The background of the entire page is a photograph of the California State Capitol building at night. The central focus is the illuminated dome, which is lit from within, casting a warm glow. The dome is topped with a lantern and a flagpole flying the American flag. The building's facade, with its classical columns and arches, is also partially visible and lit. The sky is a deep, dark blue.

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NEW SENATE MEMBERS

1 MEGAN DAHLE

REPLACING BRIAN DAHLE



REPUBLICAN / PLACER / OFFICES: REDDING, GOLD RIVER, CHICO

Megan Dahle proudly served as the elected Representative for California's Assembly District 1, where she advocated for rural education, public safety, small businesses, and the safe reopening of the North State.

In Sacramento, Megan has worked tirelessly to ensure rural communities have a voice in state government. She has served as Vice-Chair of the Water, Parks, and Wildlife Committee and as a member of the Education Committee, advocating for wildfire prevention, rural education funding, and effective resource management. Her leadership has helped secure critical funding for local districts and push back against one-size-fits-all policies that harm rural economies.

A dedicated community leader, Megan previously co-owned Big Valley Nursery, where she revitalized the business before selling it to a local employee. She also served as President of the Big Valley Joint Unified School Board, championing access to advanced and enrichment courses for students. Committed to building a stronger and safer North State, Megan continues to fight for the prosperity and well-being of her district.

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3 CHRISTOPHER CABALDON

REPLACING BILL DODD







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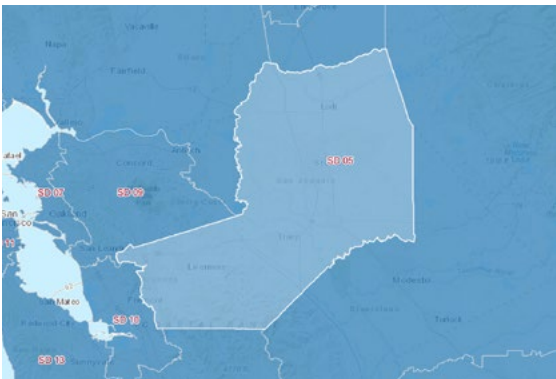
As Mayor of West Sacramento for over 20 years, Christopher led one of the most remarkable urban transformations in America. Under his leadership, the city became a model for sustainable growth and equity, pioneering universal preschool access, free college for local students, next-generation transit, and innovative housing solutions. His work garnered national and international acclaim, earning West Sacramento recognition as one of "America's Most Livable Small Cities" and a leader in pro-housing and environmental justice policies.

Christopher has served in key roles for the California Democratic Party, including as Legislative Committee Co-Chair and a member of the Democratic National Committee. He has been a tireless advocate for education, equality, and opportunity, from helping launch over 400 free community college programs across the U.S. to exposing and addressing systemic inequities in higher education admissions.

Christopher's collaborative work with mayors across the country to combat systemic racism, promote sustainable development, and defend democratic values exemplifies his ability to tackle complex challenges. With a proven track record of delivering meaningful results and a bold vision for the future, Christopher Cabaldon is ready to serve the people of District 3.

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5 JERRY MCNERNEY
REPLACING SUSAN EGGMAN



DEMOCRAT / SAN JOAQUIN / OFFICE: STOCKTON

Jerry McNerney and his family moved to Northern California in 1990, where they have lived on both sides of the Altamont. Before entering politics, Jerry earned a Ph.D. in Mathematics and spent 20 years as an entrepreneur in the clean energy industry. He played a key role in developing much of the wind energy technology that powers the Altamont Hills today—reducing carbon emissions while creating good-paying local jobs.

During his 16 years in Congress, Jerry secured over \$400 million for the Stockton full-service VA Clinic and the Victory Gardens nursing home, authored legislation improving VA care for traumatic brain injuries, and worked tirelessly to provide local veterans with responsive support services.

Jerry also helped secure broadband expansion, clean energy investments, and funding for the ValleyLink commuter rail system. Through his efforts, federal resources supported crumbling roads and railways, bolstered public safety by hiring more police officers, expanded youth and women's health programs, and safeguarded school jobs during the pandemic. A defender of our natural resources, Jerry fought to protect the Delta from harmful tunnels and to ensure sustainable water management for the community.

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7 JESSE ARREGUÍN
REPLACING STEVE GLAZIER







DEMOCRAT / CONTRA COSTA / OFFICE: ORINDA, EAST CONTRA COSTA

Jesse Arreguín is a proven leader committed to creating a safer, more affordable, and equitable East Bay. As Berkeley's first Latino mayor and youngest in a century, Jesse has led his city through challenging times, reducing homelessness by 45%, creating affordable housing, and raising the minimum wage.

A champion for progressive values, Jesse has driven innovative policies, such as shifting mental health and homelessness responses from police to trained social workers, advancing criminal justice reform while keeping communities safe. He led efforts to build Berkeley's largest affordable housing development, created tenant protections, and fought to preserve women's reproductive and gender-affirming health services. Under his leadership, Berkeley became a model for other cities across America in sustainability, with 100% clean energy and plastic waste reduction initiatives.

As President of the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG), Jesse helped develop a plan for over 440,000 new homes across the region and authored Plan Bay Area 2050, a comprehensive strategy to address transportation, affordable housing, and climate change.

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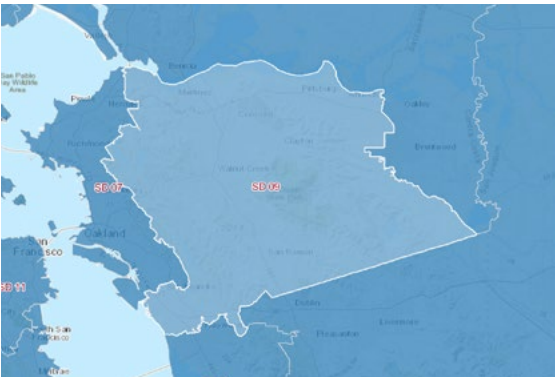
9 **TIM GRAYSON**
REPLACING NANCY SKINNER

DEMOCRAT / ALAMEDA / OFFICE: OAKLAND



Tim Grayson represented more than half a million Contra Costa County residents in the California State Assembly, is a small business owner, and the former Mayor of Concord. Tim is focused on fighting for quality jobs and economic security for working families, addressing California's housing crisis, and taking on predatory lenders and financial fraudsters across our state.

After his election to the Assembly, Tim authored and passed historic legislation to build more housing that is affordable for working families, establish statewide rent protections to help more Californians stay in their homes, and increase access to effective mental health services for our California firefighters and first responders. Tim passed legislation to put an end to predatory lending and rein in the payday loan industry. He secured \$20 million in statewide funding for Family Justice Centers which help connect victims of domestic abuse and interpersonal violence with support from a wide array of state agencies. Grayson was at the forefront of the effort to create a new budget reserve account to complement the state's constitutionally capped Rainy Day Fund.



