



November 4, 2021

Dear Alameda County Partners,

It is with profound sadness that we share the unexpected and untimely passing of Supervisor Wilma Chan on Wednesday, November 3, 2021. We remember and honor her as a champion of community, a fierce leader, and a trusted colleague. Supervisor Chan led an illustrious and trailblazing career in service to Alameda County residents, as the first Asian American to serve on our Board of Supervisors, and also the first Asian American to serve as majority leader in the California State Assembly.

Her deep devotion to health care was evident throughout her career, including service as Chair of the Assembly Health Committee and Chair of the Board's Health Committee. During her six years in the Assembly, Wilma served as the majority leader and whip, and sat on several committees. She passed more than 70 bills and resolutions to champion health care coverage for all, senior services, early childhood education, environmental health, jobs, and economic development. Wilma also carried landmark legislation to make affordable health insurance available to 800,000 uninsured California children.

As a County Supervisor, Wilma led multiple efforts to support the county's safety net hospitals, including Alameda Health System, San Leandro, Alameda and St. Rose. She expanded the number of school-based health clinics, championed the Measure A sales tax, and launched ALL IN, her signature initiative to address basic needs, economic development, and quality education for all families in Alameda County. Wilma also served as the first chair of the Alameda County Children and Families Commission and piloted a welfare-to-work project in Oakland's San Antonio neighborhood.

The County has lowered our flags in honor of Supervisor Chan's service to Alameda County, the State, and our diverse communities. Please keep Wilma's family in your thoughts and prayers, and support each other as you continue serving our residents.

The Board and executive leadership will be addressing the sudden loss of a valued colleague, community leader, and friend in the coming days and weeks. We will keep you informed as the situation evolves, but first, as we keep Wilma's family in our thoughts, please pause to reflect on her legacy and pay tribute to our distinguished leader, colleague and friend.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Keith Carson".

Keith Carson
Supervisor, Fifth District
Board President

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Susan S. Muranishi".

Susan S. Muranishi
County Administrator