



Sharon Tomiko Santos

Quick Facts

Birth: July 5, 1961
California

Death:

Occupation: Retail Banking; Nonprofit Management

Party Affiliation: Democrat

Years served: 1999-present

Office: Representative

District: 37 (King County)

Personal:

- Has worked in the banking industry, on staff to local public elected officials, and in senior management positions for several nonprofit organizations.
- Married

Education:

- Northeastern University, M.A., 1988
- The Evergreen State College, B.A., 1985

Community Service:

- United Way of King County
- Seattle Community Council
- KUOW 94.9 FM Public Radio, University of Washington, advisory board
- Wing Luke Asian Museum, board of trustees
- Aradia Women's Health Center, honorary board
- Skyway Boys and Girls Club, advisory board
- Church Council of Greater Seattle
- Asia Pacific Task Force
- Japanese American Citizens League Board

Affiliations:

- Hate Free Zone Campaign of Washington, advisory board
- Japanese American National Museum, advisory board
- Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, treasurer
- University of Washington Business and Economic Development Program, honorary board,
- World Affairs Council, board of trustees

Awards:

- Bernie Whitebear Award, United Indians of All Tribes Foundation, 2000
- Celebrating Women's Leadership Honoree, Washington State Women's Political Caucus, 1996

- Top 10 Contributors to the Asian American Community, Northwest Asian Weekly, 1996
- NGO Delegate, United Nations Fourth World Conference on Women, Beijing, China, 1995
- Martin Luther King, Jr. "Keeping the Dream Alive" Award, Seattle, WA, 1993

Legislative & State Service:

Committees: (1999) Education; Finance; Financial Institutions and Insurance **(2001)** Education; Finance; Financial Institutions and Insurance **(2003)** Education; Finance; Financial Institutions and Insurance; Rules

Leadership, Positions & Appointments:

- Majority Whip, 2003
- Democratic Whip, 2001
- Assistant Democratic Whip, 1999
- Executive Policy Staff, King County

Sources:

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- "House hears of internees' hardships during WWII," by Thomas Shapley, *Seattle Post-Intelligencer*, February 25, 1999.