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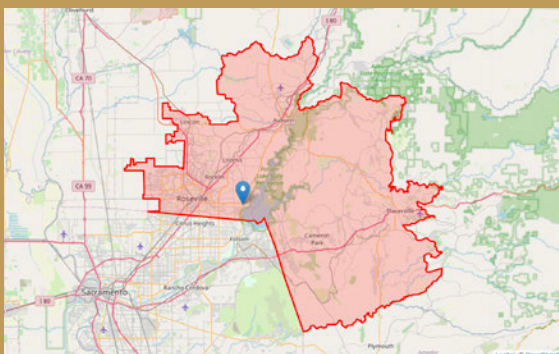
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NEW ASSEMBLY MEMBERS

5 JOE PATTERSON



REPUBLICAN / ROSEVILLE / OFFICE: GRANITE BAY

Joe Patterson was elected to the State Assembly in 2022 to be the voice for Placer and El Dorado County residents at the State Capitol. Prior to being elected to the legislature, Joe served on the Rocklin City Council and as Mayor in 2019.

Born and raised in Napa, Joe is a life-long Californian who moved to the region in 2000. Joe and his wife, Colleen, have four young children (Ethan, Andi, Graham and Blake).

He attended Sacramento State and was admitted to the post-graduate Jesse M. Unruh Assembly Fellowship where he began his career working in the state Legislature. After several years as a legislative staffer, Joe left the state Capitol for the private sector. In 2019, Joe launched his own small business where he worked with businesses and associations on regulatory and legal matters.

In his free time, he enjoys running on trails throughout the district, staying fit with his men's workout group (F3), and spending time in Tahoe with his family. He plans to continue coaching his kids' little league teams and being the loudest cheerleader dad in the stands.



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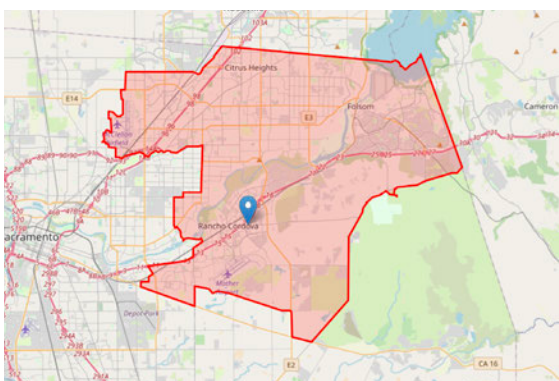


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7 JOSHUA HOOVER



REPUBLICAN / FOLSOM / OFFICE: RANCHO CORDOVA

On November 8, 2022, California State Assemblyman Josh Hoover was elected to represent the 7th Assembly District in Sacramento County. Assembly District 7 includes the cities of Citrus Heights, Folsom, and Rancho Cordova and the unincorporated communities of Carmichael, Fair Oaks, Foothill Farms, Gold River, Mather, McClellan Park, North Highlands, Orangevale, and Rosemont.

Prior to his election to the Assembly, Josh served as a school board member in the Folsom Cordova Unified School District (FCUSD). He led the fight to reopen schools in his community, and as a result, FCUSD was the first district in Sacramento County to bring students back for in-person instruction. He also worked to balance the budget, protect taxpayers, expand mental health services, support school police officers, and improve student achievement.

As the father of a child on the autism spectrum, Josh cares deeply about the integration and outcomes of kids with special needs. For his work advocating for students, he was named Folsom's Young Professional of the Year in 2020.

Josh earned a bachelor's degree in political science and public policy from UCLA and a master's degree in public administration from USC. He lives in Folsom with his wife Nicole and their three children Ayden, Addison, and Austin.



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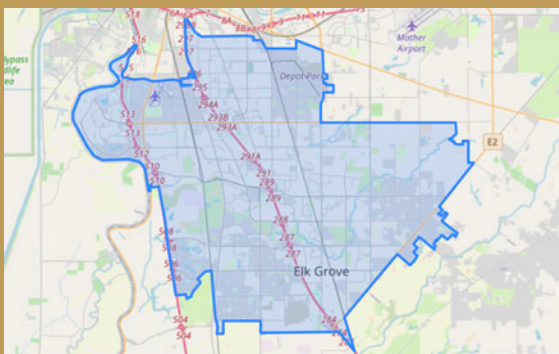


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10 STEPHANIE NGUYEN




DEMOCRAT / ELK GROVE / OFFICE: ELK GROVE

Assemblymember Stephanie Nguyen was elected to the California State Assembly in November of 2022 to represent the 10th Assembly District.

Assemblymember Nguyen served as the Executive Director of Asian Resources, Inc. (ARI) to ensure that all communities, especially the low-income, immigrant, refugee, limited English speaking youth, formerly incarcerated and undocumented, have access to support and services to help them get one step closer to self-sufficiency. She was elected to the Elk Grove City Council in 2017 and is the first Asian American woman in this role.

Stephanie Nguyen has lived, worked, and served the Sacramento and Elk Grove communities almost all her life. The daughter of Vietnamese Refugees who fled the Vietnam War by boat, she grew up in Sacramento's Little Saigon district and attended Sacramento schools before graduating from Sacramento State University.

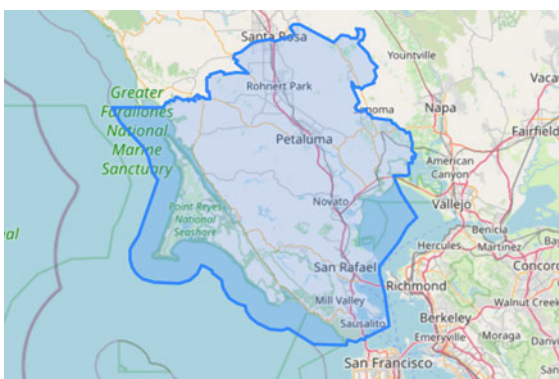
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12 DAMON CONNOLLY



DEMOCRAT / PETALUMA / OFFICES: SAN RAFAEL, PETALUMA, SANTA ROSA

Over his nearly two decades in public service, Damon Connolly has been a capable and effective leader who is thoughtful, dedicated, and focused on achieving important policy victories that improve the lives of all North Bay residents.

Damon has been fighting for North Bay communities for 18 years, as a Marin County Supervisor, Vice-Mayor of San Rafael, School Board President, and California Deputy Attorney General.

As a Marin County Supervisor, he protected open spaces while increasing the availability of affordable housing; set Marin County on a path toward 100 percent renewable energy while keeping the County's fiscal house in order; and spearheaded responses to homelessness while expanding access to public transit and infrastructure for bicyclists and pedestrians.

Prior to serving on the Board of Supervisors, Damon served as the Vice Mayor of San Rafael, a two-term San Rafael City Council member, and former School Board President. He was a founding board member of Marin Clean Energy (MCE) and served as Chair of the Board of Directors from June 2011 to November 2014.

