

# **California State Assembly**



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The California State Assembly is the lower house of the California State Legislature. It consists of 80 members, with each member representing at least 465,000 people. Due to the state's large population and relatively small legislature, the State Assembly has the largest population-per-representative ratio of any state lower house and second largest of any legislative lower house in the United States after the federal House of Representatives. As a result of Proposition 140 in 1990 and Proposition 28 in 2012, members elected to the legislature prior to 2012 are restricted by term limits to three two-year terms (six years), while those elected in or after 2012 are allowed to serve 12 years in the legislature in any combination of four-year state senate or two-year state assembly terms. [1]

Members of the assembly are generally referred to using the titles assemblyman (for men), assemblywoman (for women), or assemblymember (for all genders).

The State Assembly convenes at the California State Capitol in Sacramento.

In the current session, the Democrats control 53 seats, one seat short of a supermajority of the chamber. Republicans control 25 seats. There are two vacant seats.

## Leadership

The Speaker presides over the State Assembly in the chief leadership position, controlling the flow of legislation and committee assignments. The Speaker is elected by the majority party caucus, followed by confirmation of the full assembly. Other leaders, such as the majority and minority leaders, are elected by their respective party caucuses according to each party's strength in the chamber.

The current Speaker is Democrat Anthony Rendon (63rd–Lakewood). The majority leader is Democrat Ian Calderon (57th–Whittier), while the minority leader is Republican Brian Dahle (1st–Bieber). [2]

## **Meeting chamber**

The chamber's green tones are based on the House of Commons of the United Kingdom. The dais rests along a wall shaped like an "E", with its central projection housing the rostrum. Along the cornice appears a portrait of Abraham Lincoln and a Latin quotation: legislatorum est justas leges condere ("It is the duty of legislators to pass just laws"). Almost every decorating element is identical to the Senate Chamber.

# **Candidate qualifications**

To run for the Assembly, a candidate must be a United States citizen and a registered voter in the district at the time nomination papers are issued, and may not have served three terms in the State Assembly since November 6, 1990. According to Article 4, Section 2(c) of the California Constitution, the candidate must have one year of residency in the legislative district and California residency for three vears.[3]

## **Employees**



The <u>Chief Clerk</u>, the <u>Sergeant-at-Arms</u>, and the <u>Chaplain</u> are not members of the Legislature. The Sergeant-at-Arms protects the members of the California State Assembly. This position has existed since December 15, 1849, when Samuel N. Houston became the Assembly's first Sergeant-at-Arms.

### **Current session**

## Composition



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Affiliation	Democratic	Republican	Total	Vacant
End of previous legislature	52	28	80	0
Begin	55		80	0
July 10, 2017 <sup>[4]</sup>	54		79	1
November 27, 2017 <sup>[5]</sup>	53		78	2
December 16, 2017 <sup>[6]</sup>	cember 16, 2017 <sup>[6]</sup> 54 25		79	1
December 31, 2017 <sup>[7]</sup>	53			2
January 2, 2018 <sup>[8]</sup>	January 2, 2018 <sup>(8)</sup> 52		77	3
April 16, 2018 <sup>[9]</sup>	53		78	2
Latest voting share	67.9%	32.1%		

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Length of term	2 years
Authority	Article 4, California Constitution
Salary	\$104,118/year + per diem
	Elections
Last election	November 8, 2016
Lust cicction	November 6, 2010
Next election	November 6, 2018
Next	November 6, 2018
Next election	November 6, 2018
Next election	November 6, 2018  California Citizens

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State Assembly Chamber
California State Capitol
Sacramento, California

#### Website

California State Assembly (http://www.as sembly.ca.gov/)



