

Ethnicity: Chinese Place of Birth: Boston, MA

Party Affiliation: Democratic Highest Elected Position: California State Assembly, 16<sup>th</sup> Assembly (2000-06)

## Other Positions:

California State Assembly Majority Leader (2002-04); California State Assembly Majority Whip (2001-02); Alameda County Board of Supervisors, 3rd District (1995-2000)

Sarah Huang (SFSU 2022)

## Wilma Chan (October 5, 1949-November 3, 2021)

Wilma was influenced by watching documentaries about the Civil Rights Movement when she was young. In 2002, she became the first woman and first APIA to become California State Assembly Majority Leader. With her background in education (a Master's in Education Policy from the Stanford Graduate School of Education), she fought for children throughout her political life. She led Alameda County to become the first county in the nation to connect all eligible children to healthcare coverage. In November 2021, Wilma died from a car accident, and the people of Oakland dedicated the Wilma Chan Park in honor and remembrance of her service to the people.