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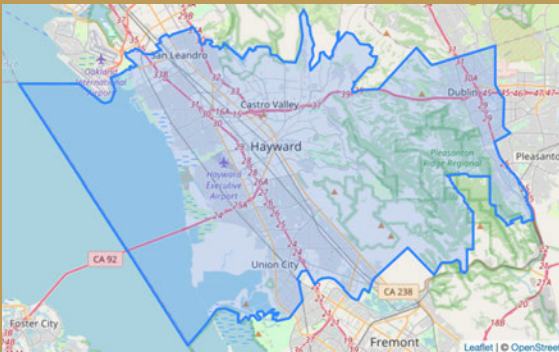
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20 LIZ ORTEGA

DEMOCRAT / HAYWARD / OFFICE: HAYWARD



Liz Ortega proudly represents District 20, one of the most ethnically diverse districts in the state. It includes Hayward, San Leandro, most of Union City, portions of Dublin and Pleasanton, and several unincorporated communities.

Liz Ortega is a longtime labor leader and activist from an immigrant family who has dedicated her career to fighting for the working-class people of Alameda County. Her undocumented mother brought three-year-old Liz and her family to California to build a better life. Her family’s struggles shaped the values that guide her work.

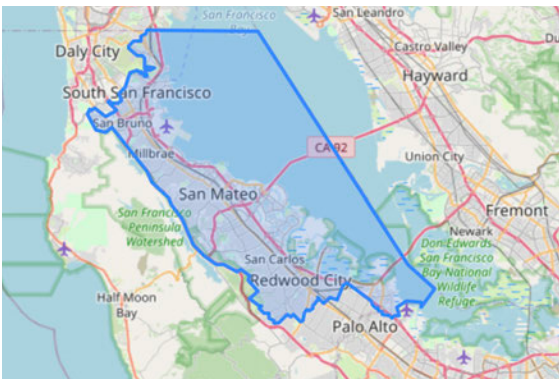
As Statewide Political Director for AFSCME Local 3299, the University of California’s largest employee union, Liz secured the passage of state legislation to maintain and protect essential service jobs at every UC campus. The first Latina to be elected Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Alameda Labor Council, Liz has been an East Bay leader in the fight for equitable wages, health care, and safe, secure jobs.

Liz, her husband Jason (a former School Board Member), and daughter Yamara live in San Leandro, where Yamara attends local public schools.

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21 DIANE PAPAN

DEMOCRAT / SAN MATEO / OFFICE: SAN MATEO



Assemblymember Diane Papan was elected to the California State Assembly in November of 2022 to represent the 21st Assembly District.

Assemblymember Papan served as Deputy Mayor of San Mateo, elected in 2015. A recognized regional leader, Diane champions local interests at the City & County Association of Governments, Council of Cities, 101 Express Lanes Joint Powers Authority, and Flood & Sea Level Rise Resiliency Board.

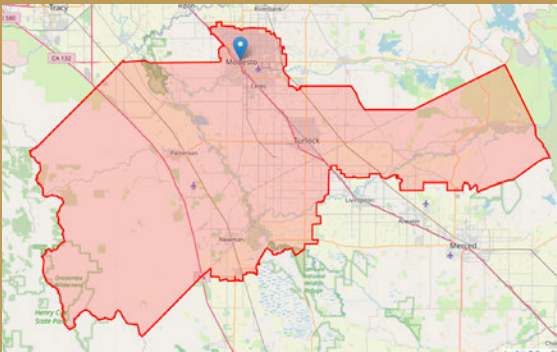
A graduate of UCLA and Hastings Law School, Diane and her husband are proud parents of a teenage daughter.

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22 JUAN ALANIS

REPUBLICAN / MODESTO / OFFICE: MODESTO



Juan Alanis began a career in public service on his 21st birthday when he proudly pinned on a badge as a law enforcement officer. For nearly three decades, he has dedicated his life to protecting others. Juan has received three awards for saving the lives of others, including a decoration for rescuing a child whose father was trying to burn down a house with his daughter inside it.

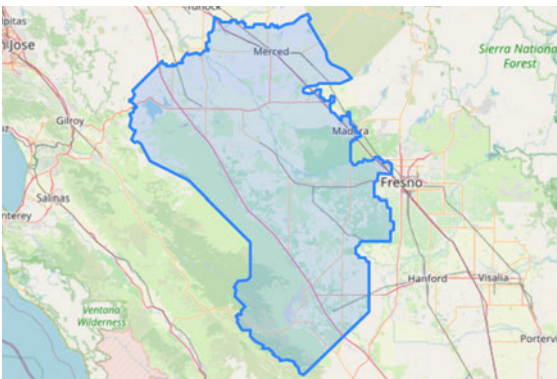
The newly created 22nd Assembly District is more than just borders on a map; for Juan, it is home. It is where he married his wife, Barbara. It is where they raised their three children. It's where he has worked as a peace officer, protecting and serving in nearly every community in Stanislaus County over the course of his career.

In the legislature, Juan hopes to bring his Public Safety expertise to Sacramento, providing a voice of reason & common sense to the capitol. In addition to helping shape policy that makes Californians safer, Juan will fight to reduce the cost of living for working-class families, protect the Central Valley's water rights, and be a true champion for the 22nd District's Agricultural & Business communities.

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27 ESMERALDA SORIA

DEMOCRAT / MERCED / OFFICE: MERCED



Assemblymember Esmeralda Soria was elected to the California State Assembly in November of 2022 to represent the 27th Assembly District.

A First-Generation American and daughter of farm workers, Esmeralda knows firsthand about hard work and sacrifice, having worked alongside her parents in the Central Valley's agricultural fields throughout her childhood. She then worked her way through college and law school.

Assemblymember Soria served as an educator, community advocate, and Fresno City Councilmember. As Councilmember, Soria led efforts to increase public safety and community development, create thousands of good-paying jobs, build affordable and accessible housing, tackle homelessness, and expand access to parks and green space.

Soria also fought to deliver millions of dollars in funding to the Central Valley for water, new health clinics, and local public schools. Soria will continue fighting for the residents of the Central Valley while in Sacramento on the issues that matter the most to them.

She was born and raised in the Central Valley.

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28 GAIL PELLERIN



DEMOCRAT / SANTA CRUZ / OFFICES: SANTA CRUZ, MORGAN HILL

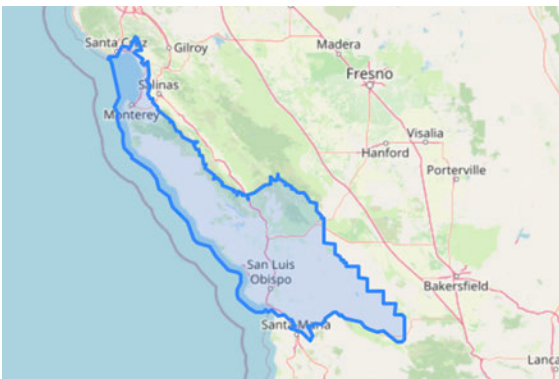
Assemblymember Gail Pellerin was elected to the California State Assembly in November of 2022 to represent the 28th Assembly District.

