



City of Irvine Councilmember

Tammy Kim

Tammy is a mother, a nonprofit leader, educator, community advocate, small-business owner, and former corporate executive who has lived, worked, and raised her son in Irvine for the past two decades. She was elected to City Council in November 2020 in a historic win, beating out 13 other candidates to take first place. She won her seat with more than 43,700 votes, the highest vote count for any City Council candidate in the City's history.

Born in Korea, Tammy's family immigrated to America as an infant. As the first in her family to go to college, Tammy went on to a successful career as a business executive in Fortune 500 and venture-backed technology start-ups resolving highly complex business and management issues managing multi-national teams.

Raised in difficult economic circumstances, Tammy has always been driven by a desire to help others improve their circumstances. After successfully climbing the corporate ladder, Tammy chose to invest her own resources to create an Irvine-based nonprofit to serve our local immigrant community as the founder and Managing Director of the Irvine based nonprofit Korean American Center — a way to build bridges between intergenerational Korean Americans and the greater community. The center then merged with Korean Community Services, becoming the largest social service provider serving the 110,000 Korean Americans in Orange County. In 2018, Korean American Center was designated as "Irvine King Sejong Institute" by the South Korean government as a hub for the promotion of Korean language and culture.

Tammy is a well-respected civic and community leader who has served as Finance Commissioner for the City of Irvine, Chair of the Language Access Committee for the Orange County Registrar of Voters, a member of the City of Irvine Complete Count Committee for the 2020 Census, and on the Steering Committee for the Irvine Global Village Festival.

Tammy currently represents the City of Irvine on the boards of the Southern California Association of Governments, Orange County Council of Governments, Irvine Community Land Trust, Orange County Public Libraries, Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control, where she is part of the Policy & Personnel Committee, and most recently elected to the League of California Cities, Orange County Division Board of Directors as the Large City Representative. She also serves on the Board of Irvine's Green Ribbon Committee and Irvine Child Care Project, and is on the Liaison Committee for Irvine Unified School District.



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