

Role Profile for Jesse Arreguín, CA State Senator District 07

Part 1 - Individual/Organization Profile

- Legislator Background

- Name: Jesse Arreguín
- District: 7th District
- Party Affiliation: Democratic party
- Age: 41 years
- Gender: Male
- Ethnicity: Latino/x
- Education: University of California, Berkeley
- Martial Status: Single
- Voter %: 57.2%

- Career Background:

Political

- 2004 - 2009; Served on the Berkeley Housing Commission, and Rent Stabilization Board
- 2008 - 2016; Served as a Berkeley City Council member
- 2016 - 2020; Elected Mayor of Berkeley for two consecutive terms
- 2020 -2022; President of the Association of Bay Area Governments
- 2024 - present; Cal State Senate of District 07

Non-political

- Jesse Arreguin has always been involved in politics and social justice issues;
 - At a young age he was involved in renaming his childhood street name to Cesar Chavez Street in San Francisco
 - During his time at Berkeley, he became apart of the Associate Student of the University of California

- Three issue positions the senator is known for:

a. Affordable Housing

- Regional housing solutions; during his role of ABAG president he advocated and added more than 440,000 new homes
- Currently advocating for afforading housing dedicated to educators, enabling them to be closer to their education sites

b. Healthcare places

- Recently authored a bill that would require healthcare providers to designate private, already existing areas to ensure they continue to be safe spaces for our communities, and support patient care and privacy.

c. Environment

- Green initiatives; phasing out single use plastics and banning natural gases in new buildings

- *Prominent Donors:*

1. California Real Estate PAC (Crepac) - California Association of Realtors - \$21,800.00
2. California State Association of Electrical Workers PAC - \$21,800.00
3. California State Council of Laborers PAC - \$21,800.00
4. California State Pipe Trades Council PAC - \$21,800.00
5. IBEW 302 PAC - \$21,800.00

- *Ideology on issues:*

- Economics
 - ➔ Progressive stance: he is a strong advocate in addressing the states housing crisis. Support increasing regional housing density, and removing exclusionary zoning (land-use regulations, prevents the construction of affordable and diverse housing types)
 - ➔ In opposition of tariffs; argues that hey hurt California's economy by increasing prices, and inflation
 - ➔ Tax incentives; supports tax incentives to help small businesses upgrade security, and repair damage from theft, which is a prominent issue in the Bay Area
 - ➔ Funding to public transportation; co-authored a bill to place a sales tax measure on the 2026 ballot for five counties across the Bay Area to fund public transportation
- Social
 - ➔ Believes in government intervention when it comes to social issues
 - ◆ A combination of law enforcement with violence protection, and mental health services
 - ◆ Advocates for the hiring of community officers, while investing into programs to discovery the root of the problem
 - ➔ Mental Health; believes in shifting the response to homelessness and mental health services to trained social workers instead of police officers
 - ➔ Sanctuary Cities; partnered with Planned Parenthood to make Berkeley a sanctuary city
 - ➔ Immigration raids; co-authored a resolution condemning immigration raids and reaffirming California's support with immigrants and refugees
- Environmental

- Aggressive environmental policies;
 - ◆ Co-authored the “Deep Green” recommendations; which required energy efficiency and onsite water reusage
 - ◆ Banning natural gas hookups in new buildings
 - ◆ Advocates to phasing out single-use, throw-away plastics
- Increase housing near public transit
- Reforming of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), arguing that it was being used to block new housing projects, including student housing.

Part 2 - Constituents profile

- Industries

- Health Care and Social Assistance; such as MediCal. This industry are huge employers all over the district
- Education; huge employers + the University of California, Berkeley
- Trade and Logistics; major port for international trades
- Professional and Businesses; huge hub of small businesses
- Unemployment rate: 4.9%
- Poverty rate: 12.3%
- Demographics
 - Population:
 - ◆ 946,979 pop
 - Population breakdown
 - ◆ Race
 - White...293,829
 - Asian...178,527
 - Black...141,071
 - Hawaiian or Pacific Islander...3,614
 - Native America...2,095
 - OTHER...8,162
 - ◆ Ethnicity
 - Hispanic/Latino - ...260,416
 - 65,339 being Mexican
 - ◆ Age:
 - 30 - 39 years,
 - 66% of the population are between the ages of 18 to 64
 - ◆ Income levels:
 - \$59,367 per capita income
 - \$104,868 median household income
 - Under \$50K...26%

\$50K - \$100K...22%
 \$100K - \$200K...28%
 Over \$200K...24%

→ Urban

- Center in the East Bay Area; Contra Costa, Alameda, and San Francisco County

→ Rural

- The Bay Area is not classified as a rural area

- *Politics*

- Partisan voter registration

Total registered:

→ Alameda... 396,323

→ Contra Costa...147,548

→ San Francisco...0

Registered Democrats:

→ Alameda...279,192

→ Contra Costa...96,566

→ San Francisco...0

Registered Republicans:

→ Alameda...19,402

→ Contra Costa...12,569

→ San Francisco...0

Registered Independent:

→ Alameda...7,586

→ Contra Costa...3,744

→ San Francisco...0

Registered Green:

→ Alameda...3,687

→ Contra Costa...974

→ San Francisco...0

- *% voted Democrat/Republican in 2020, 2016, 2012*

- 2012

→ Democrats: 61.5%

→ Republicans: 38.5%

Total votes: 372,812

- 2016

→ Democrats: 66.69%

→ Republicans: 33.31%

Total Votes: 405,607

- 2020

- Democrats: 66.0%
- Republicans: 34.0%
- Total votes: 514,654

- 3 *specific issues that are important to your constituents*

- Homelessness; constituents are concerned with the high rates of unhoused individuals throughout Oakland and Berkeley
- Climate change and environment; progressive community in which prioritizes transitioning to green energy and preparing for natural disasters
- Public Safety; community safety and concerns regarding high crime rates

- *Constituents' general positions on economic, social, and environmental issues*

- Economy
 - High cost of living; frustrated with high cost of living, everyday expenses, and housing
 - Homelessness; concerns over the high rates of homelessness
 - Wages; many believe that employers have not updated their wages to match the standard cost of living in the district
- Social
 - Homelessness: high rates of homelessness
 - Public safety; high crime rates
 - Reproductive freedom; concerns over the sanctuary of their city
 - Immigration; concerns over ICE raids
- Environment
 - Largely progressive community; look towards greener, renewable energy