



Remembering our Beloved Board Member and Friend, the Honorable Supervisor Wilma Chan

The Alameda Alliance for Health (Alliance) Board and staff are deeply saddened by the sudden passing of our dear friend and colleague, Alliance Board Member and Alameda County Supervisor Wilma Chan.

Supervisor Chan was a strong advocate for low-income children and families for over 40 years and her passing is an immense loss for our entire community. In 1996, she became the first Asian American elected to the Alameda County Board of Supervisors, after completing a term on the Oakland Board of Education. She served as the first woman Majority Leader of the California State Assembly from 2000 to 2006 where she authored historic legislation to end the practice of hospitals overcharging uninsured and underinsured patients and to cover California's 800,000 uninsured children. Much of her work during her time in the Assembly helped propel national healthcare reform to victory, leading to improved health and quality of lives for many.

Supervisor Chan joined the Alliance Board of Governors in 2011 and was a strong advocate of efforts that reduced health disparities and improved the quality of life of Alliance members. In January 2014, Supervisor Chan launched ALL IN Alameda County, a multi-sector initiative that addresses issues of poverty, food insecurity, and ensuring children, youth and families have adequate supports for equitable and sustained health and wellbeing. She championed initiatives such as Recipe4Health, a program that was piloted at the Alliance and which addresses food insecurity and treats, prevents, and reverses chronic disease among our members.

Supervisor Chan will be remembered as a leader, a coalition builder, and dedicated public servant. We will honor Supervisor Chan and safeguard her legacy by continuing to advocate for a county where everyone thrives in a healthy and vibrant community.