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Ethnicity: Chinese

Place of Birth: Seattle, WA

Party Affiliation: Democratic

Highest Elected Position:

Governor of Washington (1997-2005)

Other Positions:

US Ambassador to China (2011-14); US Secretary of Commerce (2009-11); Washington State House of Representative, 37th District (1983-94)

Gary Faye Locke
(b. January 21, 1950)

Gary's family in America began when his great-great-grandfather immigrated to work as a houseboy in Olympia, Washington. Being accepted as Americans was not easy. Once at an airport, an American soldier blamed Gary's parents and him for the Vietnam War. Gary is the first APIA in the United States to be elected governor and the first Chinese American to be appointed Ambassador to China. Under Gary's administration, Washington became the first state to ban the word "Oriental" from its statues, codes, rules, and regulations. He promoted affirmative action and abortion rights, sponsored a gay rights bill, and approved benefits for same-sex partners. Gary currently serves as interim president of Bellevue College, the third largest higher education institution in the state of Washington.