Assemblymember Pellerin served as the chief elections official in Santa Cruz County from 1993 until her retirement in December 2020. Gail served as President of the California Association of Clerks and Election Officials from 2010 to 2012 and as co-chair of the Secretary of State’s Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee.

Gail has a BS in Journalism from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo. Before her experience in public service, Gail worked as a campaign assistant to political campaigns, a newspaper reporter and photographer, and a community college instructor.

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30 DAWN ADDIS



DEMOCRAT / SAN LUIS OBISPO / OFFICES: SAN LUIS OBISPO, MONTEREY

Dawn Addis was elected to the California State Assembly in 2022 to represent the 30th Assembly District. Dawn is a special education teacher who began teaching in public schools over 20 years ago, and holds a Master of Arts (MA) degree in special education from San Francisco State University. She has teaching credentials in elementary education, secondary education and special education and is fluent in Spanish.

Dawn’s long record of community involvement includes co-founding the Women’s March in San Luis Obispo and being a Planned Parenthood Central Coast Action Fund board member. In 2018, she won her first elected office, Morro Bay City Council, and served from 2018 to 2022. Dawn is the first Democrat to represent the majority of San Luis Obispo County in the State Assembly since 1947. She is also the first Democrat from San Luis Obispo County to serve in the State Assembly since 1922 and the first Democratic woman ever to hold this seat.

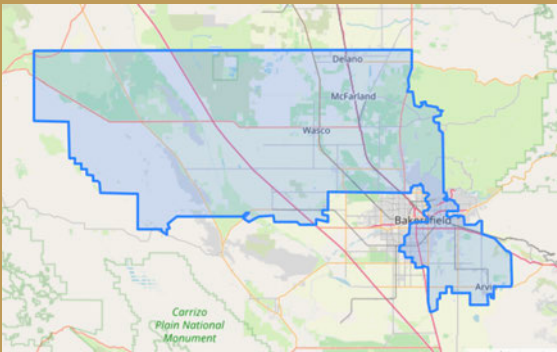
Dawn and her husband Marcus have raised two children on the Central Coast and they have one rescue cat named Oppenheimer.

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35 JASMEET BAINS

DEMOCRAT / WASCO / OFFICE: BAKERSFIELD



Assemblymember Dr. Jasmeet Bains was elected to the California State Assembly in November of 2022 to represent the 35th Assembly District.

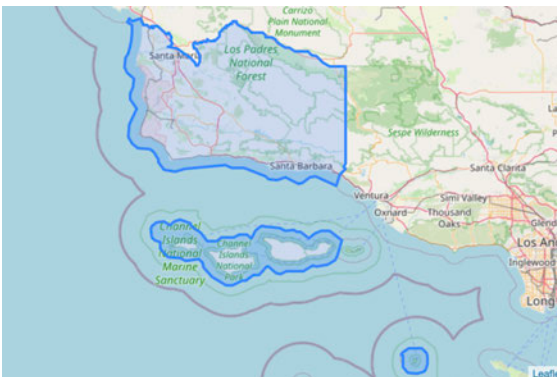
Assemblymember Bains worked as a family doctor providing primary healthcare to families throughout the Valley. Dr. Bains also serves as a volunteer with Global Family, an organization dedicated to combating human trafficking and child abuse, on the San Joaquin Valley Air District's Environmental Justice Advisory group, working to improve our Valley's air and water quality and on the Taft College Foundation, fighting to expand access to higher education.

The daughter of immigrant parents from India, Dr. Bains, grew up in the Valley. After graduating from medical school, Jasmeet returned home and completed her residency at Clinica Sierra Vista in Kern County, choosing to work in underserved healthcare settings to increase access to healthcare.

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37 GREGG HART

DEMOCRAT / SANTA BARBARA / OFFICE: SANTA BARBARA



Assemblymember Gregg Hart was elected to the California State Assembly in November of 2022 to represent the 37th Assembly District. With a deep understanding of local people and local issues, he is proud to have served the Santa Barbara community for more than 30 years – as a Planning Commissioner, City Council Member, California Coastal Commissioner, and Santa Barbara County Supervisor.

Dedication to public service came naturally to Assemblymember Hart, as he was inspired by his parents. They spent their lives working for the community: his mother worked as an elementary school teacher and his father was the Library Director for the City and County of Santa Barbara.

Assemblymember Hart began his professional career as a Legislative Assistant for former State Assemblymember Jack O'Connell and went on to become the original manager of the Santa Barbara County Association of Government's (SBCAG) Traffic Solutions program. There, he promoted local green and sustainable transportation options. Later, his expertise in this arena led him to serve as the Deputy Executive Director for SBCAG, supporting regional efforts to widen the 101 freeway and improve bus and passenger rail service throughout Santa Barbara County.

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39 JUAN CARRILLO

DEMOCRAT / PALMDALE / OFFICE: HESPERIA



Assemblymember Juan Carrillo was elected to the California State Assembly in November of 2022 to represent the 39th Assembly District. He will represent portions of the northern Antelope Valley, including Palmdale, Lancaster, the eastern communities of Littlerock, Lake Los Angeles, and Sun Village, stretching into San Bernardino County to include Adelanto, Hesperia, Mountain View Acres and Victorville.

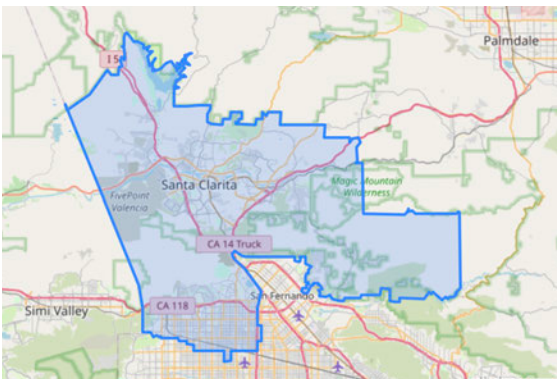
Assemblymember Carrillo served as a member of the Palmdale City Council, advocating for affordable housing to address the homelessness crisis, increasing green space, and supporting local small businesses as they recover from the COVID-19 pandemic. Before entering public office, Carrillo served as a city planner for 15 years — 10 of which were with the City of Palmdale.

Juan was born and raised in Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico, and immigrated to Los Angeles when he was 15. He earned his Associate's Degree in Architecture from the College of the Desert, Bachelor's Degree in Urban and Regional Planning from California State Polytechnic University Pomona, and a Master's Degree in Public Administration from California State University Northridge. Juan lives with his wife in east Palmdale with their four children.

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40 PILAR SCHIAVO

DEMOCRAT / SANTA CLARITA / OFFICE: SANTA CLARITA



Assemblywoman Pilar Schiavo was elected to the California State Assembly in November of 2022 to represent the 40th Assembly District, representing the Northwest San Fernando Valley and the Santa Clarita Valley.

