

# MN State House District 60A

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(Republican)**

What policies will advocate for to address the rise in microaggressions and hate crimes against our Asian community?

We must pass Representative Hornstein's bill to strengthen hate crime response. It is important that the POST Board demands that public safety officials can recognize, investigate and prosecute hate crimes better. We have seen an uptick in racism across the board against Asians and Pacific Islanders and it is absolutely critical that legislators speak out against microaggressions and hatred when they see it. I am and will continue to be a loud voice against racism in all forms.

Asian American Organizing Project (AAOP) did not receive a response from the Calvin Lee Carpenter campaign.

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Many of our youth and young people have been left out of national conversations and financial help, even while continuing to work in essential jobs and balancing that work with their school and families. What are your plans to ensure that our youth and young people's voices are also incorporated within legislative decisions?

How will you address concerns raised by our youth and young people in regards to Governor Walz's fall semester school plans?

I serve on the House Education Policy Committee and we have had several committees listening to students and their families about school reopening plans. We must continue to ask and prioritize student voices in addressing their educational needs.

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How will you ensure that our youth and young people also receive financial support during this time?

I have supported legislation to allow students and young people not eligible for UI or Pandemic Assistance to apply for and receive these payments and will continue to do so.

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There are many small business owners, many of which are Asian-owned and have seen a decrease in business since COVID-19 due to xenophobia. What are your plans to ensure that our small businesses owners, especially our Asian-owned ones, continue to be safe during a pandemic while ensuring the longevity of their business?

I was proud to vote for pandemic assistance for small businesses during one of our special sessions this past summer. Small businesses owned by People of Color were prioritized in receiving aid from the state. We also prioritized “ethnic malls” as businesses in particular need of aid because of the unique challenges in making these spaces safe and comfortable for customers. Going forward, we must continue to prioritize aid to communities hit hardest by COVID-19 which certainly includes Asian-owned businesses.

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George Floyd's murder has pushed the world into more deep conversations around race and policing. One of the components of anti-racist work is in education, and in specifically ethnic studies. Ethnic studies provides students the opportunity to learn and reflect on their racial identity through a historical lens. Do you support mandated ethnic studies as a high school graduation requirement?

Yes. We must fully fund public education to ensure that schools have the resources to adequately staff and have the materials students need to learn about different cultures.

COVID-19 has shifted many polling places for this past Primary Election. Many organizations and individuals are advocating for absentee voting by mail as well. Absentee voting by mail can be confusing to many and even more so when you can't read or write English well. Many of our Asian community members may not have assistance or language skills to complete an absentee ballot by mail. How do you hope to shift access to the polls for all?

It is necessary that we are recruiting and hiring poll workers from diverse backgrounds who speak languages in the communities they are helping vote. We also must ensure that voter information is available in multiple languages and voters are not discriminated against when casting their ballots.

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