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23 **SUZETTE MARTINEZ VALLADARES**
REPLACING SCOTT WILK

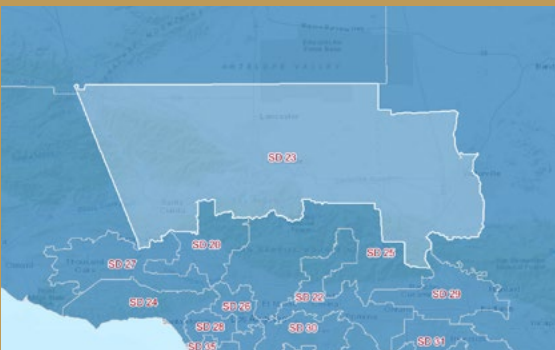
REPUBLICAN / SAN BERNARDINO / OFFICE: REDLANDS



Suzette Valladares is a small businesswoman with deep roots in the Santa Clarita Valley and extensive experience across the Antelope Valley and High Desert.

Elected to the State Assembly in 2020 and now serving as State Senator for District 23, Suzette has focused on lowering taxes, addressing homelessness and the fentanyl crisis, and strengthening public safety laws. She authored legislation to make preschool more affordable, co-authored a gas tax reduction, and championed resources for crime victims. During the pandemic, she fought to reopen Southern California businesses and brought vaccine clinics to vulnerable populations. Suzette's bipartisan approach includes founding the Problem Solvers Caucus to promote practical solutions.

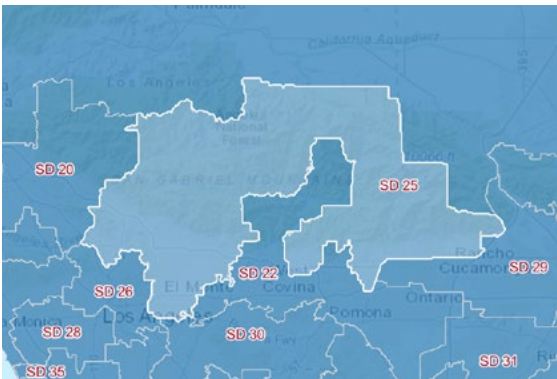
Suzette's leadership in business, charitable organizations, and public service has earned her broad support from leaders across party lines. She and her husband Shane live in Acton with their daughter Charlotte, staying active in their community as dedicated parents and advocates.



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25 SASHA RENÉE PÉREZ

REPLACING ANTHONY PORTANTINO





DEMOCRAT / LOS ANGELES / OFFICE: GLENDALE

Mayor Sasha Renée Pérez is a lifelong Democrat, educator, and civil rights advocate dedicated to advancing social, racial, and economic justice. Throughout her career, she has worked tirelessly to create more equitable access to higher education, protect vulnerable communities, and improve public services.

As a passionate advocate, Sasha led a statewide campaign securing \$97 million to increase college access and affordability and helped pass historic legislation expanding healthcare and protecting victims of violent crimes. She also played a key role in advocating for the Cal Grant Equity Framework, which expanded financial aid access for nearly half a million students. In 2020, she was elected to the Alhambra City Council, where she implemented critical measures to support residents and businesses during the pandemic.

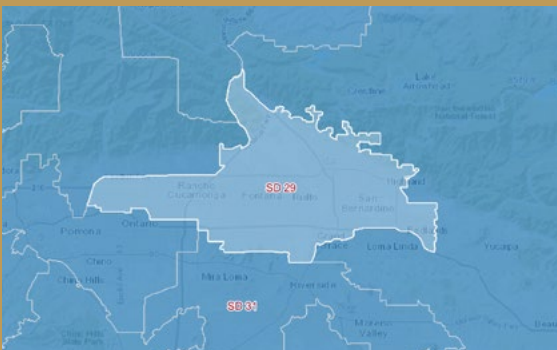
As a commissioner with the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, Sasha's personal experience with homelessness drives her compassionate approach to solving the region's housing crisis. She is also a board member for the Asian Youth Center and a graduate of the Hispanas Organized for Political Equality Leadership Institute and Emerge California.

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29 ELOISE GOMEZ

REPLACING JOSH NEWMAN



DEMOCRAT / SAN BERNARDINO / OFFICE: FULLERTON

Eloise Reyes is a daughter of immigrants, attorney, and dedicated public servant who has spent her life standing up for our community and being a voice for the people. As a leader in the State Assembly, Eloise has led on delivering results for our community, fighting for clean air, accessible health care, career opportunities, and affordable child care.

As a 12-year old girl, she learned the value of hard work by picking grapes and onions in the fields with her family so they could afford new school clothes. After high school, Eloise worked as many as three jobs to put herself through San Bernardino Valley College and the University of Southern California, after which she earned a law degree from Loyola Law School before becoming the first Latina to open her own law firm in the Inland Empire.

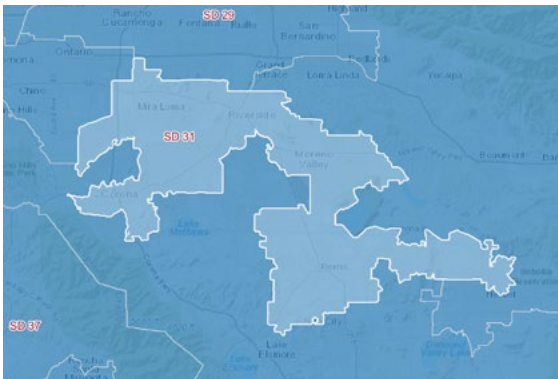
Driven by service to the community, Eloise will continue the work she has been doing in the State Assembly to deliver results that put people first and strengthen communities across the Inland Empire. Eloise is a fighter who will use her experience to bring educational opportunity for all, create good-paying jobs, support retirees and veterans, and build a brighter future for all in the Inland Empire.

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31 SABRINA CERVANTES

REPLACING RICHARD ROTH



DEMOCRAT / RIVERSIDE / OFFICE: RIVERSIDE, FONTANA

Sabrina previously served as the Assemblymember for the 58th District, which includes parts of the Inland Empire. First elected to the State Legislature in 2016, she made history as the first openly LGBTQ+ Latina to represent Western Riverside County and chaired the California Latino Legislative Caucus from 2022-2024.

Throughout her tenure, Sabrina has authored 49 bills signed into law, advancing safety, veterans' services, education, and economic development. She has brought over \$650 million in state funding to the Inland Empire for key infrastructure projects, including reducing local traffic and expanding UC Riverside's medical school. As Chair of the Assembly Committee on Jobs, Economic Development, and the Economy, she secured funding for a new trade school in Jurupa Valley to train students in high-demand job skills.