Composition of the California State Assembly

Democratic Party
Republican Party

Position		Name	Party	District	
<u>Speaker</u>	peaker Anthony Rendon		63rd- Lakewood		
Speaker pro tempore	Kevin Mullin	Democratic	22nd– South San Francisco		
Assistant speaker pro tempore	Laura Friedman	Democratic	43rd– Glendale		
Majority leader	lan Calderon	Democratic	57th– Whittier		
Assistant majority leader	Rob Bonta	Democratic	18th– Alameda		
Majority whip	Todd Gloria	Democratic	78th–San Diego		
Assistant majority whip	Eloise Reyes	Democratic	47th– Grand Terrace		
Majority caucus chair	Mike Gipson	Democratic	64th– Carson		
Minority leader	Brian Dahle	Republican	1st-Bieber		
Deputy Depublican leaders	Frank Bigelow	Republican	5th– O'Neals		
Deputy Republican leaders	Rocky Chávez	Republican	76th– Oceanside		
	Phillip Chen	Republican	55th– Diamond Bar		
Assistant Republican leaders	Heath Flora	Republican	12th– Ripon		
	Chad Mayes	Republican	42nd– Yucca Valley		
Republican caucus chair	Jay Obernolte	Republican	33rd–Big Bear Lake		
Republican floor leader	Marie Waldron	Republican 75th— Escondido			
Chief Clerk		E. Dotson Wilson			
Chief Sergeant-at-Arms		Bryon G. Gustafson, Ph.D			
Chaplain		Reverend Bob Oshita			
Alternate Chaplain		Reverend Patti Oshita	l		

The Chief Clerk, the acting Chief Sergeant-at-Arms, and the Chaplains are not members of the Legislature.

#### **Members**

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	District	Name	Party	Residence	First elected	Term limited	Notes
1	Brian Dahle	Republican	Bieber	2012	2024	Minority leader	
2	Jim Wood	Democratic	Healdsburg	2014	2026		
3	James Gallagher	Republican	Nicolaus	2014	2026		
4	Cecilia Aguiar-Curry	Democratic	Winters	2016	2028		
5	Frank Bigelow	Republican	O'Neals	2012	2024		
6	Kevin Kiley	Republican	Rocklin	2016	2028		
7	Kevin McCarty	Democratic	Sacramento	2014	2026		
8	Ken Cooley	Democratic	Rancho Cordova	2012	2024		
9	Jim Cooper	Democratic	Elk Grove	2014	2026		
10	Marc Levine	Democratic	Greenbrae	2012	2024		
11	Jim Frazier	Democratic	Oakley	2012	2024		
12	Heath Flora	Republican	Ripon	2016	2028		
13	Susan Eggman	Democratic	Stockton	2012	2024		
<u>14</u>	Tim Grayson	Democratic	Concord	2016	2028		
<u>15</u>	Tony Thurmond	Democratic	Richmond	2014	2026		
16	Catharine Baker	Republican	<u>Dublin</u>	2014	2026		
17	David Chiu	Democratic	San Francisco	2014	2026		
<u>18</u>	Rob Bonta	Democratic	Alameda	2012	2024		
19	Phil Ting	Democratic	San Francisco	2012	2024		
<u>20</u>	Bill Quirk	Democratic	Hayward	2012	2024		
21	Adam Gray	Democratic	Merced	2012	2024		
22	Kevin Mullin	Democratic	South San Francisco	2012	2024		
23	Jim Patterson	Republican	<u>Fresno</u>	2012	2024		
24	Marc Berman	Democratic	Palo Alto	2016	2028		
25	Kansen Chu	Democratic	San Jose	2014	2026		
26	Devon Mathis	Republican	<u>Visalia</u>	2014	2026		
27	Ash Kalra	Democratic	San Jose	2016	2028		
28	Evan Low	Democratic	Campbell	2014	2026		
29	Mark Stone	Democratic	Scotts Valley	2012	2024		
30	Anna Caballero	Democratic	Salinas	2016	2018	Previously served from 2006 to 2010.	
31	Joaquin Arambula	Democratic	Kingsburg	2016†	2028		
32	Rudy Salas	Democratic	Bakersfield	2012	2024		
33	Jay Obernolte	Republican	Big Bear Lake	2014	2026		
34	Vince Fong	Republican	Bakersfield	2016	2028		

