legislation.</i>

13. TX HD-26: Matt Morgan vs. Eliz Markowitz

Texas House District 26 (Fort Bend County: Richmond, Katy/Cinco Ranch, Pecan Grove)

Fort Bend County Asian Americans are ~20% of eligible voters, "nearly 1 in 5 of all U.S. citizens over 18" (Houston Public Media, 2024), and ~22% of the population. An HD-26-specific figure was not verified.

Competitiveness R-leaning incumbent. Morgan won 2024 by ~18 points (59.2%-40.8% over Daniel Lee). No Cook rating exists for TX House races.

Morgan unseated Jacey Jetton, the district's Korean-American incumbent Republican, in the March 2024 GOP primary, so this seat was AAPI-representation-relevant before the general. 2026 is Markowitz vs Morgan, not a personal rematch.

Matt Morgan REPUBLICAN <i>Incumbent since 2025</i>		
Insurance-adjustment business owner. Unseated Jetton in the 2024 primary. Stated freshman priorities: border security, property-tax relief, spending, insurance reform. Dan Patrick-endorsed.		
ISSUE	RATING	ASSESSMENT AND SOURCES
Immigration & Visas	★★☆☆☆	Voted YEA on SB 8 (2025), the bill forcing county sheriffs into 287(g) agreements with ICE (House Record 3502, 86-47-1). "Secure the border" is a core campaign priority. No pro-visa or immigrant-integration statements found. Visa policy itself is federal, so a state representative's record here is enforcement posture (FastDemocracy record ; ACLU-TX).
Zoning & Neighborhoods	★★★★☆	Rated on statements only (no land-use votes yet). He told the Katy Times (Sep 18, 2026) he supports regulating AI data centers: keeping them out of or near neighborhoods, requiring their own power generation, air-cooled or closed-loop water systems, and community input. He also cited setbacks and fire standards for the Ochoa battery-storage site, TxDOT accountability legislation, and permanent property-tax relief. Highly specific local-siting commitments; not yet enacted policy (Katy Times Q&A, Sep 2026).
Education	★★☆☆☆	Official House cosponsor of SB 2 (2025), the statewide Education Savings Account/voucher program. Voted Yea on second reading April 16 (86-63) and final third reading April 17 (86-61), and Yea to table the referendum amendment April 16 (86-62-1). No AANHPI-history position was found in the checked sources. (official history ; April 16 Journal ; April 17 Journal).
Language Access	★★☆☆☆	Voted Nay on HB 4838 engrossment on May 9, 2025 (66-64-3), the language-access assessment bill used in Reynolds' entry. It passed the House but was not enacted. No statement on multilingual ballots was found in the checked sources. (House Journal, p3805). <i>Rating basis: Direct Nay on language-access assessment, symmetric with the supportive vote credited to Reynolds. Do not infer motive about every provision.</i>
Justice & Hate Crimes	NR	No AAPI-specific hate-crime statements, votes or community statements found. His Sweetgrass Republican Club and similar appearances are generic GOP events.

Eliz Markowitz DEMOCRAT		
Education professor and career educator. Fort Bend native. Ran for neighboring HD-28 in 2019-2020. Won the March 2026 primary over Daniel Lee.		
ISSUE	RATING	ASSESSMENT AND SOURCES
Immigration & Visas	★★★★☆	Rated on statements only (never held office). Her platform carries a full immigration section: passage of the named DREAM Act for DACA recipients, humane treatment of asylum seekers and refugees, and opposition to child separation and "tender age" shelters.

ISSUE	RATING	ASSESSMENT AND SOURCES
		The child-separation-era wording has sat on her site since her 2019-20 campaigns and repeats across three runs (campaign platform).
Zoning & Neighborhoods	★★★★☆	Rated on statements only (never held office). She told the Katy Times (Sep 18, 2026) that data centers "should cover those costs and the infrastructure they require." She backs stronger water-use, noise and environmental standards with "a real voice" for local communities, appropriate setbacks for the Ochoa battery-storage project near schools, homes and flood-prone areas, TxDOT accountability for FM 1463/FM 529, and more attainable housing (Katy Times Q&A, Sep 2026).
Education	★★★★★	Rated on statements only. Career educator who has made public education the signature issue across three campaigns. She opposes taxpayer-funded vouchers, supports raising teacher pay, expanding early-childhood and literacy programs, eliminating STAAR, and smaller class sizes. On vouchers and school funding she is a clear, consistent champion. No individual AANHPI-curriculum position was found in the checked sources; the absence of a state mandate does not prove a candidate has no position (Houston Chronicle, Nov 2025; eliz4tx.com). [Houston Chronicle, Nov 2025] [eliz4tx.com]
Language Access	★★★★☆	Rated on statements only (never held office). Her healthcare-disparities plank commits to "investing in bilingual and culturally competent care" in one of America's most diverse counties. Supportive but healthcare-only; nothing found on multilingual ballots or government services (campaign platform). <i>Rating basis: Explicit investment in bilingual healthcare. Same sector-specific language-policy threshold as Kim, He and Reynolds; not a ballot-services position.</i>
Justice & Hate Crimes	★★★★☆	Rated on statements only (never held office). Her "Crisis Management" plank commits to "actively address issues concerning violence in our schools" through mental-health investment, "particularly gun violence." Limited, school-safety-focused support. Nothing found in the checked sources on hate crimes, policing or anti-Asian violence. A Wikipedia snippet suggesting otherwise references a different, older race and is not attributed (campaign platform). <i>Rating basis: Specific school mental-health investment to address gun violence. Same broad justice prevention threshold as Swift and Murvartian; statement-only.</i>

14. TX HD-27: Ron Reynolds vs. Max Alalibo

Texas House District 27 (Fort Bend County: Missouri City, Stafford, Fresno, parts of Sugar Land)

Asian Americans are about 20% of Fort Bend County's eligible voters (Houston Public Media 2024). The 2026 AAPI Data Texas sheet reports 22% AAPI population share and 20% AAPI eligible-vote share. HD-27 includes some of the county's highest-Asian areas (Stafford, Missouri City). An HD-27-specific CVAP figure was not verified.

