

## Phyllis Gutiérrez Kenney

Fmr. Washington State Representative

## August 7, 2017 11:30 - 1:00

L&I Auditorium | 7273 Linderson Way SW, Tumwater WA 98501

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Phyllis Gutiérrez Kenney, a child of migrant workers, served eight terms in the Washington State House of Representatives. Kenney worked in the fields with her seven brothers and sisters starting at the age of 5 to help support her family. After moving to the Tri-Cities in 1955, she began working on education and health care issues on behalf of those who were underprivileged. She co-founded what is now known as the Washington State Migrant Day Care Center and founded the Educational Institute for Rural Families, while also helping to establish the Farm Worker Health Clinics. Kenney was appointed to her House seat in the 46th district in 1997 and was first elected in 1998. She continued to represent the 46th District as a Democrat through 2012, serving as chair of the Community Development and Housing Committee and sitting on the Labor and Workforce Development and Ways and Means committees. After retiring from the legislature, Kenney now serves as Sea Mar's Community Health Center's Vice President of Leadership and Economic Development.