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**Role Profile: Scott Weiner,
California State Senator for the 11th District**

Part 1 - Individual / Organization Profile:

Legislator Background -

Name: Scott Weiner

District: California State Senate District 11

Party Affiliation: Democratic

Age: 56 years old

Gender: Male

Race / Ethnicity: Ashkenazi Jewish (Eastern European heritage)

Marital status: Unmarried and single

Education level: Bachelor of Arts degree at Duke University, Juris Doctor from Harvard Law School

Career background (non-political): After graduating with his JD, Weiner clerked for New Jersey Supreme Court Justice Alan B. Handler. After moving to California, he served as a litigation attorney for the former international law firm Heller Ehrman White & McAuliffe LLP, before moving on to serving as a deputy city attorney under then-City Attorney of San Francisco, Dennis Herrera.

Career background (political): Prior to his election to the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, Weiner had served as a chairman of the San Francisco County Democratic Central Committee, as well as having co-chaired the Alice B. Toklas LGBTQ Democratic Club and San Francisco LGBT Community Center alongside serving among the national board of directors of the Human Rights Campaign (an LGBTQ advocacy group). In 2010, he was elected to the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, serving in this capacity until 2016, when he was elected to the Californian State Senate district 11. Being reelected in 2020 and 2024, Weiner is the current chair of the Budget and Fiscal Review, Legislative Ethics, and Joint Legislative Budget committees, and also acts as Assistant Majority Whip and chair of the California Legislative LGBTQ Caucus.

of years in current role: 10 years (assumed senatorial position in 2016)

% of vote received in last general election: 77.8%

3 most prominent issue positions: Has gained the majority of his fame as a champion of the 'yes-in-my-back-yard' movement in the state legislature (supporting various new housing construction schemes to curb the Californian housing crisis), otherwise is most well known for championing progressive social policies / civil rights codifications for LGBTQ+ individuals and supporting regulation against artificial intelligence.

Prominent donors: Weiner's most prominent donors have been from tech leaders like Jeremy Stoppelman and Gerry Tan (CEOs of Yelp and Y Combinator respectively), venture capitalists such as Ron Conway, housing lobbies like the California Real Estate PAC and the California Apartment Association, organized labor and healthcare associations like the California Dental Association, California Nurses / Medical Associations, the SIEU, and the California Teachers Association, and LGBTQ+ Civil Rights and Educational advocacy groups such as the Equality California PAC and California Charter Schools Association.

Ideology on core issues:

Economic - Abundance Agenda progressivism, supply-side economic deregulation to remove bureaucratic red tape and lower costs of infrastructure and housing

Social - Extremely progressive, pro civil rights, specifically for marginalized groups ex. LGBTQ, immigrants, racial minorities ect.

Environmental - YIMBY environmentalism, aggressive climate action, high density development to reduce greenhouse emissions, environmental justice and accountability for corporations

Part 2 - Constituent Profile:

Economics -

Prominent industries: Financial services, technology industry, professional / management services, legal services, STEM industry

Unemployment rate: 5.9%

Income levels: Median household income of \$138,888, w/ 13% of households earning under \$25k and 51% earning over \$51k

Poverty rate: 10.5% of population below poverty line

Demographics -

Population: 973,945

By race / ethnicity: 38% of population of Asian origin, 34% White, 17% Hispanic, 6% two or more races, 4% black

By age: Median age of 40.3, 68% of population aged 18-64, 18% 65 or older, 14% under 18

By income: 22% of population under \$50k, 16% \$50-100k, 26% \$100-200k, 35% >\$200K

Urban / Rural breakdown: Effectively 0% of the district encompasses a rural region, as the district is extremely high in its populational density

Politics -

Partisan voter registration: 61.33% Democratic, 8.43% Republican

% voted Democratic and Republican in 2020, 2016, & 2012 presidential elections: 2020 - 84.4% Biden vs 13.7% Trump, 2016 - 85% Clinton vs 10% Trump, 2012 - 83.1% Obama vs 13.6% Romney

3 issues most important to constituents: Housing costs and general cost of living, public transit, workforce growth

Constituents general positions:

Economic - strongly progressive, favoring affordability, increased urban density, infrastructure projects, and wealth distribution

Social - overwhelmingly supporting social justice issues ex. LGBTQ rights, criminal justice reform, sanctuary policies

Environmental - favoring aggressive climate policy such as ambitious green energy programs, transit decarbonization, and environmental justice policy

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