A lifelong Riverside County resident, Sabrina earned her bachelor's degree in political science from UC Riverside and completed an executive program at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government. Sabrina's commitment to public service is deeply personal, with a family legacy of military service, including several relatives who fought in World War II.

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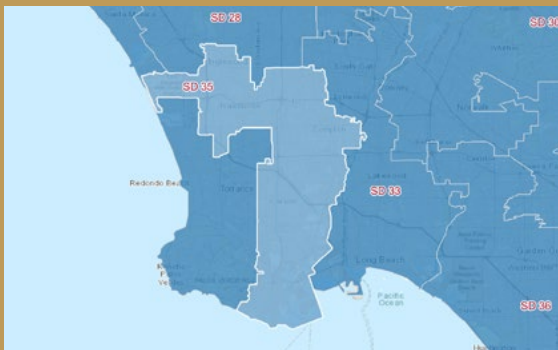
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35 LAURA RICHARDSON

REPLACING STEVEN BRADFORD



DEMOCRAT / LOS ANGELES / OFFICES: INGLEWOOD, SAN PEDRO

A lifelong Democrat, Laura began her public service career as a legislative staffer at the local, state, and federal levels. She served on the Long Beach City Council, the California State Assembly, and the U.S. House of Representatives, where she represented the 37th Congressional District for three terms. Known for her ability to bring money and resources into her district, Laura built a legislative record that addressed community needs and resolved critical resident casework.

Now residing in San Pedro, Laura remains dedicated to empowering residents, improving neighborhoods, and supporting local businesses. Her career reflects a commitment to public service, advocacy, and bettering the lives of the people in her community.

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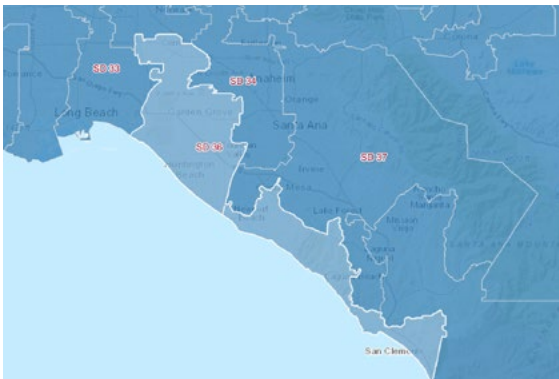
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36 TBD
REPLACING JANET NGUYEN

/ RIVERSIDE / OFFICE: HUNTINGTON BEACH



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37 STEVEN CHOI
REPLACING DAVE MIN

REPUBLICAN / ORANGE COUNTY / OFFICES: IRVINE

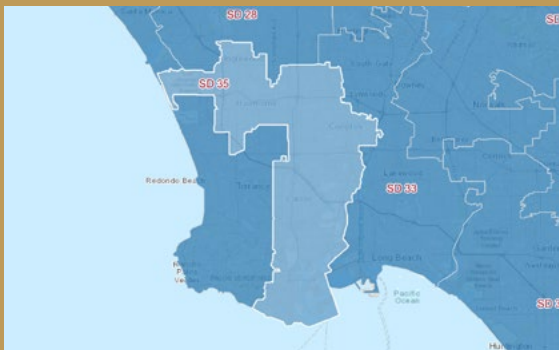


Dr. Steven Choi is an immigrant who came to America with \$50 in his pocket and washed dishes to put himself through school and earn a Ph.D. A passionate and experienced educator, Dr. Choi has taught at USC, UCI, California State University, Los Angeles, Saddleback College, as well as Coastline Community College.

While serving on the Irvine City Council and as that city's mayor, Dr. Choi oversaw the safest big city in the country, used audits to ferret out waste and corruption, and started initiatives to create more good-paying jobs.

In the Assembly, Dr. Choi has led efforts to improve the quality of Orange County Schools, protect Proposition 13 and keep taxes down, tackle the homeless problem, and reduce the cost of health care.

As a husband and father, Dr. Choi raised his family in Orange County, and his children graduated from our public schools here. Steven and his wife Janie have lived in Irvine since 1993, where they raised their children Daniel, now an anesthesiologist, and Michelle, an attorney.

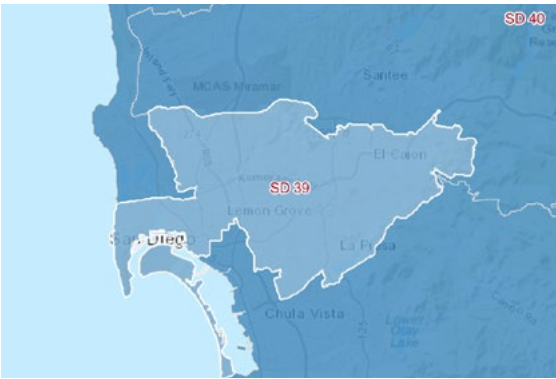


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39 AKILAH WEBER

REPLACING TONI ATKINS


DEMOCRAT / SAN DIEGO / OFFICE: SAN DIEGO





Previous assemblymember Dr. Weber's journey has been shaped by her belief that when individuals are provided with the means and opportunities to lead healthier lives, they will experience a better quality of life and overall happiness.


As a board-certified obstetrician/gynecologist with a specialty in adolescent care, she has dedicated close to two decades to advancing healthcare access and improving the quality of life for her patients. Her instrumental role in establishing the Pediatric & Adolescent Gynecology Division at Rady Children's Hospital-San Diego underscores her proactive approach to addressing critical gaps and inequities in healthcare services.

Driven by a deep-rooted belief in the transformative impact of health on an individual's quality of life, Akilah made a pivotal decision to run for La Mesa City Council and then State Assembly. In the State Senate, Akilah will continue to strive to implement policies that will improve the health of our communities.

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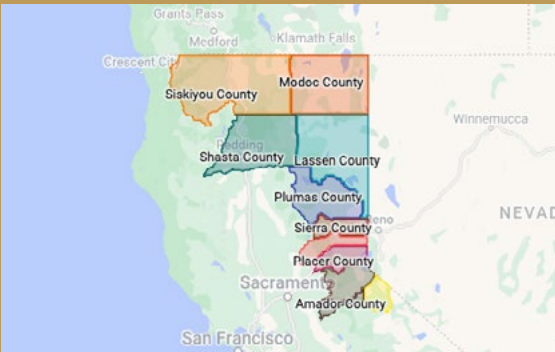
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A grand, ornate assembly hall with a large chandelier, green patterned carpet, and rows of wooden desks. The room features a high ceiling with intricate architectural details, including a balcony with a railing and several wall-mounted sconces. The floor is covered in a green carpet with a repeating circular pattern. The walls are light-colored with gold accents. The overall atmosphere is formal and historic.

