

## **Role Profile for Henry Stern, CA State Senate District 27**

### **Part 1...Individual/Organization Profile**

- *Personal background*
  - Name: Henry Stern
  - District: California State Senate District 27
  - Party Affiliation: Democrat
  - Age: 43
  - Gender: Male
  - Race: White
  - Ethnicity: Jewish
  - Marital Status: Married to Alexandra Kaufman
  - Educational level: Graduated from Harvard University, went on to graduate from UC Berkeley School of Law
- *Career Background*
  - Non Political: Henry Stern was an undergraduate in Harvard University and would later on attend UC Berkeley School of Law. Stern after graduating from UC Berkeley School of Law would then become an environmental attorney. Stern was also senior advisor to Fran Pavley.
  - Political: In 2016 Henry Stern was elected into California's 27th District State Senate and became the first millennial to be elected in the California State Senate. From 2018 to 2022 Stern served as the Chair of the Senate Natural Resources & Water Committee. Henry Stern has stayed present as California's 27th District Senator for the past 9 years.
- *Committees Henry Stern has been involved in:*
  - Vice-Chair of the Joint Legislative Committee
  - Chair of Joint Legislative committee on Emergency management
  - Chair of the Senate Natural Resources & Water Committee
  - Senator Stern is a member of three standing Senate Policy Committees: Judiciary; Natural Resources and Water; and Energy, Utilities, and Communications
- Number of years in current role:
  - Henry Stern has been Senator for the past 9 years
- % of Vote received in the last general election
  - Stern received 59.5% of the votes (270,005) on 5th of March, 2024

- *Issues the senator is best known for:*
  - Standing up to oil and gas companies
  - Fighting to create incentives for companies to create a “clean transportation and renewable energy infrastructure”
  - Support small businesses
- *Prominent Donors to Stern*
  - The senator's biggest donor is the Service Employees International Union. They are a major labor union that represents 2 million workers by providing healthcare, public services and property services.
    - Los Angeles Police Protective League Pac Small Contributor Committee
    - American Federation Of Government Employees
    - Becker Law Group
- *Ideology*
  - Economic: Stern is the architect of California’s Future of Work Commission, which focused on establishing paid family leave, childcare options, wage parity for women. Stern also helped expand the California film tax credit and he as well stands with striking industry workers.
  - Social: In 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 campaigned funding for programs that aid those with intellectual and development disabilities (IDD). He successfully got \$250 million in additional IDD funding in 2019 and 2020. Stern tried to push an additional \$400 million in funding for IDD but was pushed down due to the budget of COVID-19.
  - Environment: From 2018 to 2022 as Chair of the Senate Natural Resources & Water Committee, he authored SB 1477, establishing the Technology and Equipment for Clean Heating (TECH) initiative. Which would provide \$200 million in incentives for low-emission space and water-heating technology into buildings. Stern also leads California’s Build Back Better plan to help boost electrical vehicles, while also securing LA’s water supply.

## **Part 2...Constituent Profile**

- Economics
  - Prominent Industries of the 27th Senate district include entertainment, media, healthcare, as well as tourism.
  - Unemployment rate: 4.4%
  - 23% of those who live in this district make under \$50k whereas 24% make over \$200k. The median household income is \$114,714
  - The poverty rate is 9.1%
  - 10% of seniors are in poverty in this district
- Demographics
  - Population: 993,140

- Population broken down by race
  - White: 547,646 (55.14%)
  - Black: 36,248 (3.65%)
  - American Indian and Alaskan Native: 1,567 (0.16%)
  - Asian: 115,097 (11.59%)
  - Hawaiian and Pacific islander: 1,115 (0.11%)
  - Other races alone: 6,729 (0.68%)
  - Two or more races: 46,730 (4.71%)
- Population broken down by Ethnicity
  - Hispanic/Latino: 238,008 (23.97%)
- Age
  - The median age is 41.1
  - The majority of who live in this district is between ages 30 to 39 (15%) whereas the minority of who live in this district are those of ages 80 and up. (4%)
  - 64% of those who live in the district are between the ages of 18 to 64.
- Income
  - Median household income: \$114,714
- Urban/Rural breakdown
  - California's 27th senate district is considered urban
- Politics
  - 2024 analytics election:
    - 59.5% voted for Democrat, 40.5% voted for Republican
  - 2020 analytics election:
    - 60.2% voted for Democrat, 39.8% voted for Republican
  - 2016 analytics election:
    - 55.9% voted for Democrat, 44.1% voted for Republican
  - 2012 analytics election:
    - 53.6% voted for Democrat, 46.4% voted for Republican
- 3 specific issues cared about by the constituents of this district:
  - The 3 specific issues that are cared about in this district are affordable housing and homelessness, transportation and environment
- Constituents' general positions
  - The constituent's general positions are aligned with the Democratic party as we have seen the past 4 elections the democrats have won by large margins. Since they are close to the urban area they are keen on fixing environmental issues, focused on fixing the homeless rates of the district.