<u>35</u>	Jordan Cunningham	Republican	Templeton	2016	2028		
<u>36</u>	Tom Lackey	Republican	Palmdale	2014	2026		
<u>37</u>	Monique Limón	Democratic	Santa Barbara	2016	2028		
38	Dante Acosta	Republican	Santa Clarita	2016	2028		
	39	Vacant					
<u>40</u>	Marc Steinorth	Republican	Rancho Cucamonga	2014	2026		
<u>41</u>	Chris Holden	Democratic	Pasadena	2012	2024		
<u>42</u>	Chad Mayes	Republican	Yucca Valley	2014	2026		
43	Laura Friedman	Democratic	Glendale	2016	2028		
44	Jacqui Irwin	Democratic	Thousand Oaks	2014	2026		
	<u>45</u>	Vacant					
<u>46</u>	Adrin Nazarian	Democratic	Sherman Oaks	2012	2024		
<u>47</u>	Eloise Reyes	Democratic	Grand Terrace	2016	2028		
48	Blanca Rubio	Democratic	Baldwin Park	2016	2028		
<u>49</u>	Ed Chau	Democratic	Monterey Park	2012	2024		
<u>50</u>	Richard Bloom	Democratic	Santa Monica	2012	2024		
<u>51</u>	Wendy Carrillo	Democratic	Boyle Heights	2017†	2030		
52	Freddie Rodriguez	Democratic	Pomona	2013†	2024		
53	Miguel Santiago	Democratic	Los Angeles	2014	2026		
54	Sydney Kamlager	Democratic	Los Angeles	2018†	2030		
<u>55</u>	Phillip Chen	Republican	Diamond Bar	2016	2028		
<u>56</u>	Eduardo Garcia	Democratic	Coachella	2014	2026		
<u>57</u>	lan Calderon	Democratic	Whittier	2012	2024		
<u>58</u>	Cristina Garcia	Democratic	Bell Gardens	2012	2024		
<u>59</u>	Reggie Jones- Sawyer	Democratic	Los Angeles	2012	2024		
60	Sabrina Cervantes	Democratic	Riverside	2016	2028		
<u>61</u>	Jose Medina	Democratic	Riverside	2012	2024		
62	Autumn Burke	Democratic	Marina del Rey	2014	2026		
<u>63</u>	Anthony Rendon	Democratic	Lakewood	2012	2024	Speaker	
64	Mike Gipson	Democratic	Carson	2014	2026		
<u>65</u>	Sharon Quirk-Silva	Democratic	Fullerton	2016	2026	Previously served from 2012 to 2014.	

<u>66</u>	Al Muratsuchi	Democratic	Rolling Hills Estates	2016	2026	Previously served from 2012 to 2014.
<u>67</u>	Melissa Melendez	Republican	Lake Elsinore	2012	2024	
68	Steven Choi	Republican	Irvine	2016	2028	
69	Tom Daly	Democratic	Anaheim	2012	2024	
<u>70</u>	Patrick O'Donnell	Democratic	Long Beach	2014	2026	
71	Randy Voepel	Republican	Santee	2016	2028	
72	Travis Allen	Republican	Huntington Beach	2012	2024	
73	Bill Brough	Republican	Dana Point	2014	2026	
74	Matthew Harper	Republican	Huntington Beach	2014	2026	
<u>75</u>	Marie Waldron	Republican	Escondido	2012	2024	
<u>76</u>	Rocky Chávez	Republican	Oceanside	2012	2024	
<u>77</u>	Brian Maienschein	Republican	San Diego	2012	2024	
78	Todd Gloria	Democratic	San Diego	2016	2028	
<u>79</u>	Shirley Weber	Democratic	San Diego	2012	2024	
80	Lorena Gonzalez Fletcher	Democratic	San Diego	2013†	2024	

• † elected in a special election

## **Seating chart**

Speaker	
Rendon	

Patterson	Fong	Gallagher	Maienschein	Baker	Dahle	Calderon	Gipson	Rubio	Holden	Bonta	Chu
Mayes	Choi	Lackey	Cunningham	Brough	Waldron	Ting	Gray	Limón	Chiu	Harper	Mathis
Steinorth	Kiley	Chen	Melendez	Grayson	Daly	Caballero	Vacant	Bloom	Burke	Flora	Obernolte
Nazarian	McCarty	Wood	Cooley	Low	Chau	Kalra	Cooper	Allen	Vacant	Santiago	Quirk
E. Garcia	Rodriguez	Carrillo	Gloria	Muratsuchi	O'Donnell	Weber	Quirk- Silva	Bigelow	Acosta	C. Garcia	Reyes
Gonzalez F.	Medina	Berman	Levine	Frazier	Jones- Sawyer	Aguiar- Curry	Eggman	Voepel	Chávez	Cervantes	Irwin
		Thurmond	Friedman	Salas	Rendon	Mullin	Arambula	Stone	Kamlager		

