hulu Original Series. 24 Shows. Movies and more. Start Your Free Trial

Mike La Rosa

Mike La Rosa is a member of the Florida State Senator District 36 seat, appointed by Gov. Ron DeSantis (R) on August 23, 2020, and took office on January 2, 2021.[1]

La Rosa previously served in the Florida House of Representatives, representing District 42 from 2012 to 2020.

Member Page
Florida House of Representatives District 42
Term
2015 - Present
Elections
2020
Years in position
5
Predecessor
Joe Gruters (R)
Contact
Email Mike La Rosa
Campaign Facebook

Biography

La Rosa earned his B.A. in interpersonal communications with a minor in political science from the University of Central Florida. His professional experience includes founding La Rosa Development and La Rosa Realty with his brother, Joseph.[2]

Political career

Florida Public Service Commission (2021-Present)

Ben Ron declared his opposition to La Rosa in August 20, 2020. In relative Donald Trump's favorite, he lost the election on January 2, 2021.

Florida House of Representatives, District 42 (2012-2020)

La Rosa served in the Florida House of Representatives, representing District 42 from 2012 to 2020.

Committee assignments

2019-2020

La Rosa was assigned to the following committees:

- Commerce Committee, Chair
- House Appropriations Committee
- House Rules Committee

2017 legislative session

At the beginning of the 2017 legislative session, this legislator served on the following committees:

Florida committee assignments, 2017	Show
Commerce	
Ways and Means	

2015 legislative session

At the beginning of the 2015 legislative session, La Rosa served on the following committees:

Florida committee assignments, 2015	Show

2013-2014

At the beginning of the 2013 legislative session, La Rosa served on the following committees:

Florida committee assignments, 2013	Show

Sponsored legislation

The following table lists bills sponsored by this legislator. Bills are monitored by BillTrack50 and sorted by action date. Bills that have been enacted are highlighted in bold. To see all bills sponsored by this person, click on the legislator's name in the title of the table.

Bills Sponsored By: Mike La Rosa

FL HR301 - The Transition House - Homeless Voc.
An act relating to the Transition House - Homeless Voc. Transition House - Homeless Veterans Program; providing an appropriation; providing an effective date.
05/29/2020 *Vetoed by Governor; See HB 5001 (line item 37...)*

FL HR297 - Change Everything Initiative - The Flor...
An act relating to the Appropriations Project titled Change Everything Initiative - The Florida Opioid Crisis (Pilot Project); providing an appropriation; providing an effective date.
05/29/2020 *Vetoed by Governor; See HB 5001 (line item 176)*

Elections

2020

See also: Florida House of Representatives elections, 2020

La Rosa was not able to file for re-election due to term limits.

2018

See also: Florida House of Representatives elections, 2018

General election

General election for Florida House of Representatives District 42

Incumbent Mike La Rosa unopposed for the Republican primary for Florida House of Representatives District 42 in November 6, 2018.

	Candidate	%	Votes
✓	**Mike La Rosa** (R)	100%	37,277
	Barbara Cady (D)	0%	0
	Total votes: 37,277		

No petitions were looked and verified. No results have been certified. Source: Florida Department of State and Florida Division of Elections. Contact us if you have a correction.

Democratic primary election

Democratic primary for Florida House of Representatives District 42

Barbara Cady advanced from the Democratic primary for Florida House of Representatives District 42 on August 28, 2018.

	Candidate
✓	Barbara Cady

No petitions were looked at or verified. No results have been certified. Source: Florida Department of State and Florida Division of Elections. Contact us if you have a correction.

Republican primary election

Republican primary for Florida House of Representatives District 42

Incumbent Mike La Rosa advanced from the Republican primary for Florida House of Representatives District 42 on August 28, 2018.

	Candidate
✓	**Mike La Rosa**

No petitions were looked at or verified. No results have been certified. Source: Florida Department of State and Florida Division of Elections. Contact us if you have a correction.

2016

See also: Florida House of Representatives elections, 2016

Elections for the Florida House of Representatives took place in 2016. The primary election took place on August 30, 2016, and the general election was held on November 8, 2016. The candidate filing deadline was June 24, 2016.

