

Role Profile for Anna Caballero, CA State Senate District 14



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Part I: Individual/Organization Profile

Legislator Background

Name: Anna Marie Caballero

Age: 70 years old;

Born: April 18, 1955 in Arizona

Party Affiliation: Democrat

Race/Ethnicity: White/Hispanic

Marital Status: Married to Juan Uranga



- retired farmworker attorney and Executive Director of Center for Community Advocacy

Kids: 3

Education: BA from UC San Diego and JD from UCLA Law School

Career Breakdown

Non-political

Anna Caballero was born in Arizona but moved to California where she got her BA from UC San Diego and got her JD from UCLA. She then began her legal career working for the California Rural Legal Assistance and then later cofounded a law firm in 1982 called Caballero, Matcham, & McCarthy, which aimed to provide low cost legal service. Anna Caballero also founded Partners for Peace, a nonprofit organization that aims to reduce youth violence by strengthening families, promoting literacy, and supporting childhood development

Political

Anna Caballero started her political career in Salinas where she worked on the Planning Council and was later elected into the Salinas City Council in 1991. In 1998 Mrs. Caballero became the first female mayor in the history of the city of Salinas. Caballero ran for the State Assembly in 2006 and represented the 28th district til 2010, when she ran for the CA Senate and lost in an upset. In 2011 Governor Jerry Brown appointed Anna Caballero to his cabinet as Secretary of State and Consumer Services Agency (SCSA), where she oversaw 16,000 employees and a 27 billion dollar budget. In 2016 she ran for the State Assembly again winning her seat in the 30th district. In 2018 she ran for the State Senate again and was successfully elected to the 12 district which became the 14th district after redistricting which she still continues to represent. However she announced her run for State Treasure in 2026.

Here are all the political positions that Anna Caballero was a part of:

- Salinas Planning Committee (1980s)

- City Council of Salinas (1991-1998)
- Mayor of Salinas (1998-2006)
- State Assembly for the 28th District (2006-2010)
- Secretary of State and Consumer Services (2011-2015)
- State Assembly for the 30th District (2016-2018)
- State Senate for the 12th/14th District (2018-present)

Here are all the Committees that Anna Caballero is currently in:

- California Joint: Fairs, Allocation, And Classification Committee (Member)
- California Senate: Appropriations Committee (Chair)
- California Senate: Banking And Financial Institutions Committee (Member)
- California Senate: Energy, Utilities And Communications Committee (Member)
- California Senate: Housing Committee (Member)
- California Senate: Insurance Committee (Member)
- California Senate: Judiciary Committee (Member)

Number of years in current role:

- Anna Caballero has spent **6 years as CA State Senator**

Percentage of votes received in last general election:

- **Anna Caballero** received **56.3% (90,016)** of the **votes** against Republican opponent Amnon Shor with 47.3% (69,970) of votes in the **November 2022** election.

3 Issues Caballero is Known for:

Affordable housing

- Anna Caballero has a history of supporting legislation aimed at increasing the housing supply, preserving existing affordable housing, and reducing homelessness. For example she introduced a SB 225 in the 2023-2024 cycle which aimed to preserve existing housing for low-income residents.

Water Access

- Caballero is strongly associated with “water for all” Initiatives. As she represents rural California and without water her district and all of rural California will be at risk. She authored bills such as SB 366 which aimed to set long term water supply targets and make plans to address drought and water scarcity

Education:

- Anna Caballero has pushed to rebuild "crumbling schools" fixing many issues like mold and asbestos. Caballero has done work to improve food at schools to make them safer, healthier, and it also helps local agriculture. She has supported SB 490 which made schools buy agricultural products produced locally with state funds.

Caballero's Contribution from Individuals (2024)

In total Anna Caballero **raised \$378,794** from **149 donors**:

Top 5 donors:

- International Brotherhood Of Electrical Workers: \$12,500
- United Food & Commercial Workers Western States Council Pac Small Contributor Committee: \$10,000
- Motor Vehicle Software Corp: \$5,500
- Turo: \$5,000
- H Cycle, Llc Robert Morgan: \$5,500

Top 5 Industries that have donated:

- Insurance: \$21,500
- Industry Unions: \$12,500
- Crop Production & Basic Processing: \$12,000
- Health Professionals: \$12,000
- Pharmaceuticals/Health Products: \$12,000

In-state vs Out-of-state Donations:

