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The Hon. Jenny Kwan, P.C. , M.P.

Born in Hong Kong, Jenny immigrated to Canada at the age of nine. After graduating from Simon Fraser University, she worked as a legal advocate for residents of Vancouver's Downtown Eastside.

In 1993, she became the youngest city councillor in the city's history, distinguishing herself as a fearless voice for her community.

In 1996, Jenny was elected MLA for Vancouver-Mount Pleasant, becoming one of the first Chinese-Canadians to sit in B.C.'s legislative assembly.

She went on to serve as Minister of Municipal Affairs, Minister of Women's Equality, and Minister of Community Development, Cooperatives, and Volunteers.

She was government lead during development of the Vancouver Agreement, a ground-breaking initiative promoting the health, safety and general well-being of the people of the Downtown Eastside. Re-elected in 2001, 2005, 2009 and 2013, Jenny's work is consistently recognized as having made a huge impact upon the lives of many.

