

FIONA MA



As a member of the State Board of Equalization, former Chair and current Vice-Chair Fiona Ma represents the Second District. With more than 9.5 million people, the Second District is one of the largest political districts in the United States, and encompasses 23 coastal and inland counties, stretching from the Oregon Border to Santa Barbara County.

During her tenure in the Legislature, Fiona represented the 12th Assembly District from 2006-2012 (serving the maximum three terms). She was the 112th woman to be elected to the California legislature and the first Asian woman to serve as Speaker pro Tempore since 1850. Fiona was appointed Assembly majority whip by the speaker of the assembly, Fabian Nunez a position which she held for 3 years. In 2010, Speaker of the Assembly John A. Pérez appointed Assemblywoman Ma to the leadership position of Speaker pro Tempore. As presiding officer and member of the leadership team, Fiona guided assembly members through the daily business of the house, responded to parliamentary inquiries, issued rulings on points of order, and was responsible for guiding legislative priorities. Ma presided over a record-breaking 18-hour session to pass California's budget.

As a San Francisco County Supervisor, Fiona chaired the Finance Committee of the San Francisco County Transportation Authority, the agency that delivers more than \$9 billion in sales tax funded transportation projects.

Fiona Ma has been a legislative leader in the area of transportation, authoring, introducing and supporting transportation related legislation. As an Assemblywoman, Fiona convened the bi-cameral and bi-partisan High Speed Rail Caucus, which worked to protect and restore budget funding for the High Speed Rail Authority. In 2008, she joint-authored the Safe Reliable, High Speed Train Bond Act for the 21st Century-Proposition 1-A (AB 3034) on the November 2008 ballot, which was approved with 53% of the vote. In 2010 Assemblywoman Ma authored AB 987 - Transit Village Plan Development which was signed by the Governor. AB 987 expanded the area in a transit village development district to include all land within not more than 1/2 mile of the main entrance of a transit station, to encourage development around a transit hub to help communities deal with sprawl, traffic gridlock, commuting times, the loss of open space, and increased air and water pollution.

As the Vice Chair of the California State Board of Equalization, Fiona supported building more homes near high-quality transit (SB 827). "High quality transit is vital to California's economic health and planning housing around these critical hubs ensures neighborhoods with transit access will have abundant housing". She regularly urged the Governor to review transportation funding allocations to ensure our infrastructure - bridges, roads, and highways receive their appropriate share of funding.

Fiona received her B.S. in Accounting from the Rochester Institute of Technology (NY), her M.S. in Taxation from Golden Gate University (SF), and an MBA in Business Taxation from Pepperdine University. She has been licensed in California as a CPA since 1992