Competitiveness Safe D on paper: Reynolds beat Alalibo 69.8%-30.2% in 2024. Official March 3, 2026 primary results: Reynolds 24,244 (87.52%), Prevot 3,458 (12.48%). For July 1-September 24, TEC reports contributions of \$4,146.27 for Reynolds and \$4,550 for Alalibo. Alalibo also reported \$750 for January-June. These are reporting-period figures, not like-for-like cycle fundraising totals. No Cook/PVI rating exists for TX House races. (official primary; TEC).

Reynolds is seeking a ninth term and survived a March 2026 primary challenge. Alalibo was unopposed for the GOP nomination.

Ron Reynolds DEMOCRAT Incumbent since 2011		
Trained as a lawyer and a former Houston associate municipal judge; the State Bar lists him as not eligible to practice in Texas following a July 2019 disbarment. Chairs the Texas Legislative Black Caucus (since Jan 2025). First African American state rep from Fort Bend since Reconstruction. (State Bar).		
ISSUE	RATING	ASSESSMENT AND SOURCES
Immigration & Visas	★★★★☆	Authored HCR 34 (2019), urging Congress to abolish ICE. His HCR 20 (2021) urges Congress to restore the federal Voting Rights Act, a different measure. Absent-excused on SB 8 third reading May 25, 2025, but voted Nay on the June 1 final conference report (89-52-1). His immigration record includes both proposals and a recorded final enforcement-policy vote. (May 25 Journal; June 1 Journal).
Zoning & Neighborhoods	★★★★☆	Signed on as joint author of HB 3338 (2025) on March 11, 2025, proposing concrete-plant permit restrictions in unzoned municipalities within five miles of schools, daycares or hospitals. That was an authorship date, not a signature into law. Its last action was committee referral on March 21, 2025; it did not become law. Also authored HB 5071 on development-permit regulation exemptions and HB 871 on municipal building codes. These are relevant siting/development records, not proof of a position on data centers or annexation. (HB 3338 authors; member legislation). [official bill history] <i>Rating basis: Signed on as joint author March 11, 2025, not signed into law. Last action: committee referral March 21, 2025. Specific concrete-plant siting protections establish a relevant neighborhood-protection record; no enacted result is claimed.</i>
Education	★★★★☆	Voted NO on SB 2 (2025), the \$1B ESA/voucher bill, and says: "Texas needs to invest more in our public schools and not on private school vouchers for the rich at the expense of our neighborhood public schools." Long-running public-school advocate. No record found on STAAR overhaul specifically (Community Impact Q&A, Jan 2026).
Language Access	★★★★☆	Co-author of HB 4838 (2025), directing a state assessment of language accessibility in health and human services, and voted YEA on engrossment (Record 1948, 66-64-3). The bill passed the House in May 2025 but did not become law; its last recorded action was receipt in the Senate on May 12, 2025. Fort Bend's large limited-English population makes this district-relevant (FastDemocracy record; Texas Legislature Online).
Justice & Hate Crimes	★★★★★	Co-authored the Texas CROWN Act (HB 567, 2023) banning hair-based discrimination and testified in the Barbers Hill ISD case. Chairs the Texas Legislative Black Caucus. In March 2021 condemned anti-Asian hate and inflammatory rhetoric at a Fort Bend solidarity press conference; in May joined a Unity Against Hate rally resolution. These are statements and symbolic activity, not proof of hate-crime-statute authorship. (Houston Chronicle; AsAmNews).

ISSUE	RATING	ASSESSMENT AND SOURCES
		<i>Rating basis: Joint author of enacted substantive CROWN Act protections, plus implementation advocacy. Same implemented-result 5 boundary as other enacted civil-rights/education leadership.</i>

Max Alalibo REPUBLICAN

Nigerian-born small-business owner (T. Max Solutions). Fort Bend GOP precinct chair and election judge. 2024 nominee; unopposed in 2026.

ISSUE	RATING	ASSESSMENT AND SOURCES
Immigration & Visas	NR	No immigration, border, 287(g) or visa position found. His five-prong plan covers public safety, veterans'/seniors' healthcare, pro-business growth, infrastructure and accountability, with no immigration plank. He is himself an immigrant, but no policy statements were found.
Zoning & Neighborhoods	★★★★☆	In his September 29, 2026 questionnaire supports tax incentives and vacant-land development, more housing supply, business infrastructure and drainage fixes. These are specific housing/development commitments, not enacted policy or a position on every local zoning dispute. (Community Impact) . <i>Rating basis: Specific tax incentives, vacant-land housing production and drainage commitments. Platform-only; specificity meets 4, not automatic downgrade for no office.</i>
Education	NR	In his September 29, 2026 questionnaire calls for parental rights, curriculum transparency, and "faith, family and freedom" in schools, with parents deciding rather than bureaucracy. This is a clear education position, not a verified voucher or AANHPI-curriculum proposal. (Community Impact) .
Language Access	NR	Nothing found in the checked sources on multilingual services, ballots or language-access policy.
Justice & Hate Crimes	NR	His public-safety plank calls for strengthening community security and supporting first responders. No hate-crime-specific policy was located in the cited platform; nothing on hate crimes, the James Byrd Jr. Act or anti-Asian violence. All five of his ratings are NR (campaign site) .

15. CA Governor: Xavier Becerra vs. Steve Hilton

California Governor (open seat; Gov. Newsom termed out)

California has the nation's largest Asian American population, roughly one in six Californians, and added more than 750,000 Asian eligible voters between 2012 and 2022 (KQED, Oct 2024; AAPI Data). The 2026 AAPI Data California sheet counts 4,872,823 AAPI eligible voters, 18.47% of the state's electorate.

