Role Profile: Senator Monique Limón

Part I - Individual/Organization Profile

Legislator Background Information:

- Name: Monique Limón
- District: District 21 Santa Barbra
- Party affiliation: Democratic Party
- Age: 46 years old
- Gender: Woman
- Race/Ethnicity: Mexican-American
- Marital Status: Married with one daughter
- Spouse: Micheal Medeal
- Education Level: Bachelors from UC Berkley, Masters from Columbia University

Career background:

- Political
    - Senator Limón first started her career in the California state legislature as a State assembly member in 2016. In addition to this position, she also served as California's Legislative Women's Caucus Vice Chair from the years 2019-2020. In that same year in 2020 she later became a California Senator and is still currently sitting as a senator today. From 2024-2025 she served again as California's Legislative Women's Caucus Vice Chair. Additionally she served as the Chair of the Senate Democratic Caucus from the years 2023-2025 and now currently sits as the California State Senate President Pro-Tempore.

- Non-Political
    - Before diving into the world of politics, Senator Limón started out as a Santa Barbara Unified School Board Member for six years from 2010-2016. She also worked as an assistant Director for the McNair Scholars Program at UC Santa Barbara and was an active member of the Santa Barbara County Commission for Women.
- Years Served in Role: 6 years as a State Senator; initially representing District 19 and currently District 21
- % of vote received in the last general election:
    - Senator Limón received **63.3%** of the votes in her last election against Elijah Mack who received 36.7% of the votes

- 3 issue positions for which your politician is best known

    - 1) Senator Limon has always been an advocate for education; this has been shown through her work throughout her time in the California Senate but also her work before entering the California Legislature.
    - 2) Senator Limón has been a strong advocate for Women's rights and Reproductive Health.
    - 3) In addition to Reproductive Health she has been a strong advocate for Health care and the access to health care.

- Prominent donors to your politician's campaigns
    - Throughout her career she has had many contributions but the most prominent donors of her campaigns are
        - California Association of Health Facilities PAC ($53K) *entity*
        - Association of California's School Administrators PAC ($26.5K) *entity*
        - Brightstar Global Solutions Corporation PAC ($19.6K) *federal*
        - California Apartment Association PAC ($15.7K) *entity*
        - Sacramento County Deputy Sheriffs Association PAC ($15k) *entity*

- Ideology on economic, social, and environmental issues
    - Economic
        - In 2022 Senator Limon authored the bill SB 1162 Pay Transparency for Pay Equity which helped narrow the wage gap for workers and give them more negotiating power at the start of their career
        - In 2025 Senator Limon also authored another bill SB 642 the Pay Equity Enforcement act which reforms the California Equal Pay Act to ensure workers can effectively enforce their rights.
    - Social
        - Senator Limon is quite Leftist on the Political Scale. Since she is a Democrat a lot of her politics tend to be on the more left-leaning on the political scale.
        - Authored AB 378 in 2019 which is the Building a Better Early Care and Education System Act. This bill helped recognized and formalized the important family role child care providers have in building a strong early care and education system
    - Environmental issues
        - In 2025 Limon co-authored the bill SB 676 the California Environmental Equality Act: Judicial Streamlining: state of emergency: Wildfire which maintains, repairs, restores and demolishes or replaces any properties or facilities damaged or destroyed by wildfires.

Part II - Constituent Profile

- Economics
    - Prominent industries:
        - The leading employment sectors in District 21 are:
            - Agriculture and Viticulture
            - Tourism and Hospitality
            - Education and Government
            - Energy and Resource Management
    - Poverty rate:
        - Children (under 18):
            - Poverty: 17%
            - Non Poverty: 83%
        - Seniors (65 and over)
            - Poverty: 9%
            - Non Poverty: 91%
- Demographics
    - Encompasses the counties:
        - San Luis Obispo (55,646)
        - Santa Barbara (446,704)
        - Ventura (522,249)
    - Population: 1,024,600
    - Population breakdowns by race/ethnicity:
        - Hispanic/Latino: 50.45%
        - White: 37.52%
        - Black/African American: 1.55%
        - Asian: 5.58%
        - American Indian & Alaska Native: 0.33%
        - Native Hawaiian & Other Pacific Islanders: 0.16%
        - Some Other Race: 4.01%
    - Population breakdown by age:
        - Under 18 years of age: 22%
        - 18 to 64: 60%
        - 65 and over: 17%
    - Population breakdown by income:
        - Under 50K: 25%
        - $50K-100K: 26%
        - $100K-200K: 31%
        - Over 200K: 18%

- Politics
    - Partisan voter registration:

        - Democrats: 39%
        - Republican: 31%
        - No Party: 22%
    - % voted Democrat/Republican in 2020, 2016
        - 2016: 64.08% of the district voted for her in 2016 and 35.92% of the district voted against her to Edward Fuller
        - 2020: 64.5% of the district voted for her in the 2020 election and 35.5% of the district voted against her to Gary Michaels
    - 3 specific issues that are important to your constituents
        - Wildfires and Natural Disasters; Wildfire Mitigation and Climate Resilience
        - Environmental Stewardship and Disaster Preparedness
        - Affordable Housing and Homelessness
    - Constituents' general positions on economic, social, and environmental issues
        - The constituents' positions on economic, social and environmental issues closely align with the work the senator does in the Senate.

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