

## **Role profile for Susan Rubio, CA State Senate District 22**

### ***Part 1 ... Individual/Organization Profile***

#### ***- Legislator background***

- Name: Susan Rubio
- District: California State Senate District 22
- Party Affiliation: Democrat
- Age: 55 years old
- Gender: Female
- Race: Latina
- Ethnicity: Hispanic
- Birthplace: Juarez, Mexico
- Marital status: Divorced in 2016. Ex-husband is former Assemblyman Roger who allegedly committed several counts of domestic violence, awarding Senator Rubio with a restraining order.
- Education: Attended East Long Angeles College, obtained her Bachelor's and Master's Degree in Education from Azusa Pacific University, and was honored with a Doctorate Degree from the University of La Verne.

#### ***- Career breakdown***

##### ***- Non-political***

→ Senator Susan Rubio was born in Juarez, Mexico, and is the proud daughter of a former Bracero farmworker. After immigrating to the U.S., she attended East Los Angeles College earning her both a bachelor's and master's degree in education from Azusa Pacific University. During her education, she also worked full time as a bookkeeper handling payroll and taxes for a small business. Following the completion of her master's program, Senator Rubio began her teaching career in Baldwin Park Unified School District and later ended up working as a teacher with the Monrovia Unified School District for 20 years, including three years as a program advisor and assistant to the principal. It is also important to note, that through some part of her life, she has experienced domestic violence and this personal experience has since driven her initiatives ever since she became Senator.

- Political

→ Senator Rubio was first elected as city clerk in 2005 at Baldwin Park, her first introduction to the world of policy making. After 4 years in this position, Senator Rubio was elected to be in the Baldwin Park City Council and remained in this position for another 4 years until 2013. With the reputation and familiarity she had within the city, Rubio ran in the 2018 primary election finishing second behind the Baldwin Park City Councilwoman at the time, Monica Garcia, then ended up winning votes in the general election that year in November, beating former state Assemblyman Mike Eng.

Listed below is a collection of committees Senator Rubio is currently involved with:

- Member, Energy, Utilities and Communications Committee
- Member, Governmental Organization Committee
- Member, Health Committee
- Chair, Insurance Committee
- Member, Joint Committee on the Arts
- Member, Joint Legislative Committee on Emergency Management
- Chair, Select Committee on Minority Economic Development
- Member, Emergency Management Committee
- Special, International Sporting Events: Olympics and World Cup Soccer

- *Number of years in current role*

- Senator Rubio has represented District 22 since 2018, re-elected in 2022 with overwhelming support. Senator Rubio seeks re-election in the general election held in 2026 as well.

- *% of Vote received in the last general election (November 03, 2022)*

- Senator Rubio received 58.5% of the vote (110,327 individual votes) in the November 3rd, 2022 election.

- *% of Vote received in the last primary election (June 03, 2026)*

- Senator Rubio received 59.6% of the vote (45,845 individual votes) in the June 3rd, 2026 election.

*- Issues the Senator is best known for*

- Senator Rubio is internationally known to advocate for **domestic violence** policy initiatives and survivor protection, this is her signature issue. Rubio received a Phoenix Award from the Survivor Justice Center on March 11, 2026, signifying her leadership in raising awareness and establishing regulation to protect survivors of domestic violence, human trafficking, and sexual exploitation. SB1141 the Family Code to improve the effectiveness of restraining orders by defining coercive control in the code to use as evidence in domestic violence cases.
- Being the first Latina chair of the Senate **Insurance** Committee, Senator Rubio has advocated for **greater affordability and availability** rather than tighter regulation across the industry. SB616, put into legislation in 2025, creates a statewide commission that sets a standard to utilize science-based findings when calculating insurance costs in high-risk areas or redlined neighborhoods to reduce costs and increase potential availability.
- Based on the legislation Senator Rubio has passed throughout her political career, it is evident that she is one of the leading advocates for **affordable housing** in her region. In only her first year as a senator, Senator Rubio authored SB751 to authorize the creation of the San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust, which allowed all cities under her jurisdiction in the valley to work together and create affordable housing for different levels of low-income earning households. They now have over 1,000 units in affordable housing across 16 different developments throughout the valley.

*- Prominent donors to Susan Rubio*

- The biggest donor for this Senator is the oil and gas industry since her introduction as senator in 2018. The collection of other prominent donors will be listed below.
  - Waterfront Strategies
  - Abbott Laboratories
  - Hartford Financial Services
  - General Motors
  - AbbVie Inc.

*- Ideology*

- Economic: Rubio is heavily aligned with the labor unions, receiving high interest group rankings from the California Labor Federation and California Teachers Association but also has carved out an unusual position of business tolerance. The 54% score from the Civil Justice Association of California is notably high for a California Democrat, reflecting Rubio's willingness to side with business interests under certain circumstances.
- Social: Senator Rubio is generally aligned with several constituent groups and unions to advocate for civil liberties and justice. The American Civil Liberties Union shows 64% voter alignment, Equality California and Planned Parenthood Affiliates of California gave 100%, and Courage California also a 73% alignment score. This suggests that she is strongly progressive on issues such as LGBTQIA+ and reproductive rights.
- Environmental: Digital Democracy shows a score of 80% and 70% from the Sierra Club and the California Environmental Voters, respectively. Campaigns launched by Greenpeace in 2025 claimed to have exposed Democrats within the California state government that allegedly prioritize contributions from the oil and gas industry over the well-being of their constituents, Rubio being one of those named "Dirty Dems." Senator Rubio's choice not to vote on important bills such as SB 1137, a bill to mitigate pollution from oil drilling sites in residential neighborhoods and AB 1167, a bill requiring that ratepayers are no longer held responsible to cover the full cost of oil well cleanup, which Greenpeace argues reflects her disregard for the issue.