Competitiveness Solid D in forecast aggregators (Becerra 99.9% per PollsMax, checked October 18, 2026); no Cook rating located. The June 2 top-two sent Becerra (28.0%) and Hilton (24.6%) through from a 61-candidate field, with Tom Steyer third (22.8%).

The only gubernatorial race in this guide. The governor signs or vetoes the housing, education, language-access and public-safety bills state legislators vote on, appoints regulators and directors, and sets the enforcement posture of the state Department of Justice.

Xavier Becerra DEMOCRAT Former HHS Secretary & CA Attorney General		
California attorney general (2017-21), U.S. representative from January 1993 to January 2017 (13 Congresses, 103rd-115th) and U.S. Health & Human Services Secretary (2021-25); led the Democratic field entering the general.		
ISSUE	RATING	ASSESSMENT AND SOURCES
Immigration & Visas	★★★★★	As attorney general he ran a multistate litigation campaign against federal immigration enforcement: leading the multistate defense of DACA, defending California's SB 54 sanctuary law ("We didn't enact immigration laws. We enacted laws regarding our public safety"), and suing over the expanded public-charge rule. In the 2026 campaign he called ICE operations in California a "mercenary force." His HHS tenure oversaw the unaccompanied-children surge response, which critics attacked. In Congress he voted YEA on the Fairness for High-Skilled Immigrants Act of 2011 (House Roll Call 860, Nov 29, 2011), which would remove employment-based green-card per-country caps; it is not an H-1B bill. No current H-1B-specific position was established (oag.ca.gov; American Community Media, Jun 2026; GovTrack RC 860). [oag.ca.gov] [American Community Media, Jun 2026] [GovTrack RC 860] [NPR, Mar 2018] Rating basis: Sustained personal leadership of multistate DACA, sanctuary-law and public-charge litigation. This is more than a single supportive vote or statement. Preserve the HHS criticism separately rather than treating unspecified criticism as an opposing policy action.
Zoning & Neighborhoods	★★★★☆	He has both enforcement results and a production agenda. In January 2020 he moved to intervene in San Francisco Bay Area Renters Federation v. City of San Mateo, defending the Housing Accountability Act's application to charter cities (oag.ca.gov, Jan 2020). California YIMBY calls the appellate ruling a landmark that "changed what cities could get away with." California YIMBY's June 2026 endorsement describes a first-ever California Housing Affordability Master Plan directing state agencies, including the Coastal Commission, to prioritize housing production. He "came to housing as a campaign priority later than the other top three candidates" and voiced support for SB 79 upzoning only after passage (CA YIMBY, May 2026; campaign platform). [oag.ca.gov, Jan 2020] [CA YIMBY, May 2026] [campaign platform] (June endorsement).
Education	★★★★☆	Borrower-protection and education-affordability record. As AG he sued over federal loan-servicing failures and borrower-defense rollbacks, and his DACA defense protected hundreds of thousands of students. He voted AYE on the No Child Left Behind Act (2001). In 2026 he has not offered a comprehensive K-12 plan, but he has discussed early-childhood education, smaller classes, teacher pay, tuition-free community colleges and protecting DACA students (House Clerk, 2001; EdSource, 2026). Rating basis: Borrower-protection litigation plus specific early-learning, teacher-pay and community-college affordability positions. BroadEducation does not require AANHPI-history authorship for 4.

ISSUE	RATING	ASSESSMENT AND SOURCES
Language Access	★★★★★	As HHS Secretary his department issued division-specific Language Access Plans (Aug 2024), announced commitments to ease language barriers in health care (2022), and finalized the strengthened Section 1557 nondiscrimination rule carrying translation and interpreter requirements (May 2024). This record sits in federal health policy (HHS, Aug 2024; Federal Register). <i>Rating basis: Sustained executive leadership and implementation, 2022-24: departmental language-access work and plans plus the final Section 1557 rule. Credit administration leadership, not personal statutory authorship.</i>
Justice & Hate Crimes	★★★★☆	As AG he launched a hate-crime prevention "one-stop shop" website, produced the annual "Hate Crime in California" report, and called for police decertification and use-of-force reforms (2020). On June 24, 2020 he joined the Asian Pacific Islander Legislative Caucus and other caucuses to release anti-hate reporting resources in 14 languages and urge reporting after COVID-related incidents; the California DOJ later issued a special report on the 107% rise in reported anti-Asian events in 2020 (released June 2021, under his successor Rob Bonta) (oag.ca.gov/hatecrimes; oag.ca.gov, Jun 2020). Asian American advocates asked his office to track self-reported incidents and were told no (NBC News). The multilingual hate-crime brochure program's launch era is unattributed.

Steve Hilton REPUBLICAN

British-born commentator, former Fox News host and former senior adviser to British Prime Minister David Cameron. Secured President Trump's endorsement in April 2026. Campaigns on an affordability agenda branded "Califordable".

ISSUE	RATING	ASSESSMENT AND SOURCES
Immigration & Visas	★★★☆☆	His campaign proposes ending full Medi-Cal coverage for undocumented immigrants. He told ABC7 "everybody supports" Trump's immigration policies; NBC framed him as "in lockstep with Trump on immigration policy." He presents himself as "the candidate who represents legal immigrants in California." No skilled-visa position was found in the checked sources. (campaign policy; ABC7).
Zoning & Neighborhoods	★★★★☆	He campaigns on housing affordability within his "Califordable" plan, but his signature land-use position is opposition to state density mandates. California YIMBY writes that his "war on single-family homes" rhetoric "is the kind of conspiratorial framing that produced California's housing crisis in the first place," while his campaign presents an affordability agenda. The same anti-state-preemption posture graded 3 for other candidates in this guide (CA YIMBY, May 2026). [CA YIMBY, May 2026]
Education	★★★☆☆	His "Making California's Schools Work Again" agenda calls for Education Savings Accounts starting with low-income and special-needs students, grading every school, extending teacher tenure to five years and reforming teacher evaluations; a separate campaign page proposes banning school-supply charges. EdSource reports ending teacher tenure, while his campaign page proposes extending it to five years, an unresolved difference. EdSource also reports he opposes funding for ethnic studies; no AANHPI-specific curriculum statement was found. This matches the ratings for other school-choice champions in this guide (TX HD-26 Morgan, IL-08 Davis) (EdSource, Sep 2026; Hilton campaign page). [EdSource, Sep 2026] [Hilton campaign page]
Language Access	NR	His policy archive (affordability, housing, schools, energy, public safety) contains no language-access plank. No statement on the March 2025 English-official executive order or multilingual ballots was found, and no immigrant-language outreach events turned up (site reviewed via indexed text).

