



JIM MCGREEVEY & Asian Americans

Jim McGreevey, the Democratic candidate for Governor of New Jersey, is Mayor of Woodbridge Township and a N.J. State Senator, representing the 19th Legislative District (Middlesex County). Few have brought his combination of public and private sector leadership, achievement and commitment to making people's lives better. As a foundation for his gubernatorial bid, Jim McGreevey has advocated for equitable education funding, job creation and a better quality of life for New Jersey residents.

"MY GRANDPARENTS CROSSED THE OCEAN IN SEARCH OF THE PROMISE OF OPPORTUNITY IN AMERICA. LIKE MOST IMMIGRANTS, THEY HAD LITTLE EXCEPT THEIR FAITH AND A DESIRE FOR A BETTER LIFE. OUR GROWTH AS A NATION HAS BEEN ACHIEVED THROUGH THE GENIUS AND INDUSTRY OF IMMIGRANTS. WE MUST NEVER FORGET THE SACRIFICES THEY MADE." -JIM MCGREEVEY

- Jim McGreevey has fought to combat bias crimes against Asians and other minorities. While serving in the State assembly, Jim McGreevey co-sponsored the Ethnic Intimidation Act. The legislation paved the way for tougher penalties for those convicted of ethnically motivated intimidation.
- Under the direction of Mayor McGreevey, Woodbridge can boast 711 minority owned businesses. As of 1992, there were 436 Asians and Pacific Islander who owned businesses in Woodbridge.
- On August 16th, Mayor McGreevey hosted "A Commemoration of 50 Years of India's Independence." The program musical selections such as the Indian National Anthem and distinguished speakers including the Honorable Harsh K. Bhasin, Consul General of India.
- Senator McGreevey introduced legislation establishing the Commission on the Status of Minorities. This commission would study the status of social and economic opportunities available to minorities, recommending ways in which to enhance opportunities for Asian Americans and other minorities.
- Jim McGreevey's efforts have helped to improve the quality of life for Asians in New Jersey. He has gained increased funding to develop Affordable Housing, fostered the growth of small businesses. He helped to establish the Jobs for Housing and Economic Development Act and has also advocated increasing the minimum wage.
- McGreevey supports bilingual education in the classroom and bilingual ballots in the election booth. As Governor he will work to provide more bilingual teachers to our schools and will ensure that there are bilingual ballots so that all our citizens may fully participate in the elective process.
- As part of his commitment to lifetime learning, Jim has spoken out against the prohibitive tuition increases at our state schools. In 1991, he co-sponsored the College Loan Assisting State Students Act which has helped students from middle class families afford a higher education. He is also leading the fight for full day kindergarten, college tuition tax deductions and improved job training.