NEW ASSEMBLY MEMBERS

1 HEATHER HADWICK

REPLACING MEAGAN DAHLE



REPUBLICAN / AMADOR / OFFICES: GRASS VALLEY, REDDING

Heather was raised in the small town of Dorris in Siskiyou County, where she met her high school sweetheart, Bryon. Married in 2003, they have two boys, Sam and Zack, and together run their family farm in Modoc County.

With a degree in Agriculture Science from Chico State and a Master's in Leadership & Management earned in 2016, Heather has firsthand experience with the challenges in education as an elementary and high school teacher. She continues to teach a Public Safety class at Modoc High School and has served as the County 4-H Coordinator through UC Davis. Heather also works at the Modoc County Office of Education, and previously served as Deputy OES Director at the Sheriff's Office, managing wildfire evacuations and emergency response.

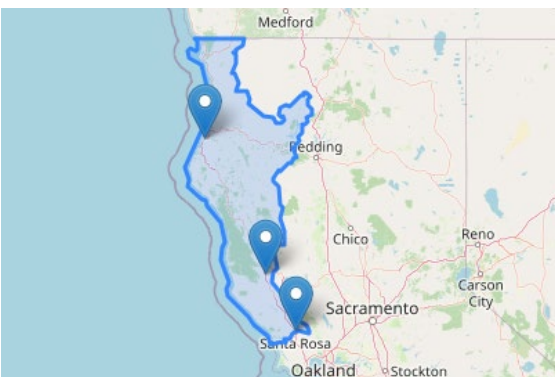
A dedicated small business owner and community leader, Heather has owned a local newspaper and understands the challenges of running a business. Her passion for service is evident in her extensive volunteer work, including serving as a school board president, coaching youth teams, and participating in organizations like the Alturas Chamber of Commerce and Ducks Unlimited.

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2 CHRIS ROGERS

REPLACING JIM WOOD



DEMOCRAT / SONOMA / OFFICES: UKIAH, SANTA ROSA, EUREKA

Chris Rogers is a lifelong resident of California's North Coast and has dedicated his career to serving the community where he was born and raised. Elected to the Santa Rosa City Council in 2016, Chris brought nearly a decade of legislative experience as a senior staff member for Senator Mike McGuire and other lawmakers. His commitment to improving the lives of working families stems from his own struggles to afford living in the region he loves. As a Councilmember and Mayor, Chris has led Santa Rosa through four wildfires, a drought, flooding, and a pandemic, focusing on resilience and decisive leadership in times of crisis.

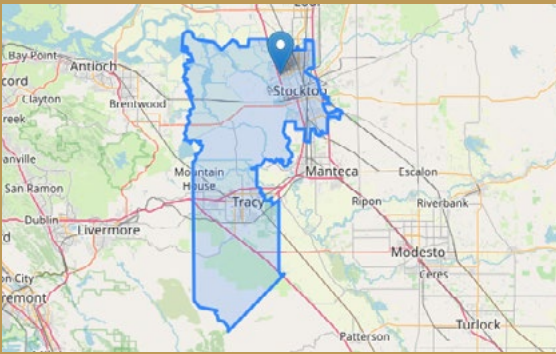
During his tenure as Mayor, Chris balanced the city's budget for the first time in nearly a decade while prioritizing community-driven initiatives. He expanded access to affordable childcare, introduced a first-time homebuyers program for low-income workers, and launched free public transit for veterans, seniors, and youth. Chris also championed innovative programs like "baby bonds," which establish education savings accounts for low-income newborns, and transitioned all city buildings to 100% renewable energy. His leadership has consistently focused on housing, homelessness, and environmental sustainability, addressing the region's most pressing challenges.

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13 RHODESIA RANSOM

REPLACING CARLOS VILLAPUDUA




DEMOCRAT / SAN JOAQUIN / OFFICE: STOCKTON


As a non-profit co-founder, planning commissioner, Tracy city councilmember, and congressional district director, Rhodesia has worked tirelessly to put people first. Her leadership reflects her deep commitment to improving lives and addressing critical community needs.

Rhodesia's values were shaped early on by her missionary grandmother who showed her the importance of service by connecting working-class and low-income families to essential resources like food and housing. This foundation inspired Rhodesia to pursue a Bachelor's in Political Science from San Francisco State University and a Master's in Public Administration from Golden Gate University.

She currently chairs the board of Emerge California and serves on the boards of United Way and Delta College Foundation. A champion for public safety, education, and economic growth, Rhodesia has spearheaded initiatives to create local jobs, improve public schools, and strengthen public safety. Rhodesia is committed to continuing to advocate for families, economic opportunities, and the most vulnerable members of her community.

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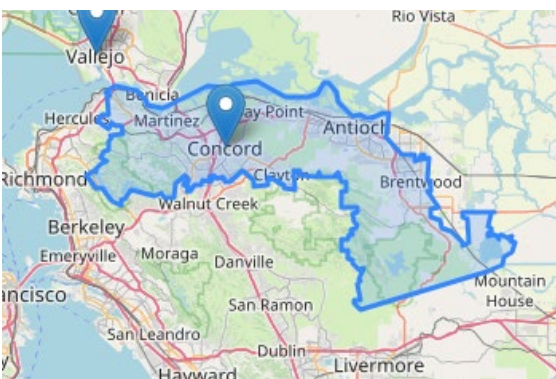
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15 ANAMARIE AVILA FARIAS

REPLACING TIM GRAYSON





DEMOCRAT / CONTRA COSTA / OFFICE: CONCORD


Anamarie Avila Farias, a proud granddaughter of Mexican immigrants, has dedicated her life to public service and advocacy. Raised in Contra Costa County, her early experiences with poverty and socioeconomic barriers inspired her career in government and non-profit organizations, where she has focused on affordable housing, workforce training, and economic development.


Appointed to the California Housing Finance Agency Board by Governors Brown and Newsom, Anamarie has spearheaded programs like the Building Black Wealth campaign to increase Black homeownership and the ADU Grant program to support multi-generational housing.

Anamarie holds degrees in Business Management and Information Systems Management from the University of San Francisco, becoming one of the first in her family to earn an advanced degree. She lives in Martinez with her husband and two children, actively engaging in their local school and community. Passionate about education, environmental stewardship, and youth empowerment, Anamarie continues to advocate for systemic change to uplift vulnerable populations and strengthen her community.