ISSUE	RATING	ASSESSMENT AND SOURCES
Justice & Hate Crimes	★★★★☆	Rated on statements only. In a May 26, 2026 interview with the New York Post, he said he would enforce Proposition 36 in his first year, send repeat drug and theft offenders to prison, and refocus incarceration on literacy, job training, addiction treatment and mental-health services. This is general public-safety support, not a hate-crime or anti-Asian-violence position. No such specific plank was found in the checked sources. (New York Post, May 2026)

16. CA SD-36: Tony Strickland vs. Chris Duncan

California State Senate District 36 (Orange County coast from San Clemente to Seal Beach: Huntington Beach, Westminster, Garden Grove, Fountain Valley (the heart of Little Saigon), plus Gateway Cities portions of Los Angeles County)

Campaigns here vie for Vietnamese, Korean and Chinese American voters. Westminster and Garden Grove anchor Little Saigon, the largest Vietnamese American community in the nation. A precise district AAPI citizen voting-age share was not verified.

Competitiveness Lean R, flippable: Strickland won the Feb 2025 special primary outright with 51.3%; 2022: Nguyen 56.9%–43.1%. June 2026 primary: Strickland 54.5%, Duncan 45.5% (Orange County portion). Duncan came within about 1.7 points in the neighboring Assembly district in 2024. Certified 2024 AD-74 totals were Davies 117,208 and Duncan 113,338 (margin 3,870 / 230,546 = 1.68 points). (California Secretary of State).

Seat history: Sen. Janet Nguyen (R), the first Vietnamese American state senator, resigned after winning a county supervisor seat. Tony Strickland won the February 2025 special primary to finish her term, which expires Dec 7, 2026. The two candidates advanced from the June 2026 top-two primary.

Tony Strickland REPUBLICAN <i>Incumbent since March 2025</i>		
Thirty-year career: Assembly member (1998-2004), state senator (2008-12), Huntington Beach councilmember (2022-25) and mayor (2022-23). Won the 2025 special election for SD-36. Senate Transportation and Labor committee vice chair.		
ISSUE	RATING	ASSESSMENT AND SOURCES
Immigration & Visas	★★☆☆☆	Voted No on AB 495 Senate third reading September 10, 2025 and SB 627 concurrence September 11, the Family Preparedness Plan and law-enforcement-mask measures. His September statement calls SB 627 a "dangerous and reckless anti-law enforcement bill" and criticizes AB 495 as government overreach. No skilled-visa position was found in the checked sources. (statement ; SB 627 votes ; AB 495 votes).
Zoning & Neighborhoods	★★★★☆	On the Huntington Beach council he "opposed legislatively-imposed high-density housing requirements," against SB 9/10-style state preemption. In the Senate he authored SB 885 proposing legislative approval of regulations with \$50M+ impacts (a deregulation measure, not housing production) and coauthored Tri Ta's AB 760 (2026), which as introduced would have extended mobilehome-park tenancy protections up to 36 months; a gut-and-amend removed those provisions in August 2026 and the bill was vetoed, so they did not become law. Nothing on affordable-housing production or protection of AAPI neighborhoods was found (Senate bio; legislation page). [Senate bio] [legislation page]
Education	★★★★★	Authored SB 1133 (2026), the "Ready to Learn, Ready for Health Act," signed by Gov. Newsom in August 2026, directing the next health-education framework revision. Coauthored AB 2294 establishing Sylvia Mendez Day (April 14), commemorating the Mendez v. Westminster school-desegregation case, inclusive-history legislation authored by the district's Vietnamese American assemblymember. Nothing in his record touches AANHPI/ethnic-studies curriculum mandates, choice or admissions specifically (leginfo ; Senate release , Aug 2026). <i>Rating basis: Personally authored an enacted curriculum-framework law, a substantive implemented result. Apply the same enacted-curriculum leadership boundary asTa rather than 4 solely for a different subject.</i>
Language Access	★★☆☆☆	Voted No on AB 667 in Senate Business, Professions and Economic Development on July 14, 2025 (8-1-2). The bill concerned professional-license examinations and interpreters. This is a language-access vote; his separate DMV letter asking for clear communication is not evidence of multilingual-services advocacy. (official votes). <i>Rating basis: Direct committee No on professional-license interpreter access. One version-specific vote, not an all-services position.</i>

ISSUE	RATING	ASSESSMENT AND SOURCES
Justice & Hate Crimes	★★★★☆	Authored SB 926 proposing Proposition 36 funding and SB 1027 proposing a street-prostitution task force; both were held in Senate Appropriations May 14, 2026. SB 1015 proposed criminal penalties for online extortion of minors and was held in Assembly Appropriations August 13. These proposals did not become law. Opposed SB 627 as anti-police. No AAPI-hate-crime statement was found in the checked sources. (SB 926 history; SB 1027 history; August suspense results). <i>Rating basis: Authored specific public-safety funding, task-force and online-extortion proposals. Introduced/held bills, not laws. BroadJustice 4 applies just as for other concrete policing/safety proposals.</i>

Chris Duncan DEMOCRAT

Former San Clemente councilmember (2020-24) and mayor (2022-23), per his 2026 candidate survey. 15 years in federal law enforcement, including as a federal prosecutor handling smuggling, trafficking and child-predator cases. Lost the neighboring Assembly district by 1.7 points in 2024. Endorsed by AG Rob Bonta and several congressional Democrats. ([candidate survey](#)).

