

REP. KATIE PORTER is Leading Efforts to Help Asian Americans Thrive



A NOTE FROM KATIE PORTER

Dear neighbor,

Orange County is blessed to be enriched by the third largest Asian American community in the United States. **I'm so grateful for our diverse friends and neighbors who make OC a better place to live.**

Since my first term, I've been a proud member of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus. Through that organization, I have advanced policies to help Asian Americans thrive. **I'm especially focused on combating the surge of anti-Asian racism in Orange County and across our state.** According to the California Department of Justice, hate crimes against Asian Americans were up 177% in our state last year. That's unacceptable. Nobody should face harassment or violence because of their heritage. I will always denounce racism, fight disinformation, and pursue justice in solidarity with the Asian American community.

It's an honor to be your voice in Washington. **Please contact our office with any questions or suggestions on how I can best serve you.**

Very truly yours,

Katie Porter
U.S. Representative



Rep. Katie Porter hosted a roundtable in Irvine with Asian small business owners and federal officials to discuss how government can better support their entrepreneurship.

Rep. Katie Porter discussed policies that would help AAPI communities at the 2022 Tết Festival in Orange County.



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TACKLING ASIAN HATE

Hate has no place in Orange County. Rep. Porter has repeatedly denounced anti-Asian racism, and she's working with partners to better protect Asian Americans from hate crimes.

- ✓ Rep. Porter is pushing for her and Rep. Grace Meng's legislative proposal that demands law enforcement investigate hate crimes, as well as her bipartisan bill with Orange County Rep. Michelle Steel to condemn bigotry and Asian hate.
- ✓ Rep. Porter is urging Congress to invest in community-based approaches to curb Asian hate in next year's budget.
- ✓ Rep. Porter hosted a town hall with OC Human Relations (OCHR) and OC Asian Pacific Islander Community Alliance (OCAPICA) on the rise in hate crimes against Asian Americans and how we can make OC safer.



← **Rep. Katie Porter condemned the surge in anti-Asian racism at a press conference at Irvine City Hall.**

→ **Rep. Porter is committed to providing leadership opportunities for Orange County students, like her Youth Advisory Board, internship program, art competition, and app challenge. More information is available at porter.house.gov.**



HELPING FAMILIES SUCCEED

Rep. Porter believes in creating opportunities for all. She is pursuing policies that will help middle class families flourish in Orange County.

- **Reducing health care costs:** Big Pharma and Big Insurance are hiking prices on families to satisfy Wall Street. Rep. Porter has repeatedly called out these corporate special interests. She has helped pass a bill to lower prescription drug costs and worked on legislation to make it easier for Asian Americans to get culturally-competent health care.
- **Preventing gun violence:** Rep. Porter is not afraid to stand up to the gun lobby. She's backing measures to keep communities safe: an assault weapons ban, mandatory background checks, and bills to crack down on gun trafficking. Porter is also engaged in helping Orange County heal from the recent Laguna Woods church shooting.
- **Lowering taxes:** Families are feeling the squeeze of the Trump tax law, which made it more difficult for families to deduct state and local taxes (SALT). Rep. Porter is pushing for her legislation, the *Supporting Americans with Lower Taxes (SALT) Act*, that would provide immediate tax relief to people in Orange County.
- **Protecting higher education:** A graduate of Yale University and Harvard Law School, Rep. Porter understands how a strong education unlocks economic opportunity. She founded the College Affordability caucus in Congress to work on proposals to lower what families pay for college.