



— NEW YORK STATE SENATOR —  
**Jeremy Cooney**

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**NYS SENATOR COONEY NAMED TO  
CITY & STATE'S ASIAN POWER 100 LIST**

**(ALBANY, NY) - Senator Jeremy Cooney (D-Rochester)** was named to City & State Magazine's list entitled "*The Power of Diversity: Asian 100*" during Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month.

Senator Cooney is one of three Asian Americans in the State Senate – and the first elected to a state level office outside metro-NYC. He is the inaugural chair of the Senate Cities II Committee, focused on growth and revitalization of cities outside of NYC.

Senator Cooney was also instrumental in advancing New York's legalization of recreational marijuana last year as co-chair of the state Senate Marijuana Task Force for the Black, Puerto Rican, Hispanic & Asian Legislative Caucus.

**Senator Jeremy Cooney:**

"I'm humbled to make City & State's 2022 Power of Diversity - New York's Asian American trailblazers, in the company of so many APPI leaders I deeply respect. Representation matters, and while I am proud to see the work of so many members of our community highlighted, we must continue to increase AAPI representation in public service, and elect more leaders who reflect the communities they serve."

**Lily Lee**, *Board Secretary & Communications Director, Asian Pacific American Association Rochester:*

We are ecstatic to learn of this well-deserved recognition given to Senator Cooney! In our American history, our Asian forefathers have taken a back seat but new generations are now rapidly on the rise as learned leaders pave uncharted roadways and roadblocks with greater, seen courage, strength and tenacity.

**Dr. Padmanabh Kamath**, *Chairperson, India Community Center Rochester:*

“Senator Cooney is a tireless worker to promote and celebrate diversity in the community. Thanks to Senator Cooney, local non-profit organizations have received grants to arrange programs to dispel misunderstandings about minority and disadvantaged groups in the community.”

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*The Complete List of Honorees Can be Found Here:*

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