



# KATHY TRAN

## CANDIDATE FOR 42ND DISTRICT (D)

**Should Virginia use federal funding to expand Medicaid to bridge the gap between the current Medicaid program and qualifying for marketplace subsidies?**

Yes - I will always work to protect and expand Virginians' access to quality, affordable health care. Expanding Medicaid would ensure that 400,000 vulnerable Virginians would no longer have to decide between paying for health care over other essentials.

**Should Virginia provide health care coverage for those under 18, regardless of immigration status?**

Yes - I will also work to expand children's access to health insurance under FAMIS, and simplify the enrollment process to make it more accessible to families.

**Do you support state and/or local law enforcement agencies volunteer to become deputized ICE agents and enforce civil immigration laws by signing a 287(g) agreement?**

No - Local police honoring ICE detainer requests erodes trust between police and our most vulnerable communities, while diverting limited local resources to address federal responsibilities.

**Should all age-eligible individuals who pass the driving exam be allowed a driver's license, regardless of immigration status?**

Yes - I will always fight for a welcoming and inclusive Virginia, and would push for undocumented immigrants to be eligible to obtain driver's licenses.





# KATHY TRAN

## CANDIDATE FOR 42ND DISTRICT (D)

**Do you support policies that protect cooperating victims of crime and witnesses from routine immigration inquiries by law enforcement?**

Yes - Policies that protect cooperating victims and witnesses make for safer communities, help to build public trust in law enforcement, and prevent vulnerable immigrant families and communities from being pushed further into the shadows.

**Should the minimum wage be raised to \$15 in Virginia?**

Yes - When my family first came to the U.S., my father earned minimum wage and my parents struggled to make ends meet. Increasing the minimum wage is an important step towards expanding pathways to the middle class.

**Should Virginia rescind its "right to work" law?**

Yes - In the House of Delegates, I will continue to fight for Virginia's working families, including supporting a path to overturning Virginia's so-called "Right to Work" law.

**Should the state establish a new top tax rate bracket (current top bracket is \$17,000) and update our current brackets to account for inflation?**

Yes - I am committed to reforming our tax code to lift the burden on working families, push for Virginia's wealthiest to pay their fair share, and to close special-interest tax loopholes to help level the playing field for small businesses.

**Should Virginia protect/expand funding for programs that benefit English Language Learners?**

Yes - I will fight for policies that fully integrate immigrant families like mine, including expanding citizenship preparation classes, pushing for additional funding for adult education, including ESL classes, and ensuring small businesses have access to the resources they need to thrive.





# KATHY TRAN

## CANDIDATE FOR 42ND DISTRICT (D)

**Should college in-state tuition rates be available to any student who graduates from a Virginia high school, regardless of immigration status?**

Yes - I will defend in-state tuition for DACA recipients. At the National Immigration Forum, I also advocated for increasing financial aid and strengthening career and technical education programs, and will continue to do so at the state level in the House of Delegates.

**What strategies do you support to expand college affordability?**

We must rein in skyrocketing tuition costs at four-year universities, invest in Virginia's strong community college system, and expand funding for apprenticeship opportunities, for which I have been a strong advocate while working in immigration and workforce policy.

**What steps would you take to improve language access of state documents and agencies to English Language Learners?**

I will work to expand culturally competent services that are accessible to Virginians with language barriers and other obstacles, and will advocate for disaggregation of AAPI ethnic data in order to truly understand community needs.

**Do you support no excuse absentee voting?**

Yes - At a time when the most fundamental elements of a well-functioning democracy are being challenged across the country, it's more important than ever to work to protect and expand Virginians' ability to exercise their right to vote.

\*photo taken from Kathy Tran for Delegate website