Prior to her election, Assemblywoman Schiavo was a Small Business Owner and Nurse Advocate who worked in the labor movement for more than 20 years on issues that deeply impact people's lives, including expanding health-care access and affordability, winning real solutions to homelessness, advocating for housing people can afford, and delivering on good jobs that allow families to thrive.

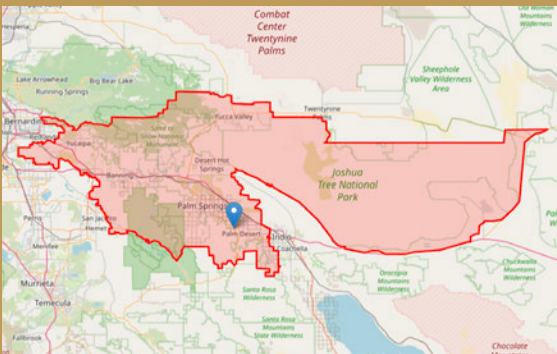
Throughout her career, Assemblywoman Schiavo helped deliver healthcare, including reproductive healthcare, to more than one million people. In the Northwest San Fernando Valley, she co-founded an organization that helped secure housing for Veterans experiencing homelessness, has delivered more than 50,000 meals to people in need, and increased resources to help keep our communities safe.

Assemblywoman Schiavo lives in Chatsworth with her daughter Sofia where they love to hike in the Santa Susana Mountains. She has been involved in the PTA of her daughter's neighborhood public school.

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47 GREG WALLIS



REPUBLICAN / PALM SPRINGS / OFFICE: RANCHO MIRAGE

As a third generation Californian, he believes that our state should be the land of economic opportunity and social mobility. Greg was raised with a firm belief in service and has spent his formative years working on behalf of his community. As both a youth sports coach and leader in his church, he knew his calling was a life of service. Greg pursued a career in government because he believed it was and still is the most effective way to help the most people. Recently, he and his high school sweetheart, now wife, Desiree, have seen too many of their friends and family leave California due to the high cost of living and lack of economic opportunity.

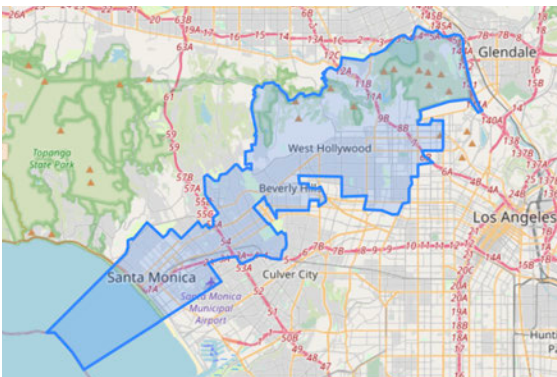
Greg's core beliefs, namely the importance of hard work, independence, and perseverance, reflect the California mindset. In Greg's professional career, he has been involved in every aspect of crafting public policy, from renewable energy to sustainable water. He continues to pursue educational excellence and policy efforts to make healthcare more accessible and affordable. This work eventually led him to the Coachella Valley, where he and his wife fell in love with the community and decided to start their life together there.

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51 RICK CHAVEZ ZBUR



DEMOCRAT / SANTA MONICA / OFFICE: SANTA MONICA

Assemblymember Rick Chavez Zbur was elected to the California State Assembly in November of 2022 to represent the 51st Assembly District.

A former Executive Director of Equality California, the nation's largest state-wide LGBTQ+ civil rights organization, Assemblymember Zbur worked to advance civil rights and social justice for the diverse communities to which LGBTQ+ people belong — communities of color, communities of faith, immigrants, women and people living with HIV.

He also fought to address climate change with urgency as an environmental lawyer and 20-year board member of the California League of Conservation Voters, now renamed California Environmental Voters and was its president for six years. Assemblymember Zbur fought for environmental justice and a focus on vulnerable communities that are hardest hit by pollution and to advance sustainable housing and green job programs.

Assemblymember Zbur grew up in a rural farming community in the Rio Grande Valley in New Mexico and ultimately became the first person in his rural community to attend an Ivy League university. After graduating from Yale College and Harvard Law School, Rick moved to Los Angeles in 1985.

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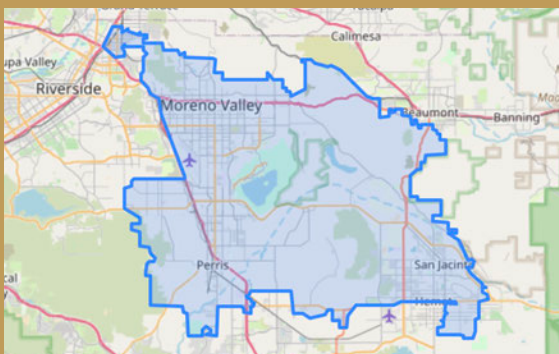
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60 COREY JACKSON

DEMOCRAT / MORENO VALLEY / OFFICE: PERRIS



Assemblymember Corey A. Jackson, DSW, MSW, was elected to the California State Assembly in November of 2022 to represent the 60th Assembly District.

Assemblymember Jackson served on the Riverside County Board of Education in 2020 and represented portions of the cities of Riverside, Moreno Valley, Perris, and the unincorporated community of Mead Valley. He also served as the founder and Chief Executive Officer of SBX Youth and Family Services who's mission is to break the cycle of poverty and violence through mentoring, education, and community organizing. The organization was instrumental in a historic settlement of a lawsuit against the unconstitutional Youth Accountability Team (YAT) program in Riverside County that treated thousands of youths — especially those of color — like criminals for minor adolescent misbehaviors, the county agreed to groundbreaking measures.

Dr. Jackson graduated from CSU San Bernardino, where he received his degree in political science and served as a member of the CSU Board of Trustees and Chair of the Santo Manuel Student Union Board of Directors. He is also a graduate of California Baptist University, where he received his Master of Social Work degree and a Doctor of Social Work degree.



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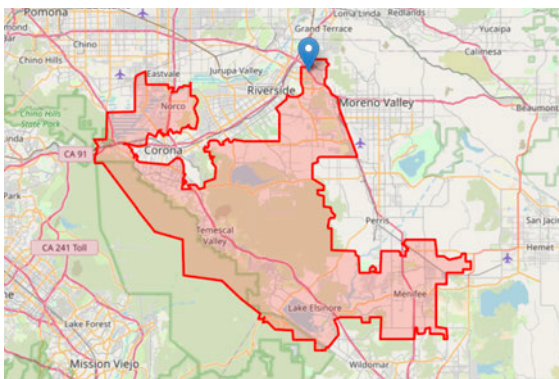
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63 BILL ESSAYLI

REPUBLICAN / CORONA / OFFICE: RIVERSIDE



Assemblyman Bill Essayli was elected in 2022 to represent the 63rd State Assembly District, which includes the whole cities of Norco, Menifee, Lake Elsinore, and Canyon Lake, as well as portions of the cities of Eastvale, Riverside, and Corona. Assemblyman Essayli is a former federal prosecutor and Riverside County Deputy District Attorney. Today, he is also a small business owner as partner at the estate planning law firm of Essayli & Brown LLP.

