



**Name in English:** John Chiang  
**Name in Chinese:** 江俊輝 [江俊輝]  
**Name in Pinyin:** Jiāng Jùnhuī  
**Gender:** Male  
**Location:** Torrance, CA  
**Birth Year:** 1962  
**Birthplace:** New York City, NY  
**Philanthropy:**

**Profession(s):** State Controller, Attorney

**Education:** BS, Finance, 1984, University of South Florida;  
JD, 1987, Georgetown University Law Center

**Award(s):** John Chiang received the 2006 Award for Excellence by a Government Official from the Los Angeles County Bar Association, two Congressional Record tributes, the Leadership Vanguard Award from the Millennium Momentum Foundation, the Minorities in Business Magazine Multi-Cultural Prism Award, the City of West Hollywood Leadership and Service Award, and the Los Angeles Mayor's Asian Pacific American Heritage Month Award.

**Contribution(s):** As Controller, John Chiang is in charge of California's finances, ensuring that the state's more than \$100-billion dollar budget is spent properly each year. He sits on 76 boards and commissions that touch on every aspect of California's financial and economic health and chairs the Franchise Tax Board, the State Lands Commission and the Citizen's Financial Accountability and Oversight Committee, which also oversees the expenditure of more than \$3 billion in public funds on groundbreaking stem cell research. He serves on the governing boards of both CalPERS and CalSTRS, the nation's largest public pension plans with more than \$400 billion in assets.

Chiang's greatest accomplishment has been to keep California financially viable and continue to pay the state's bills in the face of perennial gridlock within the state government. Year after year of missed budget deadlines in every legislative session because of conflicts between the legislators and the governor have been perennial features of the controller's job throughout Chiang's tenure. Being able to function effectively under such circumstance truly makes him a hero.

#### **External Links:**

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