ISSUE	RATING	ASSESSMENT AND SOURCES
Immigration & Visas	★★★★☆	His 2026 candidate-submitted survey says he resigned from the Trump administration in 2019 to protest family separation. That is his reported account, not independently verified employment history. It supplies an immigration-policy signal beyond his federal law-enforcement career and anti-tariff work. No H-1B or SB 54 position was found in the checked sources. (2026 candidate survey). <i>Rating basis: His candidate-submitted account opposes family separation. Federal law-enforcement employment is not itself an adverse immigration-policy action. Remove the unsupported mixed-record inference; label the statement as his account.</i>
Zoning & Neighborhoods	★★★★☆	His 2026 candidate-submitted survey supports expanding housing production with strong labor standards. In May 2022 he opposed by-right housing mandates and favored local control and incentives. His campaign also claims smart-growth and affordable-housing advocacy on the council. A vote aggregator lists individual housing votes, but the linked city meeting currently lacks published actions; those votes are not treated as verified here. (candidate survey; Coast News; city meeting).
Education	★★★★☆	In a May 2022 interview supported more robust public preschool and a strong public-education system. His candidate-submitted 2024 survey called for fully funding K-12, cutting tuition at public universities and supporting local job training. These are dated education positions, not verified AANHPI-curriculum or admissions proposals. (Coast News; candidate survey). <i>Rating basis: Explicit dated K 12 funding, preschool, tuition and job-training positions. Dated platform evidence, not enacted result; specific support meets 4.</i>
Language Access	NR	No multilingual-services or ballot-access plank on any campaign page and no statements found. His site is English-only.
Justice & Hate Crimes	★★★★☆	A career justice record without a hate-crime item: 15 years in federal law enforcement including federal prosecution of smuggling, trafficking and child-predator cases, a concern salient to AAPI communities, plus council expansion of police deployment and social-worker outreach teams. No hate-crime legislation, anti-Asian-violence statement or policing-reform record was located (campaign site). <i>Rating basis: Campaign about page specifically claims police deployment and social-worker outreach teams. Attribute as campaign account, not independently verified individual council vote. Specific program position meets 4; career employment alone does not.</i>

17. CA AD-70: Tri Ta vs. Paula Swift

California Assembly District 70 (northwest Orange County: Westminster, Garden Grove, Fountain Valley, Stanton, Los Alamitos, Midway City (the core of Little Saigon))

Asian residents are 39.16% of the district (adjusted 2020 Census map statistics). Asian citizen voting-age share is separately published as 40.42%, based on a 2014-2019 ACS special tabulation. Neither is a current 2026 electorate estimate. The district includes the core of Little Saigon. (final map report; CVAP table).

Competitiveness Competitive: Ta won 2024 by 9.4 points (54.7%–45.3%) and President Trump carried the district 50.2%–47.1%; the June 2026 primary split Ta 53.8%, Swift 46.2%.

AD-70 was selected for this guide over other competitive Assembly seats (AD-58, AD-72, AD-74) because it uniquely combines a sub-10-point margin with the state's densest Vietnamese American electorate and a Vietnamese-American incumbent.

Tri Ta REPUBLICAN Incumbent since 2022		
Former Westminster councilmember (first elected 2006) and the first Vietnamese-American elected mayor in the United States, serving Westminster/Little Saigon from 2012-22. Saigon-born refugee. Assembly Local Government vice chair. [committee]		
ISSUE	RATING	ASSESSMENT AND SOURCES
Immigration & Visas	★★★☆☆	Voted No on SB 627 Assembly third reading (September 9, 2025) and AB 495 concurrence (September 11), the law-enforcement-mask and Family Preparedness Plan measures also used as immigration-adjacent evidence for Strickland. These are relevant floor votes, not an H-1B position or proof of motive about every clause. (SB 627 votes; AB 495 votes). <i>Rating basis: No votes on the same immigration-adjacent protections used to score Strickland 2. These are version-specific protection votes, not an H-1B stance.</i>
Zoning & Neighborhoods	★★★★☆	Ta authored AB 760 (2026), which as introduced would have extended emergency rental authority for mobilehome parks for up to 36 months; those provisions were removed by a gut-and-amend in August 2026 and the bill was vetoed, so they did not become law. That is a limited housing and mobilehome-tenancy record, not broad zoning or CEQA reform (leginfo AB 760). His platform's "local control" language is planning-adjacent without a community-protection record; no SB 9 or CEQA position was verified. A general-plan annual-reporting bill earlier attributed to him was traced to a different candidate and is excluded (campaign site). <i>Rating basis: Personally authored specific mobilehome-tenancy protection proposal. Not enacted and later removed; the original proposal still meets 4 just as other specific narrow bills do.</i>
Education	★★★★★	Authored an enacted curriculum-related law and a commemorative resolution. AB 1805 (chaptered Sep 20, 2024) requires the Instructional Quality Commission to consider including Mendez v. Westminster content when the State Board adopts new history-social-science materials on or after January 1, 2025; he presented it in committee with plaintiff Sylvia Mendez. ACR 5 (chaptered May 11, 2023) proclaimed April 2023 as Black April Memorial Month, commemorating the Fall of Saigon and Vietnamese refugee history (leginfo; leginfo). [leginfo] [leginfo]
Language Access	★★★★☆	On record advocating Vietnamese-language civic access. As mayor he publicly urged the RNC's community-center effort to hire "a full-time, year-round Vietnamese American cultural ambassador who can help bridge the language and cultural barriers that prevent people from civic participation." Voted Aye on AB 667 Assembly third reading June 3, 2025 (71-0-7), concerning professional-license examinations and interpreters; the bill changed after that vote (Politico, Aug 2021). (AB 667 votes). [Politico, Aug 2021] <i>Rating basis: Add direct AB 667 Assembly Aye to earlier Vietnamese civic-access advocacy. This is a substantive language-access vote.</i>