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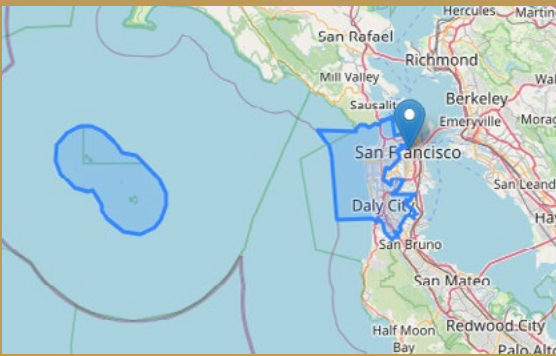
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19 CATHERINE STEFANI

REPLACING PHIL TING



DEMOCRAT / SAN FRANCISCO / OFFICE: SAN FRANCISCO

Catherine Stefani has spent her career making neighborhoods safer and ensuring government works for everyone. With roles as a county supervisor, policy analyst, and advocate for gun safety, she has championed victims' rights and public safety. As a mother of two, Catherine has fought to improve schools, strengthen first responders, and increase affordable housing options. Her experience as a prosecutor inspired her to author Proposition D, establishing an advocacy office for victims of domestic violence and other crimes.

First elected as San Francisco Supervisor in 2018 and re-elected in 2022, Catherine has earned a reputation for standing up to powerful interests, exposing corruption, and investing in public safety. With a collaborative approach and fearless determination, she has delivered real results for her community. Catherine lives in San Francisco with her husband, Chris, and their two children, Dominic and Gianna.

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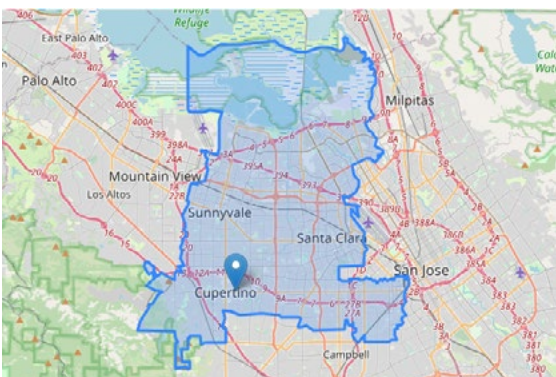
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26 PATRICK AHRENS

REPLACING EVAN LOW



DEMOCRAT / SANTA CLARA / OFFICE: CUPERTINO

Patrick Ahrens is a Sunnyvale resident, Silicon Valley native, and advocate for expanding access and affordability in higher education. Growing up in a home affected by substance abuse and experiencing homelessness as a college student, Patrick's early challenges shaped his determination to serve others. After the loss of his twin brother, who was forced to work through cancer treatment to maintain health insurance, Patrick's resolve to create a better future for others deepened.

As the first in his family to attend college, Patrick became interested in higher education policy while a student trustee at De Anza College. He has led efforts on the FHDA Board to address housing insecurity by building affordable housing for teachers, staff, and students and securing \$200 million in funding through the district's largest bond measure. Patrick's work has focused on retaining talent in an increasingly unaffordable region while improving opportunities for underserved communities.

Patrick holds an associate degree from De Anza College, a bachelor's in political science from UCLA, and a master's in public administration from San José State University. He is dedicated to championing equity and opportunity as the representative of Assembly District 26.

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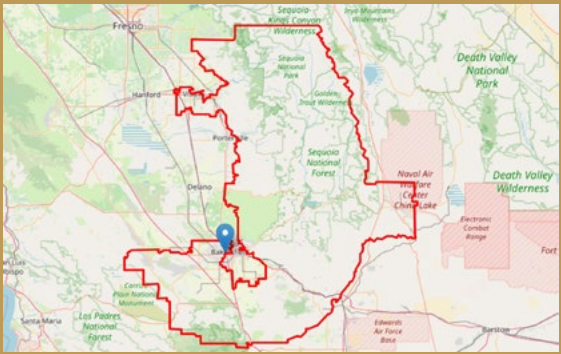
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32 TBD
REPLACING VINCE FONG

/ TULARE / OFFICE: BAKERSFIELD



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33 ALEXANDRA MACEDO
REPLACING DEVON MATHIS

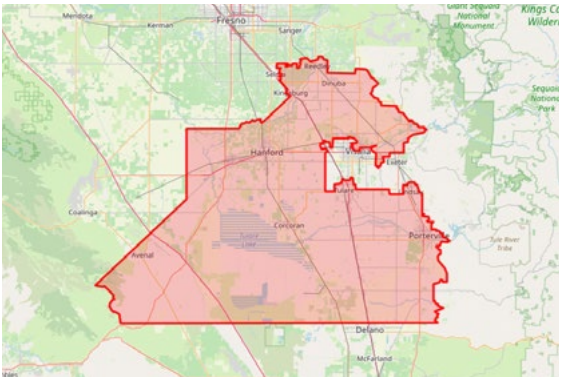
REPUBLICAN / FRESNO / OFFICE: VISALIA



Macedo was born and raised in Tulare, California to an agricultural family of Portuguese descent that grew almonds and has run the Tulare Sales Yard since 1939. She started participating in 4-H and the National FFA Organization in the 4th grade.

Following graduation from Tulare Union High School, she attended California State University, Northridge where she obtained a Bachelor of Science in business law and later earned a Juris Doctor from the San Joaquin College of Law.

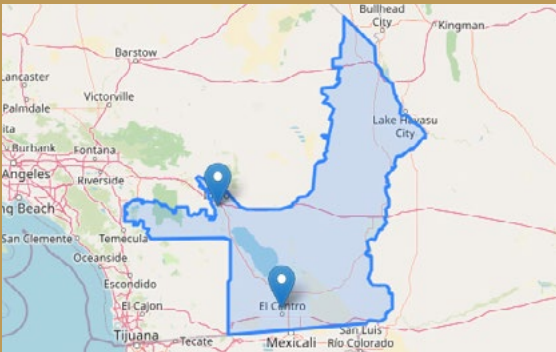
She founded Macedo Engineering & Consulting Inc. with her mother, an agricultural company focused on supporting dairy and crop farmers. She is currently President of Macedo Environmental Consulting Inc., offering environmental compliance assistance and consulting along with agricultural design and project management.



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36 JEFF GONZALEZ

REPLACING EDUARDO GARCIA



REPUBLICAN / RIVERSIDE / OFFICES: COACHELLA, IMPERIAL VALLEY

Jeff Gonzalez is a combat veteran, small business owner, pastor, and community leader dedicated to addressing California's challenges and creating more opportunities, lower living costs, and improved quality of life. A first-generation American, Jeff achieved his dream of serving the country by enlisting in the United States Marine Corps after high school. His 20 years of service included combat tours in Iraq and Afghanistan and missions protecting U.S. embassies in Honduras and the Czech Republic.

