

Role profile for Caroline Menjivar, CA State Senate District 20

Part 1... Individual/Organization Profile

- *Legislator background*
 - Name: Caroline Menjivar
 - District: California State Senate District 20
 - Party Affiliation: Democrat
 - Age: 37 years old
 - Gender: Female (She/Her/Ella)
 - Race: White / Latina
 - Ethnicity: Hispanic
 - Marital Status: Married to her wife, Jocelyn Tapia
 - Education: Bachelor of Arts obtained at California State University, Northridge & Master of Social Welfare obtained at UCLA.
- *Career breakdown*
 - *Non-Political*
 - Senator Menjivar pursued a degree in Fire Technology and her EMT license, wanting to become a firefighter, but due to a hiring freeze Menjivar enlisted in the Marine Corps, where she served from 2009-2016. Returning from duty, Menjivar went on to earn her degrees while working the graveyard shift as an EMT. She also spent time working as a domestic violence therapist and as a non-profit director at Meet Each Need with Dignity (MEND).
 - *Political*
 - Senator Menjivar's political career began with her work in the Los Angeles Mayor's Office. She served as a Fellow on the Mayor's Gender Equity Team, a Field Deputy for the City of Los Angeles, and the East Valley Representative for the Mayor's Office. Menjivar was then elected to the California State Senate, where she currently serves.
 - She is the Chair of the Democratic Caucus and the Budget Subcommittee #3 on Health and Human Services. As well as the Vice Chair of the California Legislative Women's Caucus.
- *Number of years in current role*
 - Menjivar has served her current role for 3 years and about 9 months. She took office on December 5, 2022.
- *% of Vote received in the last general election*
 - She received 58.5% (88,358) of the votes in the 2022 General Election.
- *Issues the Senator is best known for*

- Caroline Menjivar is well known for her focus on health coverage for mental health reform. She also concerns herself with issues regarding social programs and child welfare, as well as reproductive and LGBTQ+ rights.
- *Prominent donors to Menjivar*
 - The top contributor to Menjivar's campaign was the California Association of Health Facilities PAC (approx. \$19,300)
 - Other major contributors:
 - Association of California School Administration PAC
 - Building a Stronger Future for California PAC
 - United Domestic Workers of America Action Fund
 - United Nurses Associations of California
 - California State Council of Laborers
- *Ideology*
 - Economic: Menjivar focuses on affordability for working families, including housing and healthcare costs. She introduced a bill to protect homeowners from certain excessive HOA fee increases and supported tenant protections. She has also supported programs that provide childcare, housing assistance, and other services to low-income families.
 - Social: Menjivar supports LGBTQ+ rights, reproductive rights, and protections for immigrant and underserved communities. She authored bills that provide support for health plans to cover infertility treatment, including IVF, and expands coverage to LGBTQ+ and unmarried individuals. She also supports LGBTQ+ health and behavioral services and has worked on policies addressing mental health and social services.
 - Environmental: Menjivar supports climate action, environmental protections, and environmental justice. She has also advocated for holding companies and industries accountable for environmental and public health impacts.

Part 2... Constituent Profile

- *Economics*
 - Prominent industries include entertainment and media, Burbank is home to major studios, artists and animators. The area also has a large number of small businesses and professional services. Organized labor also represents various industries in the district, including service workers, teachers, writers and trade workers.
 - Unemployment rate: 7.6%
 - Income levels: Median household income is approximately \$79,410, while the per capita income is \$34,430

- Poverty rate: 15.3% of people live below the poverty line
- *Demographics*
 - Population: 916,831
 - Population breakdown by race
 - White... 23%
 - Hispanic... 60.12%
 - Black... 3.40%
 - Asian... 9.58%
 - Age
 - The median age of an individual in this district is 37.6
 - The majority of the population is between 18-64 years old
 - Income
 - Median household income... \$79,410
 - Per capita income... \$34,430
 - Urban/rural breakdown
 - This district is considered to be classified as “highly urbanized”
- *Politics*
 - Partisan voter registration
 - As of December 2025, the number of registered voters within the district was 506,814 individuals
 - Democrats... 50.35%
 - Republicans... 18.56%
 - 2020 analytics by party
 - Democrats... 65.2%
 - Republicans... 32.5%
 - 2016 analytics by party
 - Democrats... 67.9%
 - Republicans... 26.8%
 - 2012 analytics by party
 - Democrats... 68.2%
 - Republicans... 29.8%
 - 3 specific issues cared about by the constituents in the district
 - Housing affordability: Housing costs and the availability of affordable housing are major concerns for residents in the district.

- Mental health: Access to mental health services is an important concern, particularly for underserved communities and people experiencing homelessness.
- Environmental justice: Environmental conditions and exposure to pollution are concerns for residents in the San Fernando Valley. Menjivar has specifically identified environmental justice as an issue affecting her constituents
- Constituent's general positions
 - The district has a majority-Democratic voter registration, with Democratic voters making up a larger share of registered voters than Republican voters.

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