

Role profile: Henry Stern, CA State Senate District 27

Name: Henry Issac Stern

Age: 44

District 27→spanning from Los Angeles to Ventura County

Party Affiliation: Democrat

Gender: Male

Marital status: Married

Race: White

Ethnicity: Jewish American

Education level: BA in American History from Harvard University and a JD in law from UC Berkeley Law School

Career background:

- 2009-After graduating from UC Berkeley Law School
 - Taught environmental law at UCLA and UC Berkeley intermittently.
- 2009–2010–Worked in Washington, DC
 - Stern worked as Counsel to Congressman Henry Waxman on the House Energy and Commerce Committee on clean-energy policy, environmental regulation, and climate legislation.
 - Then he worked with Bob Nordhaus on the Clean Air Act during the Obama era, contributing to efforts that aligned with the Clean Power Plan.
- 2012-2016–Environmental attorney & Senior Advisor to Fran Pavley
- 2018-2022: Chair, Natural Resources and Water Committee
 - He led major climate legislation, including building decarbonization and wildfire resilience
- 2022–Chair, Emergency Management Committee
 - He oversees wildfire, disaster response, and emergency planning
- January 2023-Ex officio Member (CARB)
 - Stern became an ex officio member of the California Air Resources Board, which regulates air quality, emissions, and climate programs.

Years in current role: 2016- present (10 years)

Election vote: 59.5% (270,005 votes)

Issue positions best known for:

- Support small businesses
- Strong ideologies on environmental justice
- Advocates for oil and gas companies

Top prominent contributors to Stern's campaign: The top contributors to Stern's campaign were made in 2024, including

- Service Employees International Union Local 1000 PAC **(\$23,271.00)**
- California State Council of Service Employees Political Committee **(\$21,800.00)**
- California Teacher Association for Better Citizenship **(\$21,800.00)**
- Service Employees International Union Local 721 (**\$21,800.00**)

Ideologies**Economic**

- Senator Stern's economic ideology emphasizes the connection between economic growth, social equity, and clean energy innovation. His largest donors show a strong commitment to labor power, family-supporting policies, and public investment in future-oriented industries

Social

- Stern portrays issues through equity and inclusion. His records on bills that he authored and co-authored show his beliefs that environmental safety is a social right, such as SB 1477, which expands clean energy incentives to reduce pollutants in homes, especially benefiting low-income communities. He constantly frames mental health access as public safety, economic stability, and human dignity.

Environmental

- Senator Henry Stern's environmental ideology is strongly progressive and climate-focused, built around aggressive climate policy to reduce emissions, modernize California's energy, and accelerate the transition to clean energy. His entire career has centered on environmental protection, climate resilience, and community safety. Across his legislative work, Stern consistently supports ambitious climate policy measures, including building decarbonization, clean transportation incentives, and large-scale investment in renewable energy and storage.

Constituent profile

- **Prominent industries** include entertainment, education, healthcare, clean tech, and renewable energy.

- **Unemployment rate:** 5.1%
- **Income level:** The median household income is approx. \$112,200, while the mean household income level is about \$120,000.
- **The overall poverty rate** is 11.5%
 - Children under 18→15%
 - Seniors above 65→11%.

Demographic

Populations: 994,285

Breakdown by race

- White→53% (527,970)
- Black→4% (39,771)
- Asian→12% (119,214)
- Pacific Islanders→ 0%+(1,094)
- Two or more races→ 5% (46,737)

Breakdown by ethnicity

- Hispanic→24% (238,628)

Age→ Median 41.1

- The largest age group in this district is 30-39 years old (15%), while those aged 80 and above represent the smallest group (4%).

Income→Median household income: \$112,200.

Urban/Rural breakdown→ The 27th district is considered a mix of urban and suburban.

Politics

Partisan voter registration→

- As of April 2026, voter registration in this district is about 656,000 individuals.

2020 analytics election

- Democrats→59.5%
- Republican→40.5%

2016 analytic election

- Democrats→55.9%
- Republican→44.1%

2012

- Democrats →53.6%
- Republican → 46.4%

3 specific issues that are important to the constituents

- The most important issues for District 27 are homelessness/affordable housing, healthcare, and the environment.

Constituents general position

- The constituents in District 27 primarily identify as Democrats, as demonstrated by the results of the last elections.