As an Assistant United States Attorney in the Central District of California, Assemblyman Essayli handled significant prosecutions, bringing justice to victims of violent and organized crime, identity theft, bank fraud, securities fraud, white-collar fraud, obstruction of justice, and a multitude of other matters. His duties included advising and coordinating with federal agents on active federal and multi-jurisdictional investigations, evaluating legal issues and filing criminal cases.

During his tenure at the United States Attorney's Office, Mr. Essayli was entrusted with working on some of the nation's most serious cases. Bill has been a resident of Riverside County for three decades.



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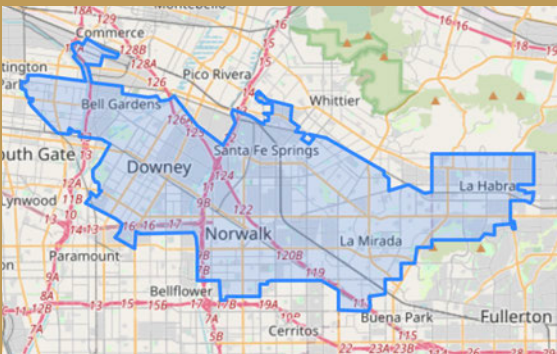
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64 **BLANCA PACHECO**

DEMOCRAT / DOWNEY / OFFICE: DOWNEY



Assemblymember Blanca Pacheco was elected to the California State Assembly in November of 2022 to represent the 64th Assembly District.

Assemblymember Pacheco was elected to serve to the Downey City Council in 2016, and served two terms as Mayor, in 2020 and 2022. She previously served as President of the League of California Cities Los Angeles Division and was the first elected official from Downey to serve in this position. Blanca is a former Chair of the Housing, Community, and Economic Development Policy Committee and served on the League of California Cities' State Board as an at-large director.

The daughter of a nurse and public school bus driver Blanca Pacheco grew up in a working-class community. She graduated from UCLA, receiving her Bachelor's Degree in Political Science and a Specialization in Chicano/a Studies in 1998. After that, she went on to Loyola Law School, and has been a practicing attorney since 2003.

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68 **AVELINO VALENCIA**

DEMOCRAT / SANTA ANA / OFFICE: ANAHEIM



Avelino Valencia was elected to the California State Assembly in November of 2022 to represent the 68th Assembly District, which includes the cities of Anaheim, Santa Ana, and Orange.

Avelino grew up in Orange County, the son of immigrant parents who built a successful small business. He attended local public schools from elementary through high school. Avelino earned an associate degree from Fullerton College, a bachelor's degree from San Jose State University, and a master's degree from Johns Hopkins University.

Avelino served as a Councilmember for the City of Anaheim from 2020-2022. Prior to that, he was the Chair of the City of Anaheim's Budget, Investment, & Technology Commission from 2016-2020.

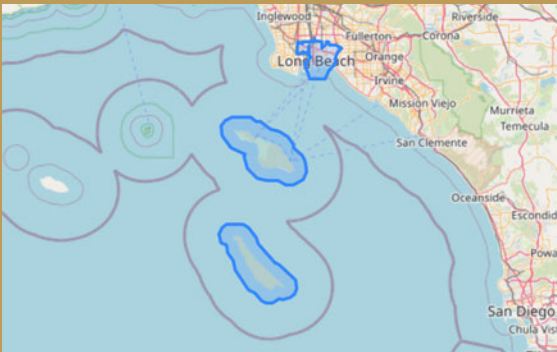
As a Councilmember, Avelino worked to speed up the rollout of COVID-19 vaccines, expand access to mental health resources, develop new city parks, establish a small business assistance program, and increase accessibility to housing, all while being a responsible fiscal steward of tax dollars. He also worked closely with local police officers, firefighters, and paramedics to make neighborhoods safer and improve emergency response times.

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69 JOSH LOWENTHAL

DEMOCRAT / LONG BEACH / OFFICE: LONG BEACH



Assemblymember Josh Lowenthal was elected to the California State Assembly in November of 2022 to represent the 69th Assembly District.

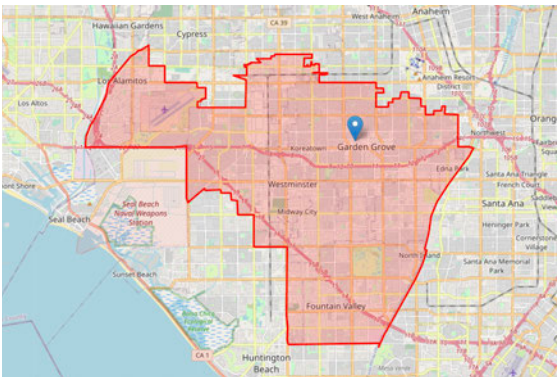
Assemblymember Lowenthal worked as an entrepreneur and business owner with a long, successful record of accomplishment in tech and telecom startups. Growing up and working in Long Beach, Josh committed himself to improve the community we live in by working to alleviate homelessness, help at-risk children, and create good, 21st-century jobs.

Josh Lowenthal grew up in Long Beach, where he attended public schools. He worked as a local teacher, is a local business owner, and has three daughters in public schools.

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70 TRI TA

REPUBLICAN / GARDEN GROVE / OFFICE: TBA




Tri Ta was elected to California's Seventieth District in 2022. Previously, Tri served his first term on the Westminster City Council in 2006. Two years later, he was selected to serve as the Mayor Pro Tem. In 2012, Tri Ta made history and became the first Vietnamese-American elected mayor in the United States.

Tri Ta is a husband and father to two daughters. Ta's American Dream started when seeking political freedom, his family immigrated to the United States from Saigon, Vietnam. Within just a couple of years of arriving here, with hard work and determination, Tri graduated from Cal State Los Angeles.

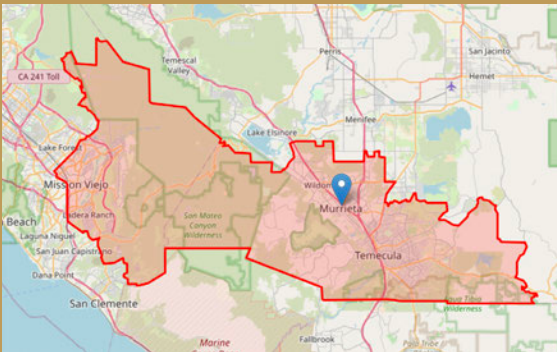
Tri believes in our country's mission of uplifting the individual by expanding freedom and opportunity. California and the United States have given Tri so much, he believes it's only right that in return he does his best to make them better for everyone. Tri is principled. He believes in fairness. He will always stand up for everyday Californians and their families.