Incumbent Mike La Rosa defeated Benny Valentin in the Florida House of Representatives District 42 general election.[3][4]

Florida House of Representatives, District 42 General Election, 2016

Party	Candidate	Votes	%
Republican	✓ **Mike La Rosa** incumbent	35,376	52.9%
Democratic	Benny Valentin	31,547	47.1%
	Total votes	**67,023**	

Source: Florida Division of Elections

Benny Valentin ran unopposed in the Florida House of Representatives District 42 Democratic primary.[5][6]

Incumbent Mike La Rosa ran unopposed in the Florida House of Representatives District 42 Republican primary.[7][8]

2014

See also: Florida House of Representatives elections, 2014

Elections for the Florida House of Representatives took place in 2014. A primary election took place on August 26, 2014. The candidate filing deadline was November 4, 2014. The signature filing deadline for candidates willing to run in this election was June 20, 2014. Chad Cerrell defeated Pete Placencia and Zuhra Velez Estrada in the Democratic primary. Incumbent Mike La Rosa was unopposed in the Republican primary. La Rosa defeated Cerrell in the general election.[9][10]

Florida House of Representatives, District 42, General Election, 2014

Primary

CANDIDATE	VOTE %	VOTES
✓**Chad Cerrell**	39.1%	2,050
Pete Placencia	38.5%	2,020
Zuhra Velez Estrada	22.3%	1,170
Total Votes		**5,240**

2012

See also: Florida House of Representatives elections, 2012

La Rosa won election in the 2012 election for Florida House of Representatives District 42. He was named as the replacement Republican nominee after incumbent Mike Horner withdrew from the race following the primary election.[11] La Rosa defeated Steve Geller (D) in the general election, which took place on November 6, 2012.[12]

Florida House of Representatives, District 42, General Election, 2012 (Collapse)

PARTY	CANDIDATE	VOTE %	VOTES
Republican	✓**Mike La Rosa**	50.4%	31,879
Democratic	Steven Geller	49.6%	31,350
Total Votes			**63,229**

Amazon.com Gift Cards
Millions of terms. No expiration.
>You are a genius.
AMAZON.COM
Ads by Google

Campaign themes

2014

La Rosa's campaign highlighted the following campaign themes:[13]

Our Economy

- Excerpt: "Creating a better economic future for generations to come is a top priority."

Education

- Excerpt: "Education should focus on providing students with the best opportunity to succeed, rather than maintaining the status quo or protecting entrenched institutions."

Florida Jobs

- Excerpt: "Ensuring that our state's jobs continue to flourish is a staple of the campaign."

Campaign donors

Note: The finance data shown here comes from the disclosures required of candidates and parties. *Depending on the election or state, this may represent only a portion of all the funds spent on their behalf. Satellite spending groups may or may not report contributions that relate to the candidate or politician on whose page you are reading this disclaimer. Campaign finance data from elections may be incomplete. For elections to federal offices, complete data can be found at the FEC website. Click here for more on federal campaign finance law and here for more on state campaign finance law.*

Mike La Rosa campaign contribution history

Year	Campaign	Result	Contribution
2018	Florida House of Representatives, District 42	✓	$360,037
2016	Florida House of Representatives, District 42	✓	$243,232
2014	Florida House of Representatives, District 42	✓	$379,263
2012	Florida State House, District 42	✓	$307,382
	Grand total raised		**$1,287,864**

Source: Follow the Money ↗

Top contributors to Mike La Rosa's campaigns in 2018

Florida Republican Party	$36,598
Walt Disney	$4,000
Southern Gardens Citrus Nursery	$4,000
Balance Forward	$3,596
Florida Association Of Realtors	$3,500
Total raised in 2018	**$360,232**

Source: Follow the Money ↗

2016

La Rosa's campaign contributions in the Florida House of Representatives in 2016. During that election cycle, La Rosa raised a total of **$243,232**.

Florida House of Representatives 2016 election - Campaign contributions Show

Top contributors to Mike La Rosa's campaign in 2016

Florida Republican Party	$36,598
Walt Disney	$4,000
Southern Gardens Citrus Nursery	$4,000
Balance Forward	$3,596
Florida Association Of Realtors	$3,500
Total raised in 2016	**$243,232**

Source: Follow the Money ↗

2014

La Rosa's campaign contributions in the Florida House of Representatives in 2014. During that election cycle, La Rosa raised a total of **$379,263**.