ISSUE	RATING	ASSESSMENT AND SOURCES
Justice & Hate Crimes	★★★★☆	As mayor he championed and passed a city resolution alleging improper interference by the government of Vietnam in Westminster politics, a transnational-repression concern salient to Vietnamese Americans, and his ACR 5 memorializes refugee history. He campaigns pro-law-enforcement. VietRISE and a coalition of Orange County Vietnamese and civil-rights groups publicly criticized him in 2019 for "failing to take action to defend the human rights of immigrant and refugee communities." No hate-crime-specific record was found (Voice of OC, Sep 2019 ; VietRISE, Aug 2019).

Paula Swift DEMOCRAT

First-time candidate. Seal Beach small-business owner and educator (doctorate) with 20+ years supporting youth and domestic-violence survivors. Endorsed by PIVOT, the progressive Vietnamese American organization.

ISSUE	RATING	ASSESSMENT AND SOURCES
Immigration & Visas	★★★★☆	Rated on statements only. Clear, dated public support. In her May 2026 Orange County Register questionnaire she called federal enforcement in communities "the weaponization of fear against people who are our neighbors, our coworkers, and the backbone of our communities," said "California should not be complicit," and backed law-enforcement identification and due-process requirements. Platform-level support; no record in office (OC Register, May 6, 2026).
Zoning & Neighborhoods	★★★★☆	Rated on statements only. Platform only. Housing stability, renter protections against displacement, and incentivizing "developers to build housing that is genuinely affordable," but also "local control over housing decisions," the same anti-preemption signal as her opponent. No record in office (campaign site). <i>Rating basis: Specific renter displacement protections and incentives for genuinely affordable housing. Local control is not itself adverse under approved balancedA.</i>
Education	★★★★☆	Rated on statements only. Platform support: "Invest in early learning, classroom resources, modern facilities, and educator support," with her questionnaire linking children's healthcare to classroom readiness. No position located on AANHPI-history curriculum, school choice or admissions, and no governance record (campaign site ; OC Register questionnaire). <i>Rating basis: Explicit early-learning, classroom-resource and educator investment. Statement-only with no AANHPI-history position claimed; specific funding support meets 4.</i>
Language Access	NR	No statements or planks on multilingual services or ballots were found. PIVOT's own Vietnamese-language civic projects are PIVOT's programs and are not part of her record.
Justice & Hate Crimes	★★★★☆	Rated on statements only. She supports adding "robust funding for behavioral health treatment" to Proposition 36, arguing "increased penalties without increased investment in treatment is not a solution," and her safety platform treats housing and healthcare stability as crime prevention. Her biography says that at age 35 a tragic act of domestic violence claimed the life of her four-year-old son and nearly her own life, leaving her widowed. No hate-crime-specific record (OC Register, May 2026). <i>Rating basis: Specific behavioral-health treatment funding accompanying sentencing changes. A concrete violence-prevention/treatment position under broadJustice, not merely generic safety support.</i>

18. WA SD-30: Claire Wilson vs. Michael Rutland

Washington State Senate, Legislative District 30 (South King County: Federal Way, Des Moines, Algona, Pacific, parts of Auburn, Kent and Milton)

Federal Way, the district's anchor city, is 15.4% Asian (ACS 2024 5-year) with large Korean, Vietnamese and Filipino communities, and is routinely described as one of Washington's most diverse cities. Anchor-city figures run ~10-16% Asian. An LD-30-specific AAPI citizen voting-age share was not found.

Competitiveness Solid D, but with a swing history: Wilson unseated Republican Sen. Mark Miloscia in 2018, held the seat in 2022, and led the August primary 62.1%–37.8% over Rutland.

Companion House seats in LD-30: Rep. Kristine Reeves (D) advanced 63.7%–35.8% against Independent Paul McDaniel; Rep. Jamila Taylor (D) runs in Position 1. The "Keeley vs. Ewing" legislative contest reported statewide in August is the open House seat in LD-39, not this district.

Claire Wilson DEMOCRAT Incumbent since 2019		
Chairs the Senate Human Services Committee and vice-chairs Early Learning & K-12 Education. 25 years in early-education administration and eight years as an elected Federal Way school-board director.		
ISSUE	RATING	ASSESSMENT AND SOURCES
Immigration & Visas	★★★★☆	Cosponsored SSB 5104 (2025), enacted, protecting employees from workplace coercion based on immigration status, plus SB 6245 (assisting refugees and immigrants) and SB 5270 (DOC immigration assistance). As a Ways & Means member she backed the 2025 budget's \$25 million for refugee and immigrant communities, and promoted SB 5123 extending school anti-discrimination law to immigration status. No prime-authored immigration bill. Voted Yea on the 2019 Keep Washington Working Act (SB 5497) (WA Legislature; her session report, May 2025). (official roll). [WA Legislature] [her session report, May 2025]
Zoning & Neighborhoods	★★★★☆	Cosponsored the Senate middle-housing bill (SB 5190, the HB 1110 companion) and champions the 2025 housing package in her own session report: \$782 million for housing construction, an annual rent cap, and transit-oriented development with affordability requirements, plus a \$258,000 Steel Lake Affordable Housing earmark in the 2026 capital budget. Also voted Yea on HB 1110 middle housing and HB 1337 accessory dwelling units in 2023; the statewide budget totals are not all personal district earmarks (WA Legislature; her wrap-up, Apr 2026). (HB 1110 roll; HB 1337 roll). [WA Legislature] [her wrap-up, Apr 2026]
Education	★★★★★	Prime sponsor of the landmark Fair Start for Kids Act (2021), Washington's child-care and early-learning expansion, signed into law with funding connected to Washington's 2021 capital-gains excise tax, and of the 2020 complete sexual-health-education law (ESSB 5395). Enacted bills on ECEAP eligibility, child-care tax preferences and early literacy, plus a \$1 billion+ 2025 school-investment package she promoted. Eight years on the Federal Way school board and committee leadership (Senate caucus, Mar 2021; official bio).
Language Access	★★★★☆	Cosponsored SB 5944 (2026), enacted, concerning language-access providers' collective bargaining (Senate 44-5), and SSB 5995 (2024), which proposed a professional license and did not become law, for spoken-language interpreters and translators. Voted Yea on both bills (WA Legislature). (SB 5944 roll; SB 5995 roll). [WA Legislature] (SB5995 history).
Justice & Hate Crimes	★★★★☆	Cosponsored and voted Yea on SSB 5427 (2024), enacted, "concerning people who have been targeted or affected by hate crimes and bias incidents," Washington's expanded hate-crimes response. Her broader justice record is human-services work: Sentencing Guidelines Commission member, enacted reentry and juvenile-rehabilitation laws, and \$20 million for crime victims in 2025. No AAPI-specific safety initiative was found (WA Legislature). (SSB 5427 roll). [WA Legislature]