In the legislature, Tri will fight to ensure every Californian has these same opportunities... a fair shot... a level playing field. Tri is excited to serve the people of Orange County, and California in the State Assembly.

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71 KATE SANCHEZ

REPUBLICAN / TEMECULA / OFFICE: MURRIETA



Kate Sanchez was elected to the California State Assembly in November, 2022 and now serves the 71st California Assembly District. Kate is a proud Mom, business woman and has been a proven advocate for parental rights, public safety and continues to fight against California tax increases.

Kate has worked for numerous law-makers and began her career working for the Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee with former Congressman Ed Royce. Kate was a member of the California Policy Center which explored nonpartisan, common-sense education reform and solutions to California’s public school issues.

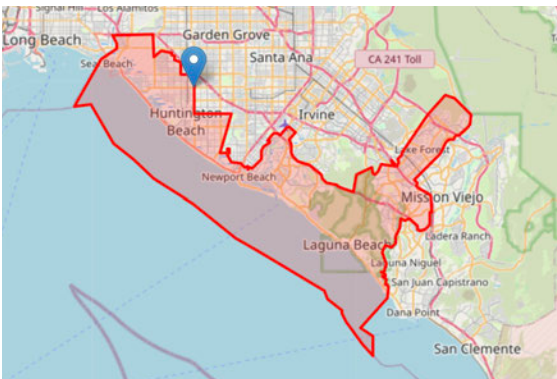
As a working mother, Kate feels that every child deserves access to a quality education and their zip code shouldn't dictate a child's opportunities. Kate was the former Executive Director of the California Women's Leadership Association (CWLA) and is also a proud graduate of the Marian Bergeson Excellence in Public Services Series. She earned a B.A. with a concentration in Political Science/Law from Salve Regina University.

Kate’s family has lived in the 71st Assembly District for over 30 years.

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72 DIANE DIXON

REPUBLICAN / HUNTINGTON BEACH / OFFICE: HUNTINGTON BEACH



Diane spent 40 years in the private sector as a business executive before being elected to the Newport Beach City Council in 2014, where she served two terms as Mayor. Her leadership helped deliver budget surpluses, pay down pension liabilities, improve public safety, and complete infrastructure projects on time and within budget and greater cooperation between residents, businesses, and government to resolve community problems. A regional leader, Diane is past President of the Association of California Cities-Orange County. She served (2019-2022) on the regional council of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) and as a board member of Orange County Council of Governments (OCCOG).

Diane has been an active member on several philanthropic community-based boards of directors for nearly four decades, including United Way Orange County, YMCA, public television, USC Board of Councilors and Alumni Association, educational institutions, child service agencies, and health-related organizations.

She earned her Bachelor of Arts with honors in political science from the University of Southern California.

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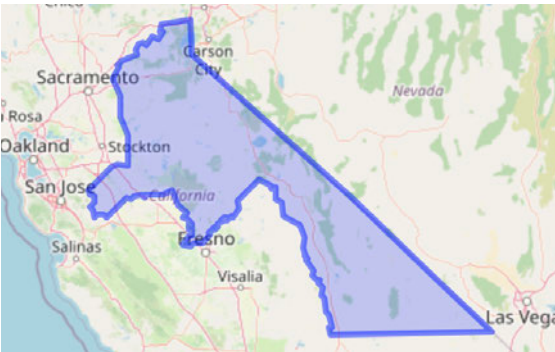


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NEW SENATE MEMBERS

4 MARIE ALVARADO-GIL

DEMOCRAT / SIERRA / OFFICES: OAKDALE, SUTTER CREEK



California State Senator Marie Alvarado-Gil was elected in 2022, representing the counties of Placer, El Dorado, Amador, Alpine, Calaveras, Tuolumne, Mariposa, Stanislaus, Madera, Mono, and Inyo.

Marie is a native Californian. Her parents immigrated to the US and worked in the service industry. She was taught the importance of hard work by watching her aunts and uncles build several successful family-owned businesses. Marie pursued her passion in livestock management by studying Animal Science at UC Davis before pivoting from her education to raise her three children in rural northern CA.

Senator Alvarado-Gil has also been a public-school educator and innovator serving over 6,000 students in thirteen elementary schools. Marie serves as a State Commissioner for Special Education and has opened several high-performing schools in northern California. Marie is a fervent advocate for educational opportunity and is actively partnering with local Districts and County Offices of Education to respond to what kids need most to feel safe and successful in the classroom.



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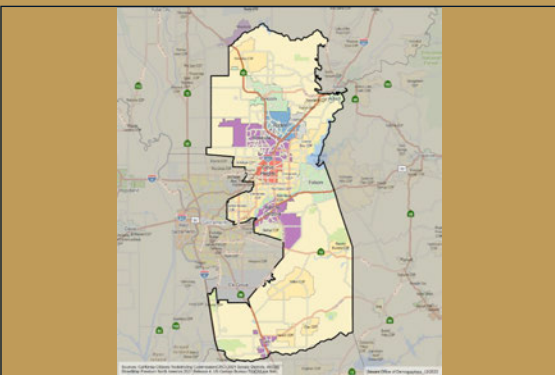
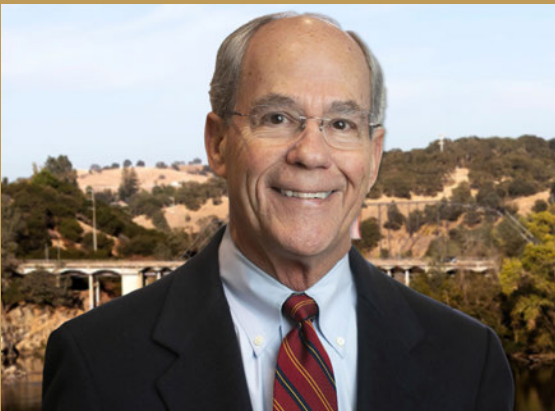
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6 ROGER NIELLO

REPUBLICAN / ROSEVILLE / OFFICE: ROSEVILLE



Roger Niello has been a Sacramento resident for most of his life, having graduated from Encina High School in Arden.

After earning his undergraduate degree from the University of California at Berkeley and his Master's Degree from the University of California at Los Angeles, Roger began his career as a Certified Public Accountant.

After his time in the Assembly concluded, Roger accepted an appointment as President and CEO of the Sacramento Metro Chamber of Commerce.

Throughout his career, Roger has been a dedicated community and civic volunteer, including service as President of the Golden State Voter Participation, Chair of the Sacramento Valley Lincoln Club Board, Co-Chair of the California Civic Learning Partnership in Sacramento County, member of the University of California Center Sacramento Advisory Board, the Dignity Health Sacramento Service Area Hospital Community Board, the Greater Sacramento Economic Council Board, and Sacramento Rotary.



