

ASIAN AMERICANS & PACIFIC ISLANDERS FOR Terry

There are more than 750,000 members of the AAPI community in Virginia, representing roughly 7% of the population. The Virginia AAPI population is among the fastest growing racial communities in the Commonwealth, with growth of 112% over the last two decades. Northern Virginia has the largest concentration of the AAPI population, at about 72%. In Virginia, 61% of the AAPI community has attained a bachelor's degree or higher, and have the highest rate of self-employment among minority groups. The AAPI community has also faced unprecedented challenges throughout the pandemic with anti-AAPI hate on the rise. In fact, Virginia ranks as the 11th worst state for AAPI hate crimes.

| TERRY'S RECORD

As Virginia's 72nd Governor, Terry created 200,000 good-paying jobs, reduced unemployment to 3.3%, and raised personal income by 14%. He also invested a record \$1 billion in Virginia's K-12 system, redesigned the high school experience with an eye toward workforce readiness, and expanded pre-k to thousands of students. Terry made Virginia the first state in the nation to mandate computer science education for all K-12 students, and he bolstered Small Women and Minority-Owned (SWaM) businesses by creating a SWaM micro-loan program.

In August 2021, more than 160 Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders from across Virginia endorsed Terry because of his strong record of support for the AAPI community and his demonstrated leadership and vision to lift up all Virginians. He held the first Asian American and Pacific Islander Summit at George Mason University in September 2017 and signed a law to strengthen anti-bullying protections for students in Virginia schools. Earlier this year, Terry hosted a virtual conversation with Virginia's Asian-American leaders on combating the recent rise of anti-AAPI hate.

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ON AAPI INCLUSION

Terry is committed to ensuring that every community in Virginia has the resources and opportunities they need to thrive. As governor, he will:

- Stand up against hate crimes by combating the recent rise of anti-AAPI hate and passing a comprehensive anti-bullying law to protect students.
- Deliver culturally competent educational opportunities in community settings that are available in a learner's native language.
- Grow AAPI businesses by creating a new program within the Virginia Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity to support businesses with capital and access to training and technical support.
- Increase resources and training for law-enforcement agencies to ensure hate crimes are being identified and reported.
- Eliminate language barriers to health care enrollment by focusing on culturally competent outreach and modernizing enrollment.

ON THE ECONOMY

Terry is committed to building an economy that lifts up all Virginians. As governor, he will:

- Ensure Virginians are able to safely get back to work, rebuild our thriving network of small businesses, and support our workforce with access to paid sick, family and medical leave, and affordable child care.
- Attract diverse businesses by investing in aggressive marketing strategies to better promote Virginia across the country and around the world.
- Transform Virginia's regulatory process so that small businesses are able to compete in a meaningful way.
- Create partnerships with institutions of higher education to coordinate research and development opportunities and support commercialization.
- Support backbone organizations that drive entrepreneurship and improve access to capital with new state, local and private investments because we know that more than 80% of entrepreneurs lack access to form capital.

ON EDUCATION

Terry believes every Virginia student deserves access to a world-class education. As governor, he will:

- Invest a record \$2 billion annually in education, which will raise teacher pay above the national average for the first time in Virginia history, give every 3 and 4-year-old in need access to pre-k, and get every student online.
- Make Virginia the best state in the nation for STEM-H and computer science education by integrating these skills and principles across grade levels and subject areas, addressing the digital divide, and leveraging public-private partnerships to expand virtual internships and create regional innovation labs.
- Create new, affordable pathways to the workforce by streamlining financial aid and expanding Virginia's G3 program so more students can benefit from higher education.
- Invest in workforce training and expand access to high-quality internships and apprenticeships to give Virginians the skills they need for good-paying jobs.

"I am grateful to have the support of so many AAPI leaders from across Virginia who are coming together to build a stronger, more inclusive Commonwealth. As Virginia's next governor, I will stand up against AAPI hate, invest in our communities, and build a stronger economy for all Virginians!"

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