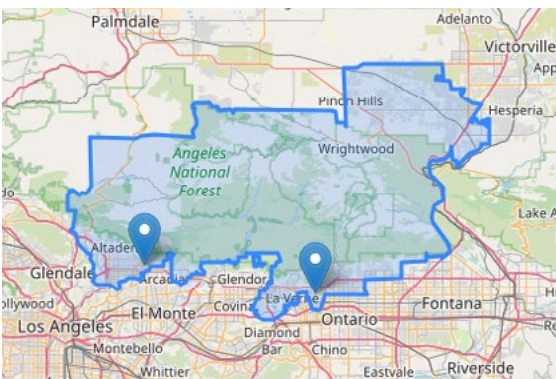
After retiring from the Marine Corps, Jeff became a local pastor, inspired by the loss of ten fellow Marines to suicide. He felt called to protect the vulnerable and serve his community. As a small business owner and father of a son with cerebral palsy, Jeff has navigated California's red tape and healthcare system, experiencing both its challenges and strengths. He is determined to increase access to healthcare, lower the cost of living, and address the state's broken systems.

Jeff lives in Indio with his wife, Christine, and their four children: RJ, Lexi, Zack, and Mike.

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41 JOHN HARABEDIAN

REPLACING CHRIS HOLDEN



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John Harabedian is a California State Board President, attorney, father, and former City Councilmember and Mayor. Born and raised in Sierra Madre, at the heart of the 41st Assembly District, John was elected to the Sierra Madre City Council in 2012, re-elected in 2016, and served twice as Mayor. During his tenure, he championed environmental protection, homelessness reduction, and municipal service improvements, including a solar energy project benefiting local residents. He also co-founded the Clean Power Alliance.

Professionally, John has worked as a prosecutor for the Los Angeles District Attorney's Office and as an attorney at Latham & Watkins and various legal advocacy programs. He has served as a policy analyst for Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and currently holds leadership roles, including Regional Vice Chair of the Los Angeles County Democratic Party and board member for the Immigration Resource Center of San Gabriel Valley. He was named Assembly District 41's "Democrat of the Year" by the Los Angeles County Democratic Party in 2020.

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43 CELESTE RODRIGUEZ

REPLACING LUZ RIVAS

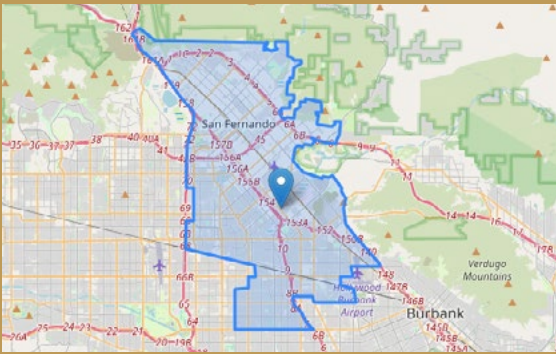
DEMOCRAT / LOS ANGELES / OFFICE: ARLETA



As former Mayor of San Fernando, Celeste Rodriguez has spent over a decade as a public servant addressing the challenges facing San Fernando Valley families. From affordable housing and community safety to healthcare and services for veterans, seniors, and children, she has delivered real solutions to these problems. Celeste led groundbreaking initiatives such as LA's Guaranteed Basic Income pilot and Free Child Savings Accounts while serving as Deputy Director of Community Development Strategies in the Los Angeles Mayor's Office.

Elected to the San Fernando City Council in 2020, Celeste has made government more accessible by introducing public engagement policies, translation services, and childcare for city meetings. As Mayor, she prioritized economic stability by distributing food to families, supporting small businesses with grants, and creating positions like Social Services and Housing Coordinators to connect residents with resources.

Deeply committed to community service, Celeste has long been involved with the Cesar Chavez Commemorative Committee of the San Fernando Valley and serves on Comision Femenil, a nonprofit uplifting Latinas and their families.



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44 NICK SCHULTZ

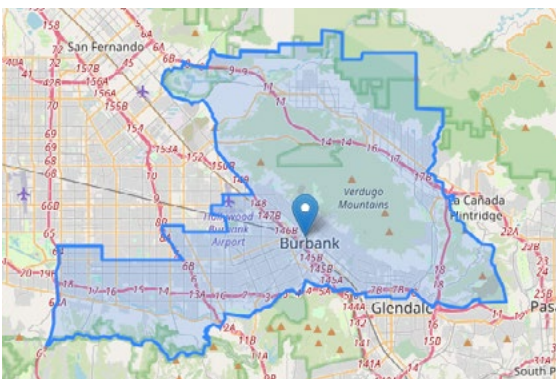
REPLACING LAURA FRIEDMAN

DEMOCRAT / LOS ANGELES / OFFICE: BURBANK



Nick Schultz was elected to the Burbank City Council in 2020 with the second-highest vote count in the city's history. During his time as Councilmember and Mayor, he played a pivotal role in advancing the city's greenhouse gas reduction plan toward carbon neutrality, reducing homelessness by 10% through humane policies and lowering crime by 10% while reallocating \$2 million from the police budget to social welfare programs. Elected during the pandemic, Nick championed public health measures, secured PPE for workers and residents, passed "Hero Pay" for frontline grocery workers and supported small businesses with resources and services.

A dedicated public servant, Nick serves as a Deputy Attorney General in the California Department of Justice's Special Prosecutions Section where he investigates and prosecutes cases of public corruption, human trafficking, financial fraud and more. He was instrumental in creating the Department's first Post-Conviction Review Unit allowing for the review of claims of innocence and wrongful conviction, giving voice to individuals seeking justice.



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50 ROBERT GARCIA

REPLACING ELOISE REYES



DEMOCRAT / SAN BERNARDINO / OFFICE: SAN BERNARDINO

Robert Garcia is a son of immigrants, an educator, and a public servant who has dedicated his life to achieving excellence in education. Raised by working-class parents who sacrificed to prioritize his education, Robert became the first in his family to graduate high school at 17. He went on to earn a bachelor's degree in biology from UCLA and a master's in public policy from USC, driven by his passion for mentoring students in underserved schools.

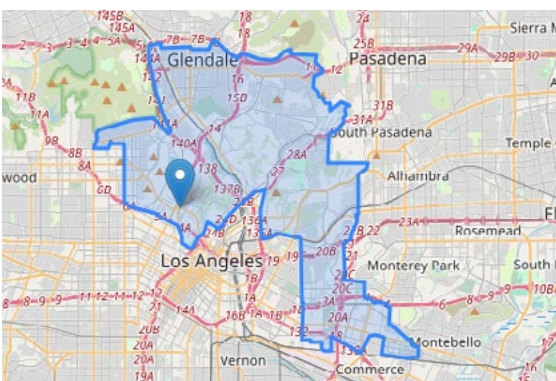
With over 20 years in education, Robert has served as a math and science teacher and school administrator, successfully leading transformational change for schools. First elected to the Etiwanda School District Board of Trustees in 2016 and re-elected in 2020, he has served as Board President and guided the district through the pandemic while earning state and national recognition, including the California Exemplary District Award and National Blue Ribbon School status for five schools.

