

Role Profile for Suzette Martinez Valladares – CA SD-23

Part 1: Individual/Organization Profile

- **Suzette Martinez Valladares** is the **State Senator** representing **CA SD-23**. She is part of the **Republican Party**.
- **Age:** 45 years old
- **Gender:** Woman
- **Race/Ethnicity:** Latina/Hispanic
- **Marital Status:** Married with 1 child
- **Education level:** Bachelor's degree in Political Science obtained at California State University, Northridge.
- **Career background (political and/or non-political):** Former Executive Director of Southern California Autism Speaks. She was recognized on Santa Clarita Valley's 40 Under Forty list for her leadership and entrepreneurship. Served with the LAPD Devonshire PALS in a partnership with LAPD dedicated to investing in at-risk youth.
 - Valladares was a founding member of the bipartisan Problem Solvers Caucus and authored legislation aimed at making preschool more accessible and affordable. She also co-authored gas tax reduction legislation while serving in the state legislature.
 - She also directed Hispanic outreach for the Republican National Committee in California

- Some of the committees Valladares serves on are the Legislative Audit Committee, Senate Health Committee (Vice-Chair), and Environmental Quality Committee (Vice-Chair). (2025-26 Session)
- **Number of years in current role:** 2 years
- **% of vote received in the last general election:** 52.4% (190,957) votes
- **3 issue positions for which your politician is best known:** Affordability, Public Safety, the economy, Homelessness, and education.
- **Prominent donors to your politician's campaigns:** California Republican Party, Republican Party of Sacramento County, Sonoma County Republican Central Committee, California Real Estate PAC (CREPAC), Personal Insurance Federation of California Agents & Employees PAC, and Los Angeles Police Protective League PAC were some notable contributors to Valladares' campaign.
- **Ideology on economic, social, and environmental issues:**
 - Vallarderes is a right-leaning Republican
 - Rated 100% by the California Pro-Life Council
 - 80% by the California Chamber of Commerce and the National Federation of Independent Business – California
 - 92% by the Gun Owners of California and NRA

Part 2: Constituent Profile

Economics

- Prominent industries: Six Flags Magic Mountain Theme Park, Henry Mayo Newhall Memorial Hospital, California Institute of the Arts, Logix (Credit Union), Walmart, and Amazon
- Unemployment rate, income levels, poverty rate, etc.
 - Median income in SD-23 is around \$62k a year
 - 15% poverty rate
 - 5.4% unemployment rate

Demographics

- Population and population breakdowns by race, ethnicity, age, etc.
 - Population: 1,003,720 residents (as of 2024 data)
 - 57.3% White, 17.7% Asian, 16.2% Hispanic, 4.1% Black, 0.5% American Indian, 0.2% Pacific Islander, 6.7% Other
 - Median age for voters in this district is about 35 years old
 - Majority of individuals who live in this district are ages 10-19 (17%) and 30-39 (14%)
 - About 50/50% men and women
- Urban/rural breakdown
 - SD-23 is primarily a suburban area
 - Serves cities like Lancaster, Palmdale, and some parts of Santa Clarita and Victorville
 - Antelope Valley

Politics

- SD-23 is a purple district as of 2026. Before the redistricting, they were a relatively moderate/republican leaning district and now they vote democrat-leaning.
- Party registration for the 2024 election: 37% Democrat voters, 35% Republican voters, 21% no party affiliation
- % voted Democrat/Republican in 2020, 2016, 2012
 - 52.5% voted Republican in 2020
 - 56.6% voted Republican in 2016
 - 56.3% voted Republican in 2014
- 3 specific issues that are important to your constituents
 - Public Safety, Homelessness, Affordability
- Constituents are also worried about environmental issues and preparedness for natural disasters.
- Lots of veterans and military families in this area due to its proximity to Edwards Air Force Base.
- Constituents pay the most in taxes in all of California: 11.75%