

Role Profile for Josh Becker, CA State Senate District 13

Part 1 ... Individual/Organization Profile

- *Legislator background*
 - Name: Josh Becker
 - District: California State Senate District 13
 - Party Affiliation: Democrat
 - Age: 57 years old
 - Gender: Male
 - Race: White
 - Ethnicity/Heritage: Jewish American
 - Marital status: Married to his wife, Jonna; they have two children, Leo and Aaron
 - Education: Bachelor's degree from Williams College; JD/MBA from Stanford University, earned in 1999
- *Career breakdown*
 - Non-political
 - ➔ Before becoming a senator, Becker worked in technology, business, clean energy, and social-impact organizations. He founded Full Circle, which supports nonprofits and community leaders, and cofounded New Cycle Capital, which invested in socially responsible businesses. He also became CEO of Lex Machina, a legal technology company. Becker has also worked with organizations focused on clean energy and community development
- *Political*
 - Becker was elected to the California State Senate in November 2020. Before becoming a senator, he was appointed by Governor Jerry Brown to the California Workforce Development Board and served on the San Mateo County Child Care Partnership Council. He is also a founding trustee of UC Merced
 - ➔ Listed below is a collection of committees Becker is/was involved in:
 - Chair of Senate Energy, Utilities and Communications Committee
 - Chair of Senate Human Services Committee
 - Chair of Select Committee on Economic Development and Technological Innovation
 - Senate Insurance Committee
 - Joint Legislative Audit Committee
 - Senate Revenue and Taxation Committee
 - Select Committee on Bay Area Public Transportation
- *# of years in role*
 - Becker has been a California State Senator since December 2020, so he has been in the role for about 6 years
- *% of Vote received in the last general election*

- He received 72.5% of the vote (314,889 votes) in the Nov 5, 2024 election
- *Issues the Senator is best known for*
 - Three important issues Becker is known for are:
 - Clean energy and climate change
 - Housing and economic opportunity
 - Technology, voter access, and justice reform
- *Prominent donors to Becker*
 - Some of the prominent donors to Becker's 2024 campaign included:
 - Raise the Wage California
 - California Teachers Association
 - Service Employees International Union Local 1000
 - State Building and Construction Trades Council of California
 - California Nurses Association PAC
- *Ideology*
 - Economic:
 - Becker generally supports policies focused on economic opportunity, education, workforce development, and affordable housing. He also focuses on using technology and clean-energy development to create economic opportunities
 - Social:
 - Becker supports voter access and justice reforms. He also focuses on issues involving social justice, technology, and protecting individual rights.
 - Environmental:
 - Environmental issues are one of Becker's main areas of focus. He supports clean energy, reducing greenhouse-gas emissions, climate resilience, and California's transition toward cleaner energy.

Part 2... Constituent Profile

- *Economics*
 - Prominent industries include technology, business and professional services, healthcare, education, finance, and other industries connected to Silicon Valley.
 - the district includes most of San Mateo County and the northern part of Santa Clara County.
 - Income levels: the district has relatively high household incomes compared with many other parts of CA
 - Poverty rate: the district has a relatively low poverty rate compared with the state overall

- *Demographics*
 - pop.: about 1 million residents
 - Pop. breakdown by race/ethnicity:
 - White residents make up a large portion of the pop.
 - Asian residents make up another large portion of the pop.
 - Hispanic/Latino residents make up about one-fifth of the pop.
- *Age*
 - The district has a mix of younger adults, working-age adults, families, and older residents
- *Income*
 - The district has relatively high household incomes, partly because of the large technology and professional industries in the area
- *Urban/rural breakdown*
 - The district is mainly considered urban and suburban. It includes communities in the San Francisco Bay Area and Silicon Valley
- *Politics*
 - Partisan voter registration
 - The district has more registered Democrats than Republicans, with a large number of voters also registered with no party preference
- *2020 analytics by party*
 - Becker won the 2020 State Senate election with about 75% of the vote
- *2016 analytics by party*
 - The boundaries of District 13 were changed after the 2020 Census, so the 2016 district did not have the exact same boundaries as the current District 13
- *2012 analytics by party*
 - The same issue applies to 2012 because the current district boundaries did not exist at that time.
- 3 specific issues cared about by the constituents in the district
 - Housing affordability and the high cost of living
 - Climate change and clean energy
 - Transportation and public transportation
- Constituents' general positions
 - constituents in the district generally lean Democratic based on voter registration and recent election results