Robert is committed to advocating for the Inland Empire and will prioritize safe neighborhoods, fully funded schools, homelessness reduction, job creation, and support for small businesses. Robert lives in Rancho Cucamonga with his wife, Samantha, and their three children.

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52 JESSICA CALOZA

REPLACING WENDY CARILLO



DEMOCRAT / LOS ANGELES / OFFICE: LOS ANGELES

Jessica Caloza, a proud immigrant and the daughter of working-class parents, is a dedicated advocate for women's rights and working families. She is committed to reducing costs, improving public education and championing the needs of working families.

Jessica's public service career includes working under President Obama to secure resources for underfunded public schools and serving as LA Public Works Commissioner where she expanded union jobs, raised wages and ensured pay equity for women. As Deputy Chief of Staff at the California Department of Justice she has focused on reducing crime and gun violence, supporting survivors of sexual assault and advancing environmental protections.

As a member of the Assembly Jessica is prioritizing public education, supporting small businesses, protecting reproductive rights, lowering the cost of living and addressing the climate crisis. Her endorsements from classroom teachers, nurses, Planned Parenthood, labor unions and civil rights advocates underscore her commitment to working families and the middle class.

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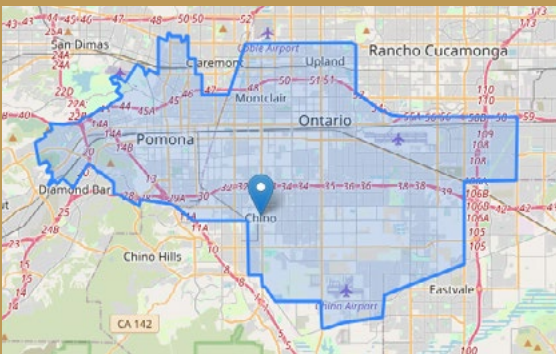
DEMOCRAT / SAN BERNARDINO / OFFICE: CHINO



Michelle Rodriguez is a former Commissioner on Peace Officers Standards and Training (POST), a lifelong resident of the 53rd Assembly District, and a proud mother of four grown children and a grandmother.

In her role as POST Commissioner, Michelle helped establish training standards for California law enforcement officers and promoted professionalism and accountability. Her career has included roles at Inter Valley Health Plan, ProMed Healthcare Administrators, and various school districts where she supported community safety and educational programs. She also worked with young mothers at Valley View High School and served as Athletic Director for the Pomona Steelers football league.

A survivor of gun violence and mother of a deputy sheriff, Michelle understands the struggles of working-class families and the need for safer neighborhoods. As a Neighborhood Watch organizer and community advocate, she is uniquely prepared to be a voice for public safety and the challenges her neighbors face in the district.



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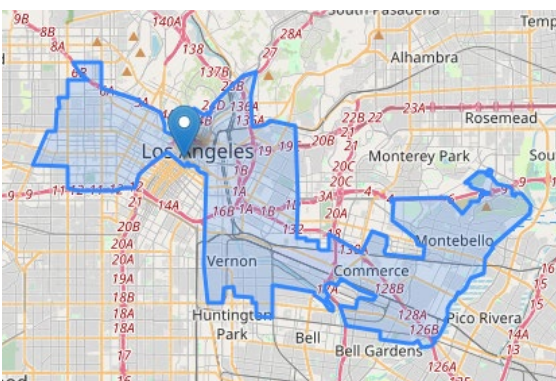
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Mark Gonzalez is a renter, organizer, and activist who deeply understands the struggles faced by working families. Raised by a single mother in Section 8 housing, his family's challenges inspired his career as a community advocate. As the former Chair of the LA County Democratic Party, Mark supported laws to make community college free, protect air and water quality, address housing affordability, and combat homelessness. He also spearheaded efforts to pass a constitutional amendment safeguarding abortion rights and legislation ensuring a \$25/hour minimum wage for healthcare workers.

When Mark's mother suffered a stroke two years ago, he became her sole caregiver. He managed her medical care, prescriptions, and finances while witnessing firsthand the systemic failures in supporting vulnerable seniors. This personal experience strengthened his resolve to fight for those left behind by the healthcare and social support systems.

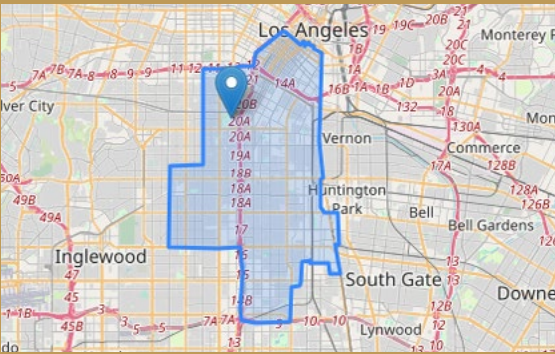
Now, as the Assemblymember for District 54, Mark is dedicated to raising wages for working families, addressing Los Angeles's housing and homelessness crises, and ensuring healthcare is a right for all.



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57 SADE ELHAWARY

REPLACING REGGIE JONES-SAWYER




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Born and raised in Los Angeles, Sade is the eldest daughter of immigrants and attended local public schools, becoming the first in her family to graduate college. After earning a bachelor's degree from UCLA and a master's from Harvard Graduate School of Education, she joined the founding faculty of the Nelson Mandela School for Social Justice.


Throughout her 12-year career at Community Coalition, Sade has recruited and developed future social justice leaders. She played a key role in creating the Fremont High School Wellness Center and helped pass the School Climate Bill of Rights to combat racial profiling in schools. Recently, she served as Youth Engagement Campaign Manager for Karen Bass's historic mayoral victory. Sade's advocacy prioritizes education and youth workforce development, shaped by her experiences as a youth mentor, college counselor, and teacher in low-income communities.

In 2019, Sade became a foster parent to Makailah, a youth she mentored, helping her graduate high school and start college. Sade's lifelong dedication to justice and empowerment drives her commitment to creating opportunities and equitable outcomes for future generations.

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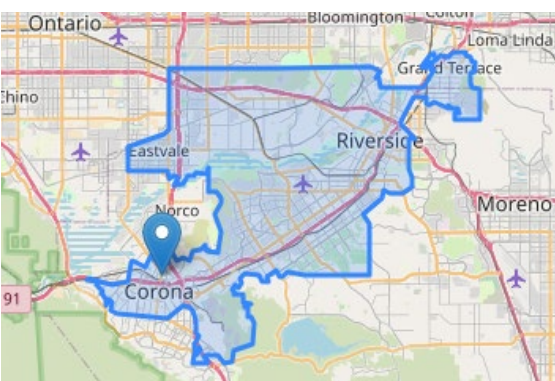
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58 LETICIA CASTILLO

REPLACING SABRINA CERVANTES





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Leticia holds a Bachelor of Science in Human Services from the University of Phoenix and a Master of Arts in Counseling Psychology with dual specializations in Marriage and Family Therapy and Professional Clinical Counseling from National University. Leticia has combined her academic achievements with a commitment to serving her community.

