

Role Profile for Senator Marie Alvarado-Gil, CA State Senate District 4

Individual Organization/Profile

- **Legislator Background:**

- **Name:** Marie Alvarado-Gil
- **District:** California State Senate District 4
 - **Counties:** Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, El Dorado, Inyo, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Mono, Nevada, Placer, Stanislaus, and Tuolumne
- **Party Affiliation:** Republican
- **Age:** 52
- **Gender:** Woman
- **Race/Ethnicity:** Latina
- **Marital Status:** Married to husband César Alvarado-Gil (*last known occupation: Chief Campus Counsel at UC Merced*)
- **Education level:**
 - UC Davis - Originally pursued Animal Science at UC Davis, then began raising her three children as a single mother
 - University of San Francisco - She earned both a Bachelor's and Master's in Public Administration

- **Career background**

- **Political and/or non-political:**
 - **Non-Political:**
 - Alvarado-Gil grew up on apricot and cherry orchard farms where she learned values of hard work and perseverance through her grandparents.
 - Significantly involved in organizing to implement community health and education programs for youth/families, founded

three charter schools. Strong advocate for rural communities, families and children victims of sexual abuse and violence, and youth with disabilities.

- Founder of My First Farm - non profit that introduces children to agriculture and animal care.
- **Political:** Initially affiliated with the Democratic party before switching to the Republican party in August 2024. Despite being a newer senator, she leads with a pragmatic leadership, promotes middle-class values, opposes government overreach, and works to unite communities within District 4.
 - **Committees Alvarado-Gil is part of:**
 - Vice Chair of Agriculture & Revenue and Taxation
 - Governmental Organization
 - Joint Committee on Fairs Allocation and Classification
 - **Interest Groups:**
 - California Chamber of Commerce
 - California Teachers Association
 - Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association
 - Planned Parenthood Affiliates of California
 - Supporting young people with disabilities
- **Number of years in current role:** 4 years
- **% of vote received in the last general election:**
 - Received a vote of 52.7% in the previous 2022 election against her opponent Tim Robertson
- **3 issue positions Alvarado-Gil was best known for:**
 - Advocacy around protecting rural communities, expanding resources for wildfire mitigation/environment, the health of children against substance and sexual abuse, supporting law enforcement, economy, and defending local decision making against state overreach animal safety.

- **Prominent donors to Alvarado-Gil's campaigns:**
 - California Republican Party
 - California Resources Corporation and Subsidiaries
 - Associated Builders and Contractors Northern California Chapter PAC
 - Morongo Band of Mission Indians
 - Personal Insurance Federation of CA Agents and Employees PAC
 - California New Car Dealers Association PAC
- **Ideology:**
 - **Economic:** Centered around fiscal conservatism and pragmatic rural protection. Despite many of her bills failing, she strongly opposes state mandates, high taxes, and heavy regulations. She pushes for local autonomy and solutions and critiques green energy mandates.
 - **Social:** She is a strong advocate for public safety, protecting vulnerable populations such as the disabled, children, elderly, and women. She also strongly supports community assistance, and alternative education.
 - **Environmental:** Alvarado-Gil campaigns for massive investments in wildlife mitigation (ex: forest management, vegetation thinning, etc.), lowering home insurance for rural Californians, views water as a necessity for California's farming industry, and believes in a balance between maintaining domestic fuel and ensuring that environmental regulations do not economically devastate working-class commuters.

Constituent Profile

- **Economics:**
 - **Prominent industries:**
 - **Agriculture, forestry, fishing, and hunting** are important industries, reflecting District 4's Central Valley and Sierra communities
 - Manufacturing
 - Health care and social assistance

- Retail trade
 - Administrative/support services
 - Construction
 - *Tourism/recreation is also significant because the district includes major Sierra destinations and portions of the Yosemite region*
 - *Alvarado-Gil has emphasized agriculture as particularly important to District 4 (representing communities involved in farming, food production, and related industries).*
- **Unemployment rate, income levels, poverty rate, etc.:**
 - **Unemployment Rate:** ~ 6.8-6.9%
 - **Income levels:** ~ \$84,881
 - **Poverty Rate:** ~ 11.7% of residents who are below the federal poverty line
- **Demographics:**
 - **Population:** ~ 1,043,919 residents (*as of 2024*)
 - **Population breakdown:**
 - **Race:**
 - **White:** ~52%
 - **Asian:** ~5%
 - **Hispanic/Latino:** ~ 35%
 - **Black/African American:** ~2%
 - **Native/Indigenous:** ~ Less than 2%
 - **Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander:** Less than 1%
 - **Two or more races:** ~4%
 - **Age:**
 - **Median Age:** 39
 - **Urban/rural breakdown:** Mixed urban, suburban, and rural district.
- **Politics:**
 - **Partisan voter registration:**
 - **Total registered voters:** 637,746
 - **Republican:** 39.67% (253,000)
 - **Democratic:** 32.60% (207,926)

- **American Independent:** 5.32%
- **Green:** 0.43%
- **Analytics by Party:**
 - **2012:**
 - **Democrat:** 44.4%
 - **Republican:** 52.6%
 - **Other candidates:** ~3.0%
 - **2016:**
 - **Democrat:** 42.4%
 - **Republican:** 50.4%
 - **Other candidates:** ~ 7.2%
 - **2020:**
 - **Democrat:** 46%
 - **Republican:** 51.4%
 - **Other candidates:** ~ 2.6%
- **3 specific issues that are important to constituents within District 4:**
 - **Public safety**
 - Rural communities that can face longer emergency-response times and limited local resources.
 - Alvarado-Gil has made public safety one of the central themes of her legislative work, including legislation involving law enforcement, emergency response, sexual-assault protections, and rural first responders
 - **Wildfire prevention, insurance, and emergency preparedness**
 - Especially relevant to Sierra foothill and mountain communities.
 - Residents in high-fire-risk areas have also faced problems with homeowners' insurance affordability and access.
 - **Agriculture, water, and rural economic development**
 - Especially relevant to the Central Valley portion of the district.

- Water availability and infrastructure affect farming, communities, and wildfire preparedness.
- **Constituents' general positions:**
 - **Economic:**
 - Generally fiscally conservative/moderate-leaning. Has a larger Republican registration.
 - Concerns include jobs, small businesses, agriculture, costs of living, taxes, and government spending.
 - Greater importance on economic policies affecting farming, transportation, water, regulation, and small businesses.
 - **Social:**
 - More conservative/moderate than the California electorate overall, but politically mixed.
 - Public safety, crime, emergency response, local control, and protection of families are particularly salient.
 - **note: The district contains Democratic voters, independents, agricultural workers, Latino communities, college-educated suburban residents, and urban/suburban communities.**
 - **Environmental:**
 - Focused heavily on wildfire prevention, forest health, water reliability, and protecting rural communities from environmental and insurance risks.

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