

Role Profile for Akilah Weber Pierson, CA State Senate District 39

Part 1: *Individual/Organization Profile*

- *Legislator background*

- Name: Akilah Weber Pierson
- District: California State Senate District 39
- Party Affiliation: Democrat
- Age: 48 years old
- Gender: Female
- Race: African American
- Marital status: Married to her husband, Andrew Paul Pierson, employment information is undisclosed
- Education: Bachelors of Science from Xavier University of Louisiana and Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) from Rochester University of Medicine and Dentistry

- *Career Breakdown*

- *Education*

- B.S. in Biology at Xavier University of Louisiana
- M.D. from University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry
- OB-GYN Residency at Chicago Cook County Hospital
- Pediatric & Adolescent Gynecology Fellowship at Cincinnati Children's Hospital

- *Medical Career*

- Board-certified OB-GYN
- Founded and previously directed Pediatric & Adolescent Gynecology Division at Raddy Children's Hospital in San Diego
- Assistant Clinical Professor at UC San Diego in Obstetrics, Gynecology & Reproductive Sciences

- *Political Career*

- Elected to La Mesa City Council in 2018
 - * First African American elected to La Mesa City Council
 - * Worked on: Climate Action Plan, Community Police Oversight Board, and homelessness task force
- California State Assembly
 - * Elected in April 2021 to California's 79th Assembly District served 2021-2024
 - * Served as Chair of Budget Subcommittee No.1 on Health

- * Served on Committees: Health, Higher Education, Elections, and Water, Parks & Wildlife
- * Founded and chaired the Select Committee on the Social Determinants of Health
- California State Senate
 - * Elected in November 2024 to represent Senate District 39
 - * Currently Serves as Chair of the California Legislative Black Caucus
 - * Serves on committees: Budget and Fiscal Review, Governmental Organization, Human Services, and Judiciary

Part 2: *Constituent Profile*

- *Economics*

- Prominent industries: Healthcare/Social assistance, Education, Construction and more
- Unemployment rate: 6.6%
- Median Household income: A
- Per-capita income
- poverty:

- *Demographics*

- Population: About 1,036,000 people
 - Median income: About \$95,400
 - Median Age: 36 years old
 - Latino/Hispanic: About 316,900 people
 - White: About 454,300 people
 - African American: About 82,100 people
 - Asian: About 111,400 people
 - Pacific Islander: About 4,816 people
 - Other races: About 61,000 people
- Predominantly urban and suburban with small rural components
- Poverty Breakdown:
 - 11% under \$25,000
 - 13% between \$25,00 - \$50,000

- *Politics*

- Partisan voter registration
 - 145,092 total individuals
 - 2012 Voting: 58% Democratic and 42% Republican
 - 2016 Voting: 63% Democratic and 37% Republican
 - 2020 Voting: 66% Democratic and 34% Republican

- 3 specific issues that are important to your constituents
 - Healthcare, Housing Affordability, and Education
- Constituents' general position
 - Constituents within this district very commonly siding with the Democratic Party and their values though their past voting records