Michael Rutland REPUBLICAN

First-time candidate. Air Force veteran, former Boeing employee and Knights of Columbus leader. Endorsed by former Sen. Mark Miloschia and Federal Way Councilmember Linda Kochmar.

ISSUE	RATING	ASSESSMENT AND SOURCES
Immigration & Visas	★★☆☆☆	Rated on statements only (no voting record). In his September 2026 iVoterGuide questionnaire he answers "Disagree" to "I support the existence of sanctuary cities to protect undocumented persons," establishing opposition to sanctuary policy. An accompanying statement quote could not be re-verified on the current profile and is omitted. Nothing found in the checked sources on H-1B or Washington's Keep Washington Working Act (iVoterGuide, Sep 2026).
Zoning & Neighborhoods	NR	A generic "supporting affordable housing solutions" bullet exists, but no position on middle housing, ADUs, growth mandates or any Federal Way development dispute. His "reducing one-size-fits-all mandates" line is not tied to land use in any source located, so it is not graded (campaign site).
Education	★★☆☆☆	Rated on statements only (no voting record). Education is one of his four named campaign priorities, and in his September 2026 iVoterGuide questionnaire he "Strongly Agree[s]" with eliminating the U.S. Department of Education and returning control to states and communities. Nothing found in the checked sources on Washington school funding, graduation standards or AANHPI-inclusive curriculum (iVoterGuide, Sep 2026; campaign site). <i>Rating basis: Explicitly abolishing the Education Department should not be 3 when the same position supports Collins 2. No contrary supportive school-funding record shown.</i>
Language Access	NR	Nothing on multilingual services, interpreters or ballot access was found.
Justice & Hate Crimes	NR	His public-safety plank ("supporting law enforcement... accountability and trust") contains nothing on hate crimes or bias incidents. No statements on anti-Asian violence were found (campaign site).

19. Bill Tracker: the legislation behind the ratings

These are the bills most of the ratings rely on. Bill status and a candidate's position are separate questions; absence from one cosponsor list does not establish no record on the issue.

Bill	What it does	Where rated candidates stand
End H-1B Visa Abuse Act of 2026 – H.R. 8443 (Crane, R-AZ) / S. 5097	Would pause H-1B issuance for three years, cut the annual cap to 25,000, and switch to wage-priority selection. Introduced Apr 22, 2026; 12 cosponsors had joined by Sep 4, 2026.	No rated candidate has a findable position on it; none is a cosponsor. H-1B ratings therefore depend on each candidate's broader visa record, as noted in the justifications. GovTrack
Teaching AANHPI History Act – H.R. 3551 (Meng, D-NY)	Would fund grants to develop and teach AANHPI history in K-12 schools. Introduced May 21, 2025; Senate companion S. 1844 (Hirono, D-HI) was introduced the same day and has 8 cosponsors as of October 22, 2026.	Original cosponsors among rated candidates: Rep. Tran, Rep. Subramanyam. Not cosponsored by Reps. Kim, Calvert, Lee, Schrier or Gluesenkamp Perez. Sen. Ossoff is not a cosponsor of Senate companion S. 1844; Rep. Collins is a House member running for Senate. GovTrack
Language Access for All Act of 2026 – H.R. 7223 (Meng, Chu, Goldman, Vargas)	Would codify EO 13166's multilingual-service requirements, responding to the March 2025 English-official executive order. Introduced Jan 2026.	No rated candidate is a cosponsor. Reps. Tran, Subramanyam, Kim, Calvert, Lee, Schrier and Gluesenkamp Perez are all absent from the bill's cosponsor list. GovTrack
DIGNIDAD (Dignity) Act of 2025 – H.R. 4393 (Salazar, R-FL)	Bipartisan framework: eligible undocumented immigrants present before 2021 may apply for up to seven years of legal status with work authorization and \$7,000 in restitution; no path to citizenship through that status. Includes border-security and enforcement provisions. Introduced Jul 15, 2025.	Rated-candidate cosponsors: Reps. Kim (Jul 15, 2025) and Lee; Reps. Schrier and Gluesenkamp Perez are not cosponsors. congress.gov
COVID-19 Hate Crimes Act – Public Law 117-13 (May 2021)	Accelerated DOJ review of COVID-era anti-Asian hate crimes and funded community reporting tools. Law since 2021.	Yea votes by rated candidates: Kim, Calvert, Lee, Schrier (House RC 145), Ossoff (Senate RC 165). Tran, Subramanyam, Bean, Davis, Collins and Gluesenkamp Perez were not in Congress at the time. House RC 145
Laken Riley Act – Public Law 119-1 (Jan 2025); author: Rep. Collins (S. 5; H.R. 29)	Requires ICE detention of non-citizens arrested or charged with theft-related offenses; lets states sue over federal immigration decisions.	Author: Collins. Yea votes by rated candidates: Tran, Kim, Calvert, Lee, Subramanyam, Schrier and Gluesenkamp Perez (House), Ossoff (Senate RC 7). congress.gov
Hecht-Calandra Act (New York, 1971) and TEAACH Act (Illinois, 2021)	Hecht-Calandra requires SHSAT exam-based admission to NYC specialized high schools; TEAACH made Illinois the first state to mandate AAPI history in K-12.	Neither NY SD-17 candidate has an explicit, sourced position on Hecht-Calandra itself; both defended the G&T / accelerated track at the Oct 2025 Bensonhurst rally. No IL-08 candidate record on TEAACH was found. BK Reader