# Past composition of the Assembly

## **Committees**

Current committees include:  $\underline{^{[10]}}$ 

## **Standing**

- Assembly Committee on Accountability and Administrative review
- Assembly Committee on Aging And Long-Term Care
- Assembly Committee on Agriculture
- Assembly Committee on Appropriations
- Assembly Committee on Arts, Entertainment, Sports, Tourism, and Internet Media
- Assembly Committee on Banking and Finance

- Assembly Committee on Budget
  - Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 1 on Health and Human Services
  - Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 2 on Education Finance
  - Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 3 on Resources and Transportation
  - Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 4 on State Administration
  - Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 5 on Public Safety
  - Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 6 on Budget Process Oversight and Program Evaluation
- Assembly Committee on Business, Professions and Consumer Protection
- Assembly Committee on Communications and Conveyance
- Assembly Committee on Education
- Assembly Committee on Elections and Redistricting
- Assembly Committee on Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials
- Assembly Committee on Governmental Organization
- Assembly Committee on Health
- Assembly Committee on Higher Education
- Assembly Committee on Housing and Community Development
- Assembly Committee on Human Services
- Assembly Committee on Insurance
- Assembly Committee on Jobs, Economic Development, and the Economy
- Assembly Committee on Judiciary
- Assembly Committee on Labor and Employment
- Assembly Committee on Local Government
- Assembly Committee on Natural Resources
- Assembly Committee on Privacy and Consumer Protection
- Assembly Committee on Public Employees, Retirement and Social Security
- Assembly Committee on Public Safety
- Assembly Committee on Revenue and Taxation
- Assembly Committee on Rules
- Assembly Committee on Transportation
- Assembly Committee on Utilities and Commerce
- Assembly Committee on Veterans Affairs
- Assembly Committee on Water, Parks and Wildlife

#### **Joint**

- Joint Committee on Arts
- Joint Committee on Fairs, Allocation and Classification
- Joint Committee on Fisheries and Aquaculture
- Joint Committee on Legislative Audit
- Joint Committee on Rules
- Joint Legislative Budget
- Joint Legislative Committee on Emergency Management
- Joint Legislative Committee on Climate Change Policies

## **Recent sessions**

- California State Legislature, 1997–98 session
- California State Legislature, 1999–2000 session
- California State Legislature, 2001–02 session
- California State Legislature, 2003–04 session
- California State Legislature, 2005–06 session
- California State Legislature, 2007–08 session
- California State Legislature, 2009–10 session
- California State Legislature, 2011–12 session
- California State Legislature, 2013–14 session
- California State Legislature, 2015–16 session

### See also

- Bill (proposed law)
- California State Assembly districts
- California State Assembly election, 2012
- California State Assembly election, 2014
- California State Assembly election, 2016
- California State Capitol
- California State Capitol Museum
- California State Legislature
- California State Senate
- Districts in California
- List of Speakers of the California State Assembly
- Members of the California State Legislature

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- 4. Jimmy Gomez (D-51st) resigned to assume a seat in the United States House of Representatives.
- 5. Raul Bocanegra (D-39th) resigned in the wake of sexual harassment allegations.
- 6. Democrat Wendy Carrillo elected to replace Jimmy Gomez.
- 7. Sebastian Ridley-Thomas (D-54th) resigned due to health issues.
- 8. Matt Dababneh (D-45th) resigned in the wake of sexual harassment allegations.
- 9. Sydney Kamlager (D-54th) elected to replace Sebastian Ridley-Thomas.
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#### **External links**

- Official website (http://www.assembly.ca.gov/) of the California State Assembly
  - Democratic Caucus (http://asmdc.org/)
  - Republican Caucus (http://republican.assembly.ca.gov/)
  - Sergeant-at-Arms (http://sergeant.assembly.ca.gov/)
- Map of the state assembly districts (http://www.legislature.ca.gov/legislators\_and\_districts/districts/assemblydistricts.html)
- California legislative district maps (http://www.joincalifornia.com/page/8) from 1849 to the present
- California State Assembly (https://ballotpedia.org/California\_State\_Assembly) at Ballotpedia

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