Role Profile: Jerry McNerney

Part 1: Individual/Organization Profile

Name: Jerry McNerney

District: California State Senate District 5

Party Affiliation: Democrat

Age: 74

Gender: Male

Ethnicity: Irish and Swiss

Race: White

Marital Status: Married to his wife, Mary McNerney of 48 years with 3 children

Education Level: 2 years at St. Joseph's Military Academy (US Military Academy at West Point) which he left in protest of the US' involvement in the Vietnam War and a Bachelor's, Master's, and a Ph.D. in Mathematics at University of New Mexico

Career Background:

- Non-political
    - Contractor to Sandria National Laboratories at Kirtland Air Force Base
    - Senior Engineering Position with US Windpower
    - Energy Consultant for PG&E, FloWind, The Electric Power Research Institute, and more
    - CEO of HAWT (Horizontal Axis Wind Turbine) Power
- Political
    - California's 9th Congressional District from 2007 to 2023
    - 5th California State Senate District from 2024 to present
    - Obama passed a bill he wrote in 2013 this allowed Veterans to keep receiving benefits during the government shutdown and a bill that he also wrote for Veterans with traumatic head injuries

- Co-sponsored a bill that requires the Secretary of Energy to give a report on thermal insulation on energy consumption and systems that give drinkable water to federal buildings
- METH Act
- Committee on Energy and Commerce
- Committee on Science, Space, and Technology
- Various Caucus Memberships

Number of Years in Current Role: 1 year

Percentage of Votes Received in the Last General Election: He received 52.9% of the votes (189,688 votes) in 2024 California State Senate 5th District Election

Three Issue Positions for which your Politician is Best Known: The three issue positions for which my politician is best known is eliminating discrimination, energy consumption and production, and veterans

Prominent Donors to your Politician's Campaigns: The top donor to McNerney is General Atomics followed by: Painters & Allied Trades Union, JStreetPAC, Another Planet Entertainment, and Perkins Investment Management.

Ideology on Economic, Social, and Environmental Issues:

- Economic
    - Supports welfare, affordable housing, and safe neighborhoods
    - Supports IRA
    - Involved in many acts for renewable energy which helps the IRA (Cap and trade)
- Social
    - Supports Veterans with the bills passed in Obama's tenure written by McNerney
    - Against air pollution
    - METH Act
    - Against the overturn of Roe v. Wade
    - Asked for the resignation of VA Secretary Eric Shinseki after delays at VA Healthcare Facilities
    - Congressional Freethought Caucus (against discrimination)
- Environmental
    - Very renewable energy forward, most wind
    - Committee on Energy and Commerce

Part 2: Constituent Profile

Economics:

- Industry McNerney is in is renewable energy and raised money goes to funding renewable energy and a reduction in air pollutants.
  - Grid Innvoation Caucus
- Besides energy he is also big on the future of AI
  - Congressional AI Caucus
  - Wi-Fi Caucus
- No unemployment rate associated/found with McNerney
- Median household income for the district is $104,303 while the state's median household income is $93105.42
- Poverty Rate is 14% while the state's rate is 12.5%

Demographics:

- Population is 1,026,304
- Breakdown of population
  - Race/Ethnicity: .3% is American Indian/Alaska Native, 12.9% is Asian, 5.9% is African American or Black, 40.8% is Hispanic, .7% is Hawaiian Native or another Pacific Islander, .1% is classified under "other", 3.7% is two or more races, and lastly 35.7% is White
  - Age: 34.8 is the median age, 13% is 0-9, 15% is 10-19, 12% is 20-29, 14% is 30-39, 14% is 40-49, 12% is 50-59, 10% is 60-69, 6% is 70-79, and 3% is 80+.
  - Income: $104,303 is the median household income, 23% make under 50k, 25% make between $50k-100k, 30% make between $100k-200k, 22% make over 200k.
  - A mix of suburban, urban, and rural

Politics:

- Partisan Voter Registration: 506,243
- % voted Democrat/Republican in 2020, 2016, 2012
  - 2020: 57.6% democrat and 42.4% republican
  - 2016: 57.4% democrat and 42.6% republican
  - 2012: 55.6% democrat and 44.4% republican

- 3 Specific Issues that are Important to your Constituents: Water Policy, infrastructure, and healthcare
- Constituents' general positions on economic, social, and environmental issues
- Constituents General Positions: they are mainly viewed as in the middle, almost 50/50 of people align themselves democratically or conservatively. Although the liberals outweigh them most of the time since most of the representatives are democrats.