20. Methodology, Caveats and Adaptation Notes

How ratings were produced. Candidate bill and cosponsorship records were searched for each race (congress.gov and GovTrack for federal; LegiScan, state legislature sites and vote-record mirrors for state), as well as official platforms, questionnaires, and news coverage, including BK Reader, World Journal and other ethnic press. Ratings were based on how a candidate's voting record and stated position placed on our rubric. Primary candidates who did not advance and non-rated third-party nominees are noted but not graded.

What "No record" means. We had a couple candidates that we could not find reliable statements or voting records on for key issues. For these issues for these candidates, we assigned them a rating of NR to signal our lack of knowledge.

Known gaps and lower-confidence items.

- District-level Asian American citizen voting-age population (CVAP) figures could not be verified for CA-40, IL-08, VA-10, TX HD-26 and TX HD-27. Those races cite resident-share or county-level figures with sources named.
- The DCCC (partisan) reports Chuong Vo called ICE agents' behavior "outstanding"; no neutral corroboration was found; it is excluded from grading.
- Some social posts are undated (Beckwith's powerline reel). Their substance is described; dates to be confirmed. Subramanyam's 2026 H-1B defense is now dated: an IANS interview published July 16, 2026.
- Official March 3, 2026 Fort Bend primary results confirm Reynolds 24,244 (87.52%) and Prevot 3,458 (12.48%). Still's SB 116 passage-by-substitute vote is Yea on the owning Georgia Senate roll #583, February 25, 2026. HB 4838 passed the Texas House but was not enacted. These are no longer unresolved source gaps.
- Cook Political Report ratings were checked against six live House race pages: CA-45, WA-03, NV-03, VA-10, WA-08 and IL-08. State-race labels are editorial context, not Cook ratings. Date-specific polling and primary results do not establish November outcomes.
- Demographic limits: use the year, geography and denominator beside each figure. AD-70's 39.16% resident share and 40.42% Asian CVAP come from different Census/ACS map-statistics series. NY SD-17's 48.56% is non-Hispanic Asian residents, not voters. NV-03's 2022 district citizen-adult share must not be blended with Nevada's 2024 statewide electorate. WA-08 uses the 2024 Data USA resident profile. No current district CVAP is implied.
- Statement-based ratings are identified in the justifications. A platform is evidence of a position, not proof of implementation; matching stars do not imply equal types of evidence.
- Washington evidence: Wilson's owning rolls confirm Yea on SB 5497, HB 1110, HB 1337, SB 5944, SB 5995 and SSB 5427. Braun voted Yea on SB 5944 and Nay on SB 5995. Preserve each bill's motion, version and date. Remaining limits include exact current office-service availability, some local histories, demographic vintages and transaction-level finance reconciliation. Unsupported universal negatives are not certified.

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Adapting this guide. Four formats ship together and carry identical ratings: (1) the PDF edition, built so each race section stands alone and translates cleanly; (2) an editable Word version, with the same content and links; (3) per-race scorecard PNGs sized for social posts (1080x1350) showing both candidates' star rows plus the district's AAPI share and competitiveness; (4) a master matrix PNG. When excerpting, keep the rubric line and the NR legend with any star grid, so the stars cannot be misread.

Race coverage index. The sixteen races in this guide, at a glance:

Race	Office	AAPI presence	Rating context
CA-45	U.S. House, California	~1/3 of registered voters; largest Vietnamese community	Likely D (Cook)
CA-40	U.S. House, California	19% Asian residents	R-vs-R; no party stakes
NV-03	U.S. House, Nevada	14% Asian citizen adults (2022); separate statewide estimate	Likely D (Cook)
VA-10	U.S. House, Virginia	~15.5% non-Hispanic Asian residents (2024)	Solid D (Cook)

Race	Office	AAPI presence	Rating context
IL-08	U.S. House, Illinois	~13.8% non-Hispanic Asian residents (2024)	Solid D; open seat
GA Senate	U.S. Senate, Georgia	196,210 AAPI registered voters	Competitive
NY SD-17	State Senate, New York	48.56% non-Hispanic Asian residents (2022 map stats)	Toss-up
GA SD-48	State Senate, Georgia	31.4% non-Hispanic Asian	Lean R
TX HD-26	State House, Texas	~20% of county eligible voters	R-leaning
TX HD-27	State House, Texas	~20% of county eligible voters	Safe D
WA-03	U.S. House, Washington	3.7% Asian residents, lowest in guide	Lean D (Cook)
WA-08	U.S. House, Washington	~11.0% non-Hispanic Asian residents (2024)	Solid D (Cook)
CA Governor	Governor, California	~1 in 6 Californians are Asian American	Open seat; Solid D
CA SD-36	State Senate, California	Little Saigon anchor; Westminster and Garden Grove	Lean R
CA AD-70	State House, California	39.16% Asian residents (2020 map stats)	Competitive
WA SD-30	State Senate, Washington	Federal Way 15.4% Asian (ACS 2024 5-year); large Korean community	Solid D

Race index. Ratings context comes from Cook Political Report, Sabato's Crystal Ball and race coverage as cited in each section.