

Role Profile for Maria Elena Durazo, CA State Senate District 26

...Individual Organization Profile

- Legislative Background
 - Name: Maria Elena Durazo
 - District: California State Senate District 26
 - Party Affiliation: Democrat
 - Age: 73
 - Gender: Female
 - Race: Latina
 - Ethnicity: Hispanic
 - Marital Status: Widow; was married to Miguel Contreras, an Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Los Angeles County Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO, in 1988, died in 2005
 - Education: B.A. from St. Mary's College in Moraga, CA and a J.D. from People's College of Law

....Career

- Non- Political:
 - > Her non-political career is focused on Labor Union leadership and is an advocate for workers' rights. She is a prominent labor organizer and executive. Her interest in this career started because she grew up in a migrant workers' family. She started off organizing for the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union, and in 1983 she joined HERE Local 11 in L.A.
- Political
 - > Durazo is a Democratic Politician who has served in the CA State Senate since 2018. She was first elected to office for the 24th district in 2018. She was redistricted in 2022, when she began her role in the 26th district covering Central L.A., Northeast L.A., and Vernon. She was reelected in 2022.

List of Committees Durazo was/is involved in:

- Budget and Fiscal Review Committee
- Health Committee
- Housing Committee
- Judiciary Committee
- Labor, Public Employment, and Retirement Committee
- Local Government Committee

Years in Current Role

- 2022-2026 (4 years)

% of votes received in the last general election:

- Durazo received 82.9% of the votes (155,727) in the 2022 election.

Issues the Senator is Most Known For:

- She is most known for her work on workers' rights, immigration protection, affordable housing, and labor issues.

Prominent Donors to Durazo:

- Most of her donors were Labor unions and advocacy organizations, some include:
 - Raise the Wage California
 - California Teachers Association
 - SEIU local 2015 State PAC
 - Local 18 Water and Power Defense League

Ideology

- Economic:
 - Supportive of Government intervention to protect workers and expand affordable housing
- Social:
 - Progressive on Immigration and Social Protections
- Environmental:
 - Environmental Justice Focused

Constituents Profile

Economics:

- Prominent Industries:
 - Healthcare and social assistance
 - Professional, scientific, and technical services
 - Administrative/ support services
 - Government/public sector employment
- Income and Poverty
 - Population: about 938,391
 - Median Household income: \$68,970
 - Per-Capita income: \$40,856
 - Poverty rate: 18.8%
 - Median age: 37%
 - Foreign-born: 41.7%

Demographics:

- 938,391 residents
- 34.7% of adults have a B.A or B.S
- 18.8% live below the poverty line
- 59.4%: non-Hispanic White
- 14.9%: Asian
- 3.7% Black
- 15.0% Hispanic/Latino
- Urban district

Politics:

- Partisan voter registration:
 - 59.9% Democratic
 - 10.8% Republican
 - 23.0% No party preference
- 2020 analytics by party:
 - Democratic: 72.3
 - Republican: 25.8%
- 2016 analytics by party:
 - Democratic: 71.4%
 - Republican: 23.0%

- 2012 analytics by party:
 - Democratic: 64.9%
 - Republican 32.2%

Three important issues for constituents:

- Housing affordability and homelessness:
 - Housing costs, eviction protections, affordable housing, and homelessness are major concerns in the LA district, and Durazo has introduced legislation on them.
- Immigration:
 - With 41.7% of residents being foreign-born, immigration policies and protections are extremely relevant to the district's population, and therefore Durazo has made this a significant part of her legislative work.
- Workers' rights and economic security:
 - The district has substantial service, healthcare, and other working-class employment sectors, and has made this one of her main priorities.

Constituents' general positions:

- They are closely Democratic