Florida House of Representatives 2014 election - Campaign contributions Show

2012

La Rosa's campaign contributions in the Florida House of Representatives in 2012. During that election cycle, La Rosa raised a total of **$307,382**.

Florida House of Representatives 2012 election - Campaign contributions Show

Scorecards

See also: State legislative scorecards and State legislative scorecards in Florida

A scorecard evaluates a legislator's voting record. Its purpose is to inform voters about the legislator's political position. Because scorecards have varying purposes and methodologies, each report should be considered on its own merit. Scorecards may be created by an interest group, a newspaper, a political party's voting record or one issue while a state newspaper's scorecard may evaluate the voting record of its entirety.

Ballotpedia is in the process of developing an encyclopedia of such scorecards. Some states have a limited number of available scorecards or scorecards produced only by select groups. It's Ballotpedia's goal to incorporate all available scorecards regardless of ideology or number.

Click here for an overview of legislative scorecards in all 50 states. To contribute to the list of Florida scorecards, email suggestions to editor@ballotpedia.org.

2020

In 2020, the Florida State Legislature was in session from January 14 to March 15.

- Associated Industries of Florida ↗

Legislators are scored on their votes on business issues.

- Florida Chamber of Commerce ↗

Legislators are scored on their votes on bills related to business issues.

- National Federation of Independent Business ↗

Legislators are scored on their votes on bills related to business issues.

- The American Conservative Union ↗

Legislators are scored on their votes on conservative issues.

2019

To view all the scorecards we found for this legislator in 2019, click [show]. Show

2018

To view all the scorecards we found for this legislator in 2018, click [show]. Show

2017

To view all the scorecards we found for this legislator in 2017, click [show]. Show

2016

To view all the scorecards we found for this legislator in 2016, click [show]. Show

2015

To view all the scorecards we found for this legislator in 2015, click [show]. Show

2014

To view all the scorecards we found for this legislator in 2014, click [show]. Show

2013

To view all the scorecards we found for this legislator in 2013, click [show]. Show

Personal

Note: Please contact us if the personal information below requires an update.
La Rosa prefers his wife, Mary, have three children.[14]

BALLOTPEDIA
I'm not confident about my family's future.
Ballotpedia's financial position after expenses exceed all other. Help us by donating ↗

See also

Florida

Florida State Executive Offices
Florida State Legislature
Florida Courts

- Florida House of Representatives
- Florida State Senate
- Florida State Legislature
- Florida state legislative districts

State Executive Elections

2022 • 2021 • 2020 • 2019 • 2018 • 2017 • 2016
Florida elections: 2022 • 2021 • 2020 • 2019 • 2018 • 2017 • 2016

News and Analysis

Party control of state government
State government trifecta
State of the state addresses
Partisan composition of governors

External links

- Search Google News for this topic

Candidate

Florida House of Representatives District 42
- Facebook

Footnotes

1. ↑ 1.0 1.1 1.2 1.3 1.4 "Mike La Rosa Sworn in as Florida PSC Commissioner," January 4, 2021 ↗
2. ↑ "Mike La Rosa for District 42," accessed September 23, 2016 ↗ (archived)
3. ↑ Florida Department of State, "Candidate listing for 2016 general election," accessed September 23, 2016 ↗
4. ↑ Florida Division of Elections, "November 8, 2016 Official Election Results," accessed November 23, 2016 ↗
5. ↑ 5.0 5.1 Florida Department of State, "Candidate and Races," accessed July 1, 2018 ↗
6. ↑ 6.0 6.1 Florida Division of Elections, "August 30, 2016 Official Election Results," accessed September 22, 2016 ↗

Only the first few references on this page are shown above. Click to show more.

Political offices	
Preceded by **Donald Putnam**	**Florida Public Service Commission** 2020-Present — Succeeded by
Preceded by	**Florida House of Representatives District 42** 2012-2020 — Succeeded by **Fred Hawkins** (R)

Public Service Commissioners Show
Current members of the Florida House of Representatives Show
State of Florida Show
Ballotpedia features 364,911 encyclopedic articles written and curated by our professional staff of editors, writers, and researchers. Click here to contact our editorial staff, and click here to report an error. Click here to contact us for media inquiries, and please donate here to support our continued expansion.
PRIMAL GREENS Nutritionally Alkalizing
BUY