



Maya Enriquez (SFSU 2021)

Ethnicity: Japanese

Place of Birth: San Jose, CA

Party Affiliation: Democratic

Highest Elected Position: US House of Representatives, 15th District (1993-97)

Other Positions:

US Secretary of Transportation (2001-06); US Secretary of Commerce (2000-01); US House of Representatives, 13th District (1975-93); Mayor of San Jose, CA (1971-75); San Jose City Council (1967-71)

Norman Yoshio Mineta
(November 12, 1931–May 3, 2022)

Norman was the son of Japanese immigrants and was ten years old in 1942 when he and his family were interned at Heart Mountain, Wyoming. Years later, he became the first person of color to serve on the San Jose City Council and the first APIA to be mayor of a major city (San Jose) in the United States. When in Congress for 21 years, he authored the important 1988 legislation that compensated Japanese Americans interned during World War II. Norman is also known for being the first APIA to serve in the President's Cabinet, first as Secretary of Commerce under Democratic President William Clinton, and then as Secretary of Transportation under Republican President George W. Bush. In honor of Norman, San Jose named its airport in 2001 to the Norman Y. Mineta International Airport.