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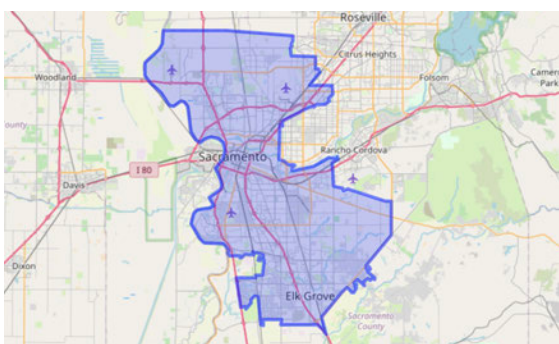
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8 ANGELIQUE ASHBY

DEMOCRAT / SACRAMENTO / OFFICE: SACRAMENTO



The only woman on the council for over six years, the first-ever in history to give birth while in office, and the only person to serve as Vice Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem for seven years — Angelique turned Sacramento into a city that works for more of us.

Angelique's experience as a business owner, and a neighborhood activist, coupled with her earlier years as a single mother living in low-income housing, using food stamps and subsidized child care while attending law school and raising her son on her own gave her the perspective necessary to be an effective public leader.

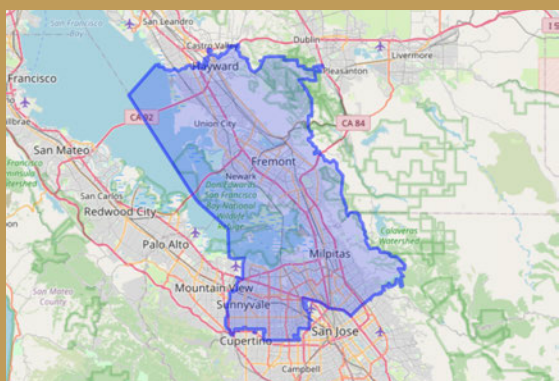
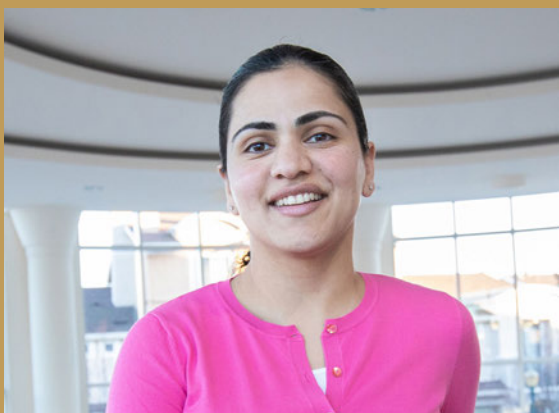
While serving on the Council, Angelique secured millions in funding to build schools, community centers, parks, and fire stations. She attracted a Fortune 500 company to Sacramento — bringing five thousand high-wage jobs to the region — fought for and advanced massive flood control improvements, and proposed the approved citywide plan to push forward solutions for unhoused community members, securing millions for programs serving women and children experiencing homelessness.

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10 AISHA WAHAB

DEMOCRAT / FREMONT / OFFICE: FREMONT



Senator Aisha Wahab was elected in 2022 representing the cities of Hayward, Union City, Newark, Fremont, Milpitas, Sunnyvale and Santa Clara.

Aisha is a community leader. In 2018 when she won her seat on Hayward City Council, Aisha made national headlines as the first Afghan-American woman elected to public office in the United States. As Mayor Pro Tempore & City Council Member of Hayward, Aisha has implemented policies that reduce economic inequality, expand homeownership opportunities, support small businesses, and strengthen safety nets for seniors, women, children and working families.

Aisha and her family have struggled with the cost of living. In 2011, her family home was foreclosed, her parents lost their business, her father's health began to deteriorate, and Aisha was laid off from her job. After being priced out of their community, Aisha and her family moved to Hayward where she began to attend council meetings and advocate for affordable housing.

As a Senator, she continues to work as an advocate and organizer for seniors, women, and children. Aisha is dedicated to addressing issues including housing affordability, civic engagement, education, and economic inequality.

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18 STEVE PADILLA

DEMOCRAT / HOLTVILLE / OFFICES: CHULA VISTA, EL CENTRO, INDIO



Senator Steve Padilla was elected in 2022 representing the counties of San Diego, Imperial, Riverside and San Bernardino. Steve is a native of San Diego county and lifelong Chula Vista resident, he is a graduate of Bonita Vista High School, a former police officer and police Detective.

Steve's interest in public affairs began early in life as did his service to Chula Vista, where he served as a member of the Board of Ethics and Safety Commission. He was elected for the first time to the City Council in 1994 and served two terms. In 2002, Steve was elected the City's 38th Mayor and served from 2002 – 2006.

Prior to being elected to the State Senate, Steve worked with a variety of private entities, non-profits and public interest groups where he advocated on issues ranging from economic development, transportation, housing, and social and environmental justice. In 2008 he was invited to be a member of the Independent Task Force on U.S. Immigration Policy for the Council on Foreign Relations.

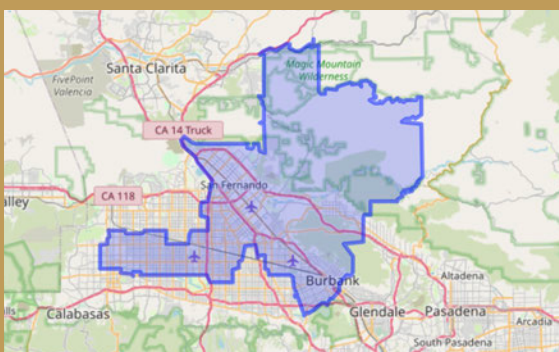
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20 CAROLINE MENJIVAR

DEMOCRAT / SAN FERNANDO / OFFICE: VAN NUYS




Senator Caroline Menjivar was elected in 2022 to represent the cities of Burbank and San Fernando and the communities of Arleta, Canoga Park, Lake Balboa, Lakeview Terrace, Mission Hills, North Hills, North Hollywood, Northridge, Pacoima, Panorama City, Reseda, Sun Valley, Sunland-Tujunga, Sylmar, Toluca Lake, Van Nuys, Winnetka.


Caroline excelled academically at local public schools where she also enrolled in the Police Academy Magnet and the LA Fire Department Cadet Program and earned recognition as a basketball standout.

The economic downturn continued to interfere with Caroline's dreams. After high school, she began pursuing a degree in Fire Technology and her Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) license while working full-time. Caroline enlisted in the Marine Corps and served from 2009 – 2016.

She volunteers her time serving on the GLSEN Los Angeles Chapter Board and The Help Group's Kaleidoscope Advisory Board. Both organizations work to create more inclusive learning and family environments for LGBTQ+ youth and young adults.

