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Taiwan-born former New York City comptroller John Liu, accompanied by his wife Jenny, left, talks to reporters on Tuesday after winning a seat in the New York State Senate for the Democratic Party.

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Three US Democratic Party candidates of Taiwanese descent in won their races in New York state, including former New York City comptroller John Liu (劉俊雄), who will become the first Taiwan-born New York state senator.

Liu ran in one of the most tense races in the state, a four-way competition that included New York state Senator Tony Avella, whom he defeated in the party primary in September, Republican Party challenger Vickie Paladino and Conservative Party nominee Simon Minching.

Liu won 54 percent of the vote, while Paladino won 30 percent, Avella's 20 percent and Mincheng's 1.4 percent, unofficial results show.

Liu, whose family moved to the US when he was five, said that he was proud to be a Taiwanese-American and was proud to be voted into office.

US Representative Grace Meng (孟昭宗), who represents New York's sixth congressional district, faced a challenge from Green Party candidate Tom Hillgardner, but secured a fourth consecutive term to the US House of Representatives with 91 percent of the votes.

New York State Assembly member Niou Yuh-line (倪育麟), who was born in Taipei, represents the

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state's 65th district, won re-election to her seat.

In November 2016, Niou became the first Asian-American to be voted to the State Assembly for the 65th district, which includes the heavily Democratic Lower Manhattan, Chinatown, the Financial District, Battery Park City and Lower East Side.

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