

ROLE PROFILE

State Senator: Mike McGuire (D)

California State Senate, District 2, North Coast

PART 1: INDIVIDUAL / LEGISLATOR PROFILE

Basic Information

Name	Mike McGuire
District	California State Senate, District 2
Party Affiliation	Democratic Party
Age	47 (born July 21, 1979, in Healdsburg, CA)
Gender	Male
Race/Ethnicity	White
Marital Status	Married (spouse: Erika Fremault); one child
Education	B.A., Sonoma State University
Residence	Healdsburg, California (Sonoma County)

Career Background

McGuire is a third-generation Northern Californian; his family farmed prunes and grapes in the Alexander Valley of Sonoma County for nearly fifty years. He entered elected office as Mayor of Healdsburg before winning a seat on the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors (4th District), where he served from 2011 to 2014. He was elected to the California State Senate in 2014 and has been re-elected twice since (2018, 2022).

Within the Senate, McGuire rose quickly through leadership: Assistant Majority Leader beginning in 2018, Senate Majority Leader from January 2022, and Senate President pro Tempore from February 2024 to November 2025, the chamber's top leadership post. He now holds the title of Pro Tem Emeritus.

Years in Current Role

McGuire has served in the State Senate since December 2014 (about 11 years as of 2026). He is term-limited and cannot seek re-election to the Senate in 2026; he has instead launched a campaign for California's newly redrawn 1st Congressional District.

Vote Share, Last General Election

2022 General Election (SD-2): McGuire defeated Republican Gene Yoon with 75.6% of the vote (120,614 votes) to Yoon's 24.4% (38,983 votes), a landslide that reflects the district's strong Democratic lean.

Three Issue Positions McGuire Is Best Known For

- Wildfire prevention & forest/coastal resilience: A signature priority given the North Coast's exposure to wildfire; he has championed funding for fire prevention, utility wildfire mitigation, and coastal/forest protection (including authoring legislation creating the Great Redwood Trail).
- Housing affordability: A consistent focus in Sacramento, particularly addressing high housing costs in coastal and rural Northern California communities.

- Public safety & the fentanyl crisis: Has made combating fentanyl trafficking and overdose deaths, along with community safety, a top legislative priority in recent sessions.

Other recurring priorities include climate change, transportation/infrastructure investment (Highway 101 "Last Chance Grade," Highway 37), homelessness, and as Pro Tem, a 2025 wildfire-related energy/utility overhaul bill.

Prominent Donors / Supporters

- Labor unions have been consistently prominent backers, including the International Association of Firefighters and the California Nurses Association.
- High-profile Democratic endorsers in his current congressional campaign include Governor Gavin Newsom, U.S. Senators Adam Schiff and Alex Padilla, Representatives Mike Thompson and Jared Huffman, and Speaker Emerita Nancy Pelosi.
- His current congressional campaign reports grassroots strength: over \$450,000 raised from 5,000+ contributions, with 94% of contributions at \$100 or less.

Ideology

Economic	Mainstream California Democrat; pro-labor and generally supportive of business-friendly investments in tourism, agriculture, and infrastructure that benefit his rural/coastal district; supports increased state spending on housing production and disaster resilience.
Social	Progressive on most social issues typical of Bay Area/North Coast Democrats; has taken an increasingly vocal public-safety-focused stance on fentanyl and crime, positioning him closer to the center on law-and-order issues than some colleagues.
Environmental	Strongly pro-environment; wildfire resilience, forest management, coastal protection, and clean energy/utility accountability are core to his legislative brand, fitting for a district containing redwood forests and a third of California's coastline.

PART 2: CONSTITUENT PROFILE (Senate District 2)

Senate District 2 stretches along California's North Coast from the Oregon border to the Golden Gate, encompassing all of Del Norte, Trinity, Humboldt, Mendocino, Lake, and Marin counties and the majority of Sonoma County, roughly one-third of the entire California coastline.

Economics

- **Prominent industries:** Wine and agriculture (especially grapes in Sonoma/Alexander Valley), tourism, timber, commercial fishing, and cannabis cultivation (Mendocino/Humboldt/Trinity form part of the historic "Emerald Triangle").
- The northern counties (Del Norte, Trinity, Humboldt) are more rural and historically dependent on timber and fishing, now diversifying toward tourism; the southern counties (Marin, most of Sonoma) are wealthier, more suburban, and tied to the Bay Area economy and wine industry.

Demographics

Total Population	~928,000
Race/Ethnicity	White ~70%; Latino ~20%; Asian ~4%; Black ~2%; Native American ~3%

Urban/Rural Mix	Northern portion (Del Norte, Trinity, much of Humboldt/Mendocino) is largely rural; southern portion (Marin, southern Sonoma) is suburban and closely tied to the greater Bay Area
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Politics

Partisan Registration	Democratic ~53%; Republican ~19%; No Party Preference ~22%
2020 President	Biden 72.7% – Trump 24.9%
2018 Governor	Newsom 71.1% – Cox 28.9%
2018 U.S. Senate	Feinstein 55.9% – de León 44.1%

Three Issues Important to Constituents

- Wildfire risk and disaster resilience, the district's forested and rural terrain makes fire prevention and evacuation infrastructure a top-of-mind concern.
- Housing affordability and cost of living, acute in Marin and southern Sonoma, where housing costs rank among the highest in the state, and increasingly a strain in the rural north as well.
- Environmental and coastal protection, fishing, timber, and tourism economies depend directly on forest and coastal health, making environmental policy a pocketbook issue as much as an ideological one.

Constituents' General Positions

Economic	Generally favor government investment in infrastructure, disaster resilience, and support for local industries (agriculture, tourism, fishing); support for a robust social safety net, tempered by rural, small-business sensibilities in the northern counties.
Social	Solidly progressive overall, especially in Marin and southern Sonoma; somewhat more moderate/independent-leaning in the rural northern counties (Del Norte, Trinity).
Environmental	Strongly pro-environment across the district; support for climate action, forest management, and coastal protection is broadly popular and cuts across party lines given the district's economic reliance on natural resources.

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