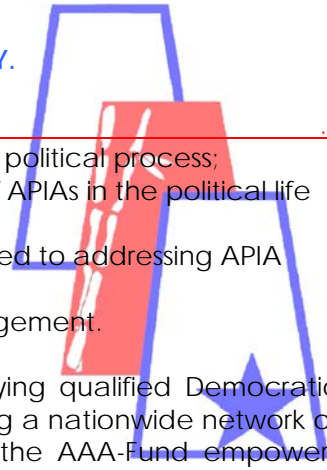


THE ASIAN AMERICAN ACTION FUND  
ELECTING OUR LEADERS. EMPOWERING OUR COMMUNITY.



AAA-FUND MISSION

- **Encourage** Asian and Pacific Islander Americans (APIAs) to participate in the political process;
- **Empower** the APIA community to address the severe under-representation of APIAs in the political life of this country;
- **Elect** promising Democratic APIA candidates and other candidates committed to addressing APIA issues at all levels of government; and
- **Educate** the media and general public about APIA issues and political engagement.

Since its start in 2000, the AAA-Fund has pursued these four goals by identifying qualified Democratic candidates, providing them with financial and technical assistance, and building a nationwide network of activists. AAA-Fund members make this possible. Through its membership, the AAA-Fund empowers candidates with the political tools, financial resources, and grassroots assistance they need for victory.

WHO WE ARE

The AAA-Fund is a national organization with a young professionals affiliate and local affiliates in Virginia, Chicago, Los Angeles and San Francisco. It is also closely affiliated with the National Filipino-American Democratic Council. The AAA-Fund's Board of Directors, Honorary Board and Advisory Board represent every major APIA ethnic community and come from all over the country:

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WHAT WE DO

The AAA-Fund endorses candidates who have the commitment, conviction and courage to fight for the APIA community and a better America. It supports candidates at all levels of government by providing financial, technical and grassroots campaign assistance. Since 2000, the national AAA-Fund has endorsed over 60 candidates and raised over \$500,000 for its endorsees. In 2006, three-quarters of the national AAA-Fund's candidates were elected. In 2008, the AAA-Fund has endorsed another group of outstanding candidates.



## 2008 Endorsed Candidates

### Re-Election for Congress

US Rep. Neil Abercrombie (HI)  
US Rep. Xavier Becerra (CA)  
US Rep. Mazie Hirono (HI)  
US Rep. Mike Honda (CA)  
US Rep. Doris Matsui (CA)  
US Rep. Jerry McNerney (CA)  
US Rep. Bobby Scott (VA)  
US Rep. Joe Sestak (PA)

US Rep. David Wu (OR)

### New Candidates for Congress

Jeff Merkeley (OR, for Senate)  
Edwin Chau (CA)  
Gerald Connolly (VA)  
Hank Eng (CO)  
Nick Lampson (TX)  
Ashwin Madia (MN)  
Dan Seals (IL)

Gary Peters (MI)

### State Candidates

Swati Dandekar, State Sen. (IA)  
Jay Goyal, State Rep. (OH)  
Warren Furutani, State Rep. (CA)  
Hubert Vo, State Rep. (TX)  
Paul Fong, State Rep. (CA)  
Wilma Chan, State Sen. (CA)  
Otto Lee, County Supervisor (CA)

## 2006 Winners

US Sen. Daniel Akaka (HI)  
US Rep. Mazie Hirono (HI)  
US Rep. David Wu (OR)  
State Rep. Swati Dandekar (IA)  
State Rep. Ted Lieu (CA)  
State Rep. William Tong (CA)

US Sen. Ben Cardin (MD)  
US Rep. Mike Honda (CA)  
Del. Kumar Barve (MD)  
State Rep. Jay Goyal (OH)  
State Sen. Mee Moua (MN)  
Del. Kris Valderrama

US Sen. James Webb (VA)  
US Rep. Joe Sestak (PA)  
Controller John Chiang (CA)  
Del. Susan Lee (MD)  
State Rep. Cy Thao (MN)  
State Rep. Hubert Vo (TX)

## BLOG at [www.aaa-fund.com](http://www.aaa-fund.com)

The AAA-Fund operates a blog that provides an informal outlet for national dialogue on social and political issues that impact the APIA community. With new entries posted daily, the blog contains unique perspectives on topics ranging from local community news to our nation's economy and healthcare. Bloggers include community leaders, students, young professionals, and anyone who wishes to contribute. Lead blog staff members include publisher Gautam Dutta and co-editors in chief Caroline Fan and Justin Gillenwater.

## OUR RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- 2008:** AAA-Fund launches San Francisco affiliate. DNC approves AAA-Fund Blog as one of two APIA blogs to receive press credentials for the 2008 Democratic Convention. AAA-Fund Los Angeles hosts Presidential Roundtable featuring 1988 Democratic Nominee Michael Dukakis.
- 2007:** AAA-Fund launches Chicago affiliate, starts blog at [www.aaa-fund.com](http://www.aaa-fund.com), affiliates with the Filipino American Democratic Council, organizes presidential candidate debate in Los Angeles, and conducts monthly online presidential candidate straw polls featuring statements from each of the major Democratic candidates.
- 2006:** AAA-Fund launches Los Angeles and Young Professionals affiliates, and organizes press conference with reporters nationwide to speak with elected officials and scholars about a report on APIA political involvement. Three-quarters of AAA-Fund's 24 endorsed candidates are elected.
- 2005:** AAA-Fund launches Virginia affiliate, and engages APIAs across Virginia to elect Governor Tim Kaine.
- 2004:** AAA-Fund Board members take the lead in organizing a \$1 million fundraiser for US Sen. John Kerry in Washington, DC, help organize APA Gala at the Democratic National Convention, and support local, state and federal candidates all over the country.
- 2003:** AAA-Fund hosts a Presidential Town hall meeting featuring front-runner Gov. Howard Dean that attracts over 500 APIA leaders and every major media organization.

## OUR PROJECTS

**Elect Democratic Candidates.** The AAA-Fund will work closely with the DNC and the Democratic Senatorial and Congressional Campaign Committees to elect US Senator Barack Obama President and to strengthen the Democratic majority in Congress. It will focus its financial and grassroots campaign resources on battleground states and targeted congressional races with swing APA populations.

**Launch New Affiliates.** The AAA-Fund will continue to add new affiliates across the country with the goal of building a nationwide network of political leaders who give the APIA community voice and power in every corner of the country.

**Reach Out to Young Professionals:** The AAA-Fund will continue to reach out to young APIA professionals, encourage them to get involved in politics, and identify the APIA political leaders of the future.

**Expand the Blog.** With official press credentials for the 2008 Democratic National Convention, the AAA-Fund blog will provide the APIA community with an inside view of the 2008 Convention. The blog will also continue to add new writers, seek out diverse views, and broaden its readership.