

## Mel Levine

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**Meldon Edises Levine** (born June 7, 1943) is an American attorney and former [Democratic Congressman](#) from [California](#). He served in the [United States House of Representatives](#) from 1983 to 1993.

## Early life [ [edit](#)

On June 7, 1943, Levine was born in [Los Angeles, California](#). He graduated from [Beverly Hills High School](#) in 1960.

## Education [\[ edit \]](#)

Levine was student body president (1963–64) and *valedictorian* at the [University of California, Berkeley](#). After attending [Princeton](#) (MPA 1966) and [Harvard](#) (JD 1969) Universities, he was admitted to the California bar in 1970.

## Career [\[ edit \]](#)

In 1970, after Levine was admitted to the California bar, he set up a private law practice.

He was a legislative assistant to U.S. Senator [John V. Tunney](#) from 1971 to 1973. He served in the [California State Assembly](#) from 1977 to 1982. He served in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1983 to 1993. He supported the 1991 [Gulf War](#) Authorization Act, which authorized the use of United States Armed Forces pursuant to [United Nations Security Council Resolution 678](#).<sup>[1]</sup>

In 1992, Levine ran for U.S. Senate; he lost in the Democratic primary, to Barbara Boxer,<sup>[2]</sup> who went on to win the [general election in November](#).

In August 2013 Levine was appointed by [Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti](#) to become a member of the Board of Water and Power Commissioners. On September 11, 2013, Levine was confirmed to become a member of the Board of Water and Power Commissioners by the [Los Angeles City Council](#). Levine is the president of the Board of Water and Power Commissioners.<sup>[3]</sup>

Levine is a partner in law firm [Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher](#) and a member of the board of directors of the [Pacific Council on International Policy](#).<sup>[4]</sup>

## Personal [ edit ]

Levine is married to *New Yorker* journalist [Connie Bruck](#). He has three children from a previous marriage: Adam, Jake and Cara. He lives in [Pacific Palisades](#).



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