Leticia's career includes experience as a Licensed Clinical Psychotherapist with the Riverside County Department of Mental Health where she worked with individuals and families facing severe mental health challenges, substance use, legal issues, and homelessness. Leticia now owns a private practice continuing to provide critical mental health services to her community.

A first-generation Mexican American fluent in English and Spanish, Leticia credits her values to her immigrant parents. Her father, who came to the U.S. legally through the farm laborer (braceros) program, instilled in her a deep belief in opportunity and personal responsibility. Leticia is pro-school choice, supports parental rights, and is a strong advocate for the Second Amendment and military families including her own relatives who have served in the Marine Corps, Air Force Reserves, and Navy.

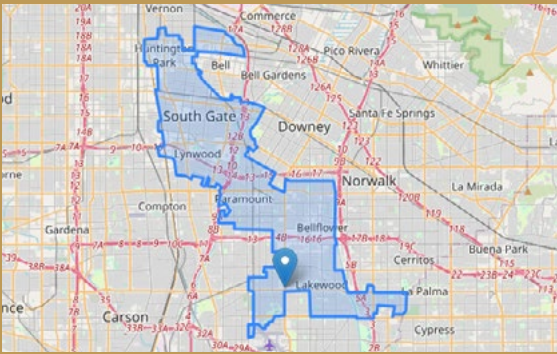
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62 JOSE LUIS SOLACHE
REPLACING ANTHONY RENDON



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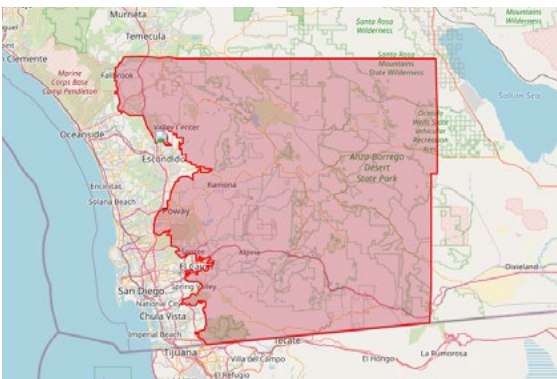
José Luis Solache has served as Mayor, Mayor Pro-Tem, and Councilmember in Lynwood since 2013. During his tenure, he has focused on recruiting job-creating employers, building parks, increasing government transparency, and expanding youth programs.

Before joining city government, José served three terms on the Lynwood Unified School District’s Board of Education, leading as Board President three times. Elected at just 23 years old, he became one of L.A. County’s youngest elected officials while helping oversee the education of over 15,000 students.

A Lynwood native, José earned a bachelor’s degree in Liberal Studies from California State University, Dominguez Hills, where he served as Student Body President and statewide Chair of the California State Student Association. He most recently worked as the President of the Greater Lakewood Chamber of Commerce.

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REPLACING MARIE WALDRON



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Carl DeMaio is a leading taxpayer advocate and government reformer, known for his commitment to tackling California’s rising cost of living, crime, and homelessness. In his role as Chairman of Reform California, he led the charge to counteract the far-left policies that dominate the state. DeMaio uses his daily podcast to engage and inspire Californians to take action and reclaim the state from extreme policies.

DeMaio founded two companies before the age of 30, including the Performance Institute, a leading government reform think tank. As a small business owner, he understands the challenges job creators face in California’s anti-business environment. He has led successful campaigns to defeat over \$30 billion in tax hikes, authored several citizens’ initiatives, and served on the San Diego City Council, where his fiscal reforms helped save taxpayers billions while improving city services. DeMaio is committed to standing up for taxpayers and pushing for bold reforms to ensure a better future for all Californians.

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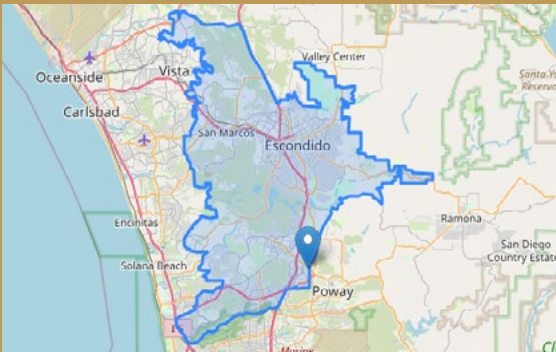
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Dr. Darshana Patel is a research scientist, School Board President, mother and community leader with deep roots in public service. She earned a BA in Biochemistry from Occidental College and a PhD in Biophysics from UC Irvine before transitioning from biotechnology research to community advocacy.

In 2016 Darshana ran for the Poway Unified School District Board to address issues of financial mismanagement and restore effective governance. As a Trustee and Board President she has guided the district through fiscal recovery and the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic. Re-elected in 2020, Darshana also serves as President of the San Diego County School Boards Association, on the California Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander American Affairs and in various Democratic Party leadership roles demonstrating her commitment to community progress and education.

Darshana lives in San Diego with her husband and their three daughters. As the new representative of California's 76th State Assembly District, she is bringing her dedication to equity, education and public service to the state level.



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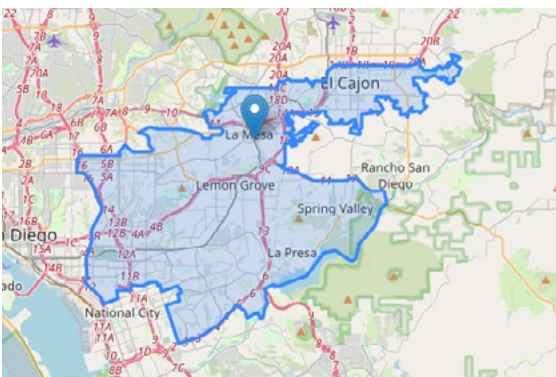
REPLACING AKILAH WEBBER

DEMOCRAT / SAN DIEGO / OFFICE: LA MESA



LaShae has spent her career advocating for underserved communities and fighting for families in Southeast San Diego. As District Director for Assemblymember Dr. Shirley N. Weber, she helped pass legislation addressing systemic inequities and improving access to early childhood education. A dedicated community leader, LaShae has served on numerous boards, including Planned Parenthood of the Pacific Southwest and the San Diego NAACP, and is a founding member of the Black Women Institute for Leadership Development.

LaShae is committed to bringing affordable housing, equal education, healthcare access, and environmental justice to the forefront in Sacramento. Deeply connected to the district where she was raised and where she is raising her children, LaShae will work to ensure that every family in the 79th District has a voice and a seat at the table.



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