

Ethnicity: Chinese Place of Birth: Oakdale, CA

Party Affiliation: Democratic Highest Elected Position: California Secretary of State (1974-94)

Other Positions: US Ambassador to the Federated States of Micronesia (1994-96); Alameda County Board of Education (1954-1964)

Trinity Loftus (SFSU 2021)

March Fong Eu (March 29, 1922-December 21, 2017)

March's grandparents immigrated from China, and her parents ran a handwash laundry in California's San Joaquin Valley. She worked as a dental hygienist before embarking on a political career. March was elected California's Secretary of State five times and became the first APIA woman elected to a state constitutional office in the United States. She was the first person to pass a notary law to stop fraud and identity theft, and she introduced voter registration by mail. March was also famously known for campaigning against pay toilets because it was unfair for women to pay to use a restroom while men could use urinals for free. In 2019, the California Secretary of State Building in Sacramento was named after March Fong Eu, becoming the first state-owned building named for an APIA woman.