

Kelly Seyarto Role Profile, CA State Senate District 32

Part 1: Individual/Organization Profile

- **Name:** Dennis Kelly Seyarto (goes by Kelly Seyarto)
- **District:** California Senate District 32
- **Party affiliation:** Republican
- **Age:** 63 (born October 28, 1962, in La Puente, California)
- **Gender:** male
- **Race/ethnicity:** White
- **Marital status:** married to Denise Esprabens Seyarto since 1987; three children
- **Education level:** Associate of Science in fire science, Mt. San Antonio College; Bachelor of Science in fire administration and technology, California State University, Los Angeles; Master of Public Administration, California State University, Long Beach
- **Career background (non-political):** 35-year career firefighter/paramedic — began as a Firefighter/Paramedic with the Inglewood Fire Department, rose to Captain, and retired in 2015 at the rank of Battalion Chief with the Los Angeles County Fire Department
- **Career background (political):** Murrieta Public Safety Commissioner; Murrieta City Council member (1997–2006 and 2016–2020), serving four terms as Mayor; California State Assemblymember, 67th District (2020–2022); California State Senator, 32nd District (2022–present); Senate Republican Caucus Chair (2023–present)
- **Number of years in current role:** about 4 years in the Senate (since December 2022); 6 years total in the Legislature counting his prior Assembly term
- **% of vote received in the last general election:** 62.0% (2022 general election for Senate District 32)
- **3 issue positions for which your politician is best known:** public safety and support for crime victims and law enforcement; government spending accountability and fiscal restraint; wildfire prevention and transportation/infrastructure policy
- **Current Committee Positions (2025–26 session):**
 - Appropriations (Vice Chair)
 - Budget and Fiscal Review, Subcommittee No. 5 on Corrections, Judiciary, Labor, and Transportation
 - Housing (Vice Chair)
 - Local Government
 - Natural Resources (Vice Chair)
 - Public Safety (Vice Chair)
 - Transportation
 - Senate Republican Caucus Chair

- **Prominent donors to your politician's campaigns:**
 - Riverside Sheriffs' Association
 - California Professional Firefighters and the Murrieta Firefighters Association Political Action Team
 - Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association
 - California Narcotic Officers' Association
- **Ideology on economic issues:** fiscally conservative; emphasizes lower taxes, reduced regulation, and government efficiency/oversight of public spending; endorsed by the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association; has criticized the cost of living and business climate in California
- **Ideology on social issues:** strong law-and-order/public-safety orientation; endorsed by law enforcement groups including the Riverside Sheriffs' Association, the California Narcotic Officers' Association, and Crime Victims United (named that group's 2026 Legislator of the Year); generally aligned with mainstream California Republican positions on crime and public safety
- **Ideology on environmental issues:** prioritizes wildfire prevention and roadway/transportation safety over broader climate regulation; authored legislation directing Caltrans to study roadway safety improvements and project delivery; approaches environmental policy through a practical, cost-conscious lens rather than aggressive regulatory expansion

Part 2: Constituent Profile

Economics:

- **Prominent industries:** a largely suburban and semi-rural district anchored by Temecula and Murrieta, known for the Temecula Valley wine country; the broader regional economy is driven by retail, healthcare, logistics/warehousing, and construction, with growing office and business-park development in Corona and Chino Hills
- **Unemployment rate:** not precisely available at the district level; comparable to or somewhat below the Riverside–San Bernardino metro average
- **Income levels:** median household income of approximately \$119,662, about 20% higher than the California statewide median (\$99,122); per capita income of about \$47,063
- **Poverty rate:** approximately 7.2% of residents live below the poverty line

Demographics:

- **Population:** approximately 973,049
- **Population by race:**
 - White: 457,300 (47%)
 - Hispanic/Latino: 301,600 (31%)
 - Asian: 77,800 (8%)
 - Remaining population: Black, Native American, multiracial, and other groups; 136,300 (14%)
- **Median age:** 38.4 years, roughly the same as the statewide median of 37.9
- **Educational Attainment:**
 - High school diploma or higher: 90.9%
 - Bachelor's degree or higher: 35.3%
- **Citizenship:** foreign-born population of about 18.8%, lower than the statewide rate of 27%

- **Housing:** median home value of about \$680,200; homeownership-oriented suburban district with 3.2 persons per household on average, about 10% higher than the state average
- **Veteran population:** about 6.9%, more than 1.5 times the statewide rate, reflecting proximity to Southern California military installations

Politics

- **Partisan voter registration (as of December 2025):** 634,740 total registered voters — 40.25% Republican, 30.68% Democratic, 20.91% No Party Preference, and the remainder distributed among minor parties
- **% voted Republican/Democrat in the last state Senate election (2022):**
 - Republican (Seyarto): 62.0%
 - Democrat (Nash): 38.0%
- **Recent electoral trend:** the district was newly drawn in 2021 redistricting and has consistently favored Seyarto and Republicans since 2022, a shift from the more Democratic-leaning district that previously carried the 32nd Senate District number
- **3 specific issues that are important to constituents:** public safety and crime, the cost of housing and living in California, and traffic/transportation infrastructure given the district's long commute times (a mean commute of about 38 minutes, roughly 1.3 times the state average)
- **Constituents' general positions on economic, social, and environmental issues:** the district leans center-right and has become increasingly Republican in voter registration relative to the state as a whole; constituents generally favor lower taxes and fiscal restraint, prioritize public safety and support for law enforcement, and tend to favor a practical, incremental approach to environmental and land-use regulation rather than aggressive statewide mandates. The district's higher household incomes and homeownership rates compared to the state overall are consistent with its more conservative voting patterns