- Instate: \$258,900 (68.35%)
- Out-of-state: \$119,894 (31.65%)

*During her Election Cycle (2022) Anna Caballero **raised \$736,869** from **335 donors**:*

Top 5 Donors:

- National Assn Of Realtors: \$19,400
- National Education Assn: \$19,400
- Los Angeles Police Protective League: \$14,700
- Mission Indians: \$11,499
- California Association Of Highway Patrolmen: \$9,900

Top 5 industries that have donated:

- Public Sector Unions: \$79,199

- Building Trade Unions: \$56,100
- Real Estate: \$37,200
- Misc Issues: \$37,200
- Misc Unions: \$22,000

In-state vs Out-of-state Donations:

- Instate: \$587,229 (79.76%)
- Out-of-state: \$149,000 (20.24%)

Stances on Economic, Social, and Environmental issues

Economic:

- Anna Caballero focuses on creating good-paying jobs and expanding economic opportunities to rural communities. Anna Caballero is a proponent of infrastructure development especially those regarding water, energy, and clean infrastructure projects. However Anna Caballero is willing to reject and modify bills if she believes cost will burden certain sectors.

Social:

- Anna Caballero aims to help low-income families, people experiencing homelessness, and she is an advocate for immigrant rights. Anna Caballero was inspired by movements started by Cesar Chavez and Dolores Huerta, and thus is a big advocate for immigrant and farmworkers rights. Additionally Caballero supports affordable housing for veterans, low income families, and working families and she often includes homelessness shelter funding in her agenda.

Environmental:

- Anna Caballero environmental stances are mixed as on the one hand supports many climate and environmental protections, such as addressing climate change, improving air quality, and promoting clean energy research. But on the other hand, Anna Caballero has often abstained and even opposed certain bills if she believes it will have a huge economic cost or impact on jobs.

Part 2: Constituent Profile

Economics

Main Industries:

- The main Industries in Anna Caballero district are **Agriculture and Food Processing** as it is the biggest driver of the regional economy. **Healthcare and Social Assistance** are another main industry due to the ever growing population and demand for healthcare workers. **Retail and Hospitality** employs many people due to ever growing cities like Merced and Fresno.

Median Household Income:

- \$60,393 is the median household income
 - <50k: 42%, 50-100k: 31%, 100-200k: 21%, 200k+: 6%

Per Capita Income:

- \$24,953Z

Unemployment Rate:

- ~8%

Poverty rate:

- 22.6% people below poverty rate
 - Children under 18: 31% below poverty line, Seniors 65+: 19% below poverty line

Demographics

Population:

- 1,008,106 residents

Veterans:

- 3.8% of the population (26,833)

Median Age:

- 31.5 years old
 - 0-19: 33% / 20-29: 15% / 30-39: 15% / 40-49: 12% / 50-59: 10% / 60+: 15%

Sex:

- 51% Males / 49% Female

Race/ethnicity:

- Hispanic (Any Race): 66%, White (Non-Hispanic): 18%, Asian (N-H): 8%, Black (N-H): 4%

Place of Birth:

- Foreign-born population: 24.1%
 - Latin America: 79%, Asia: 18%, Europe: 2%, Africa: 1%

Education:

- No degree: 30% / High School degree: 26% / Some college: 30% / BA or higher: 14%

Rural/Urban

- This district is considered mainly **rural** and oftentimes called the “rural heartland”. However many **urban cities** exist in it. Cities such as Fresno, Merced, Los Banos, and many more

Politics

Partisan Voter Registration:

- Total Registered: 434,563
 - Democrat: 44.31%, Republican: 25.13%, Other: 30.56%

Presidential elections:

- 2020 Election
 - Democrat: 52.9%, Republican: 45.1%
- 2016 Election
 - Democrat: 49.24%, Republican 43.21%
- 2012 Election:
 - Democrat: 49.72%, Republican 47.94%

3 Issues Important to Constituents:

- Based on the demographic, economic, and social factors of the district, three important issues to the district are **housing affordability**, **water accessibility**, and **immigration rights**.

Constituents General Positions:

- Like its representatives, Anna Caballero, Adam Gray, and Jim Cost to name a few, the 14th district stands as a **moderate democrat** on most issues. To be more specific they are a **social democrat** and a **fiscally conservative**. The Constituents are **left leaning** on most **social issues** like immigration and farmworkers right, while being **conservative** in the **economy** as agriculture and water are the backbone of its economy.

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