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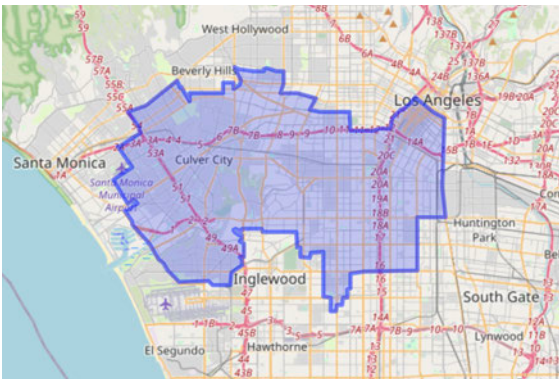
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28 LOLA SMALLWOOD-CUEVAS

DEMOCRAT / CULVER CITY / OFFICE: LOS ANGELES



Senator Smallwood-Cuevas was elected in 2022 representing the communities of Ladera Heights, View Park, Arlington Heights, Arlington Park, Baldwin Hills, Carthay, Century City, Cheviot Hills, Crenshaw, Del Rey, Downtown, Hyde Park, Jefferson Park, Leimert Park, Mar Vista, Mid City, South Los Angeles, University Park, West Adams, and West LA.

Lola is an educator, labor organizer, and community. Raised by a single mother who worked as a home care worker, CNA and then registered nurse, Senator Smallwood-Cuevas has life experience of being from a working family who moved to California in search of better education, good union jobs, and a pathway to self-sufficiency.

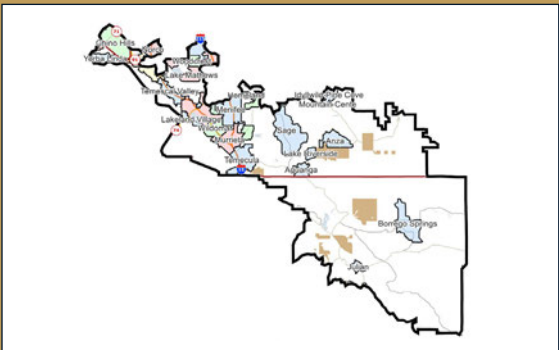
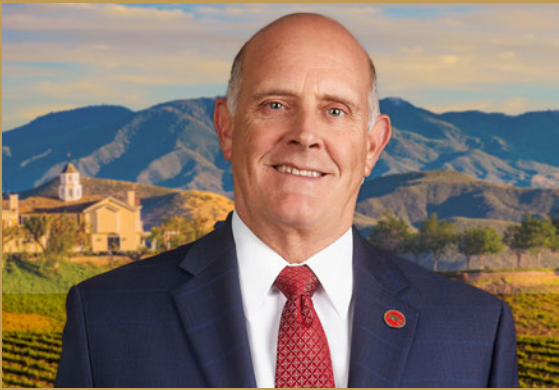
Lola’s personal and professional goals have always been centered in making California work for vulnerable workers. Her leadership and professional experience have shaped her understanding of politics, public policy, and how to adapt systems change for the betterment of all Californians.

Lola is a wife and mother of two, lives in Los Angeles, and has spent her life’s work changing the tangible conditions for working families in South Los Angeles.

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32 KELLY SEYARTO

REPUBLICAN / DOWNEY / OFFICE: MURRIETA



Kelly is a native Californian who has spent his entire adult life serving his community and protecting the public. For 35 years Kelly served the public as a firefighter until his retirement in 2015 as Battalion Chief.

Kelly was first elected to the Murrieta City Council in 1997 and served through 2006. Choosing to spend more time with his family, Kelly declined to run for reelection in 2006 but returned to serve the City of Murrieta again in 2016 and served as Mayor. Kelly was then elected to serve our community in 2020 as the State Assemblyman.

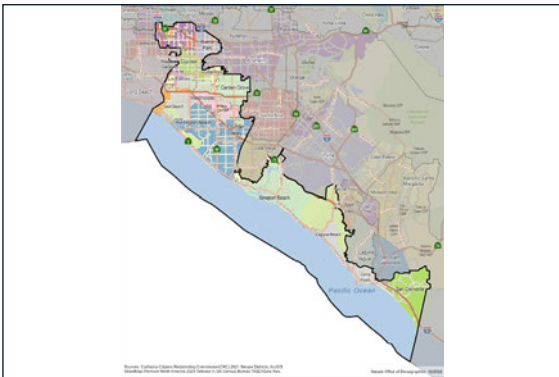
In addition to his public service over the years, Kelly has been a community leader in nonprofit and community organizations including on the Board of Directors for the Boys and Girls Club, the League of California Cities Public Safety Committee and the Western Riverside Council of Governments.

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36 JANET NGUYEN

REPUBLICAN / HUNTINGTON BEACH / OFFICE: TBA



Janet is a small-business owner, a former State Senator, former Orange County Supervisor, and former Garden Grove City Councilmember. She is the former Vice-President of Government and Public Affairs for a local Chamber of Commerce.

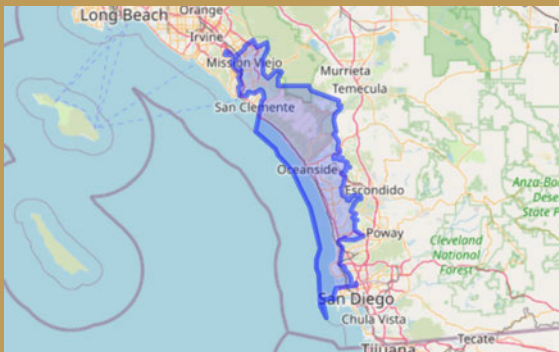
As a State Senator, Janet Nguyen was named Legislator of the Year by the American Legion, the Association of the United States Army and the Vietnam Veterans of America. She was named “Champion of Manufacturing” by the California Manufacturers and Technology Association for her work to protect jobs. Janet Nguyen received top ratings from California’s leading taxpayer groups and small business organizations, including the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association and California Taxpayers Association.

She was awarded the We Give Thanks 2004 Women of Vision Award, which recognizes outstanding women who have provided exceptional services to the community. In addition, the Orange County Register has listed her as one of the “30 Vietnamese-Americans to Watch” and she was named one of OC Metro Magazine 2006 “25 Hottest People” in Orange County for her demonstrated leadership and influence in Southern California.

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38 CATHERINE BLAKESPEAR

DEMOCRAT / OCEANSIDE / OFFICES: LAGUNA HILLS, ENCINITAS



Senator Catherine Blakespear was elected in 2022 representing San Diego and Orange Counties. Catherine is a mom, fourth-generation San Diegan, and previously a three-term mayor.

Catherine served her community on the Encinitas Traffic & Public Safety Commission and in 2014 elected to the Encinitas City Council. Additionally, she served as a Board Member of the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority, Regional Solid Waste Association and San Elijo Joint Powers Authority.

As mayor, Catherine made her city the first in the County to deliver 100% renewable power and passed a tough climate action plan to reduce emissions.

When the pandemic hit, Catherine delivered emergency financial assistance to help local businesses keep their doors open. Senator Blakespear has been one of California’s most effective leaders against gun violence. As mayor, Catherine banned ghost guns, passed tough safe gun storage requirements, and supported red flag laws to keep guns out of the hands of people who are a potential threat and make her city one of the safest in California.

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