

Governor Phil Murphy

Governor Murphy Appoints Senator-Elect Andy Kim to the United States Senate

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TRENTON – Governor Phil Murphy today appointed Senator-elect Andy Kim to the United States Senate following the official certification of the 2024 General Election results on Thursday, December 5, 2024 by the State Board of Canvassers and the resignation of Senator George Helmy effective Sunday, December 8, 2024.

“Today, I am appointing Senator-elect Andy Kim to the United States Senate so he can begin his term in office before the new year begins,” **said Governor Murphy**. “Taking this step will allow Senator Kim to embark on the smoothest possible transition into his new role so he can hit the ground running serving the people of New Jersey.”

“I want to thank our outgoing U.S. Senator George Helmy for his continued service to New Jersey and the nation over the past three months and for working closing with Senator-elect Kim to ensure a seamless transition,” **continued Governor Murphy**. “I also want to congratulate Senator Kim for making history as the first Asian American Senator from New Jersey and as the first Korean American Senator in the nation. His election represents a proud milestone – not just for our great state, but for our entire country. I look forward to working with Senator Kim to continue lowering costs for New Jerseyans, defending our fundamental freedoms, and building a stronger and fairer state for every family.”

“It’s an honor to get to represent the state that gave my family a chance at the American Dream in the U.S. Senate,” **said Senator Andy Kim**. “It’s a dream that remains out of reach for too many of our neighbors, and one that I’m ready on day one to fight for. I want to thank Governor Murphy and Senator Helmy for ensuring that New Jersey was well represented during this transition, and look forward to getting to work for the people.”

U.S. Senator Andy Kim has dedicated his life to serving the country. Before being elected to the United States Senate, he served New Jersey’s 3rd Congressional District for three terms in the U.S. House of Representatives. He previously worked as a career public servant under both Democrats and Republicans, having served at USAID, the Pentagon, the State Department, the White House National Security Council, and in Afghanistan as an advisor to the 4-Star Commander.

In the Senate, Senator Kim is committed to building a better future for his two little boys and generations to come by strengthening America’s national and economic security. He is working on an agenda to bring the country together, combat corruption, and ensure our democracy is reflective of all voices. He is focused on strong measures that tackle the affordability crisis and boost our economy by investing in small businesses and innovation, creating fairness and opportunities for working families, and honoring America’s promises to military families and veterans.

Senator Kim is a proud husband and father to seven and nine-year old troublemaking little boys, and, as the son of South Korean immigrants, humbled to be the first Korean American ever elected to the United States Senate.

For a photo of Senator Kim, click [here](https://kim.house.gov/sites/evo-subsites/kim.house.gov/files/evo-media-image/Congressman%20Andy%20Kim%20%28NJ-03%29%20Headshot%20Photo.jpg). (<https://kim.house.gov/sites/evo-subsites/kim.house.gov/files/evo-media-image/Congressman%20Andy%20Kim%20%28NJ-03%29%20Headshot%20Photo.jpg>)

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