

LEGISLATIVE KEYNOTE SPEAKER ASSEMBLYMEMBER JAMES C. RAMOS



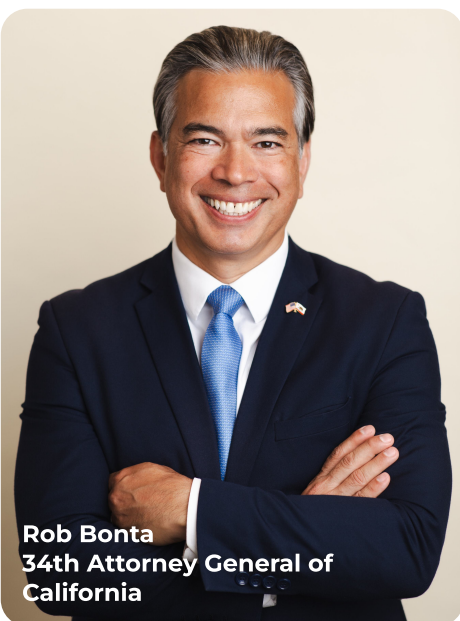
Assemblymember James C. Ramos represents the 45th Assembly District and is a lifelong resident of the San Manuel Indian Reservation in San Bernardino County. Ramos has a distinguished career, serving on the tribal council of the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians, and in 2018, he became the first Native American elected to the California Legislature. He is a member of the Serrano/Cahuilla tribe and has held several notable positions, including being the first Native American on the California State Board of Education, the San Bernardino Community College Board of Trustees, and the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors.

In the Legislature, Ramos chairs the Assembly Budget Subcommittee #6, focusing on public safety issues, and leads the Assembly Select Committee on Native American Affairs.

He also founded and chairs the California Native American Legislative Caucus and the California Heritage Indian Collaborative Organization. Since his election, Ramos has successfully authored over 20 legislative measures that address various Native American issues.

These include resources for Missing and Murdered Indigenous People (MMIP), reforms to California's K-12 education system for historical accuracy, repatriation of Native American remains from state institutions, and protecting the rights of tribal families and foster youth. He has also initiated legislative hearings and led commemorative events like the annual MMIP Candlelight Vigil and Capitol Dome lighting in May.

Ramos is a Native bird singer and has contributed to cultural awareness through initiatives such as co-founding the San Manuel Band's Cultural Awareness Program and directing the California Indian Cultural Awareness Conference at California State University, San Bernardino. He is also a past chair of the California State Native American Heritage Commission.



ATTORNEY GENERAL ROB BONTA

Since becoming California's 34th Attorney General, Rob Bonta has taken on the biggest challenges of our time — gun violence, fentanyl, the lawlessness of the second Trump Administration, attacks on healthcare, deception peddled by Big Oil, the state's housing crisis, and greedy corporate giants. Before serving as Attorney General, Bonta spent more than eight years serving in the State Assembly, where he authored nation-leading legislation to make our communities safer and more affordable, and to ensure government institutions work for all people.

Prior to serving in the Assembly, Attorney General Bonta worked as a Deputy City Attorney for the City and County of San Francisco. Bonta was sworn in on April 23, 2021, becoming the first person of Filipino descent to serve as California Attorney General. Born in Quezon City, Philippines to a native Filipina mother and a father born and raised in California, Bonta immigrated to California as an infant.