

Role profile for Susan Rubio, CA State Senate District 22

Part 1: Individual/Organization Profile

- *Legislative Background*

Name: Susan Rubio

District: 22nd- Spanning Los Angeles & San Bernardino Counties

Party Affiliation: Democratic

Age: 54

Gender: Female

Ethnicity: Hispanic

Marital Status: Divorced- left former Assemblymember Roger Hernandez (allegations of abuse during their separation).

Education: Attended East LA College, earned a Bachelor's & Master's degree from Azuza Pacific University, and a Doctorate from the University of La Verne.

- I've included a link to the 22nd district map [here](#). This link also takes you to her information page.

- *Career Breakdown*

- Non Political →

Susan Rubio was born in Juarez, Mexico, and became a citizen in 1994 after being sponsored by her youngest sister, Sylvia. Her parents were undocumented and deported twice, with Rubio being with them during that time. She began her teaching career in the Baldwin Park Unified School District and taught for over 17 years. She is a part of the first pair of sisters to serve in the CA legislature.

Political →

- Rubio was elected City Clerk of Baldwin Park in 2005, having decided to get involved in politics after realizing that many issues in the classroom stemmed from larger socioeconomic problems. She was then elected to the Baldwin Park City Council in 2009, where she served two terms. During that role, she focused on balancing the city budget during the Great Recession of that time, implementing domestic violence prevention programs, passing policies to increase women's representation on city commissions, and enforcing environmental protections.

- She was elected to the California Senate in 2018, representing the 22nd district, and was re-elected for the same role in 2022. Her current term will end in 2026.

- *Listed below is a collection of committees Rubio is/was involved in →*

- Joint Committee on the Arts: Member.
- Senate Committee on Energy, Utilities and Communications: Member.
- Senate Committee on Governmental Organization: Member.
- Senate Committee on Health: Member.
- Senate Committee on Insurance: Chair, reappointed in January 2025.
- Select Committee on Minority Economic Development: Chair.
- Special Committee on International Sporting Events (2026 World Cup/2028 Summer Olympics): Member.
- Senate Gun Violence Working Group: Member
- Working Group on Survivors of Sexual Assault: Member
- San Gabriel Valley Caucus: Chair
- Latino Legislative Caucus: member
- Legislative Women's Caucus: member
- CA Technology and Innovation Caucus: member
- Environmental Caucus: member
- Armenian Caucus: member
- Inland Empire Caucus: member
- Los Angeles County Delegation: member

- *Number of years in current role: 7 years (since 2018)*

- *% of Vote received in the last general election:* She got 58.5% of the vote and 110,327 votes

- *Issues the Senator is best known for:*

The Senator has supported legislation that allows more protections for domestic abuse survivors, increased enforcement of the sex offender registry, and expanded mental health resources.

- *Prominent donors to Rubio:*

The biggest individual donor is Andrew Schwartzberg- a real estate developer focused on affordable housing.

The largest company donation was from the California Association of Realators- a group focused on promoting and protecting an environment for the entire Real Estate industry.

- *Below are smaller donors:*
- Farmers Insurance
- State Building & Construction Trades Council Of California
- CA State Council of Laborers
- Association of California School Administrators
- Chevron Corp.
- CA Chamber of Commerce
- CA Bankers Association

- *She also has many endorsements- including:*
 - Lieutenant Governor Eleni Kounalakis
 - State Controller Malia Cohen
 - State Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara
 - State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond
 - State Treasurer Fiona Ma, CPA
 - California Teachers Association / National Education Association
 - Equality California
 - Honor PAC National Union of Healthcare Workers (NUHW)
 - Senator Angelique Ashby
 - Senator Marie Alvarado-Gil

- *Ideology*
 - Some of Rubio's most prominent bills include *The Phoenix Act*: legislation that extended the statute of limitations for domestic violence victims to report abuse.
 - She's also championed efforts to increase affordable housing and provide support for those facing houselessness- including the Homeless Equity for Left Behind Populations (HELP) Act.
 - SB 388: Creates a statewide Latino Commission to gather data and address equity gaps in health care, housing, and education.
 - SB 998 (Human Trafficked Children Program Protection Act): Expands the protections offered to victims of child labor trafficking.
 - Currently, she's focusing on bills that address Domestic Abuse and similar circumstances.

Highlights from current bills:

- SB 19 a bill she authored that closed a loophole in threats of gun violence towards schools and churches, recently passed. Senator Catherine Blakespear (D-38) was a co-author and Senator Kelly Seyarto was a supporter.
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Constituent Profile

Economics

- The largest income is primarily from Public Administration, due to the district's proximity to Los Angeles.
- Health Care & Social Assistance also plays a large role in bringing in income to the district.

Demographics

- Population: 1,009,475
- Breakdown by race →
 - White: 141,401
 - Black: 37,457
 - American Indian or Alaskan Native: 2,176
 - Asian: 165,528
 - Hawaiian or Pacific Islander: 1,283
 - Multiracial: 18,852
- Breakdown by ethnicity →
 - Hispanic/Latino: 637,986
- As the numbers show, the Hispanic and Asian Communities are the largest within the district. The primary language outside of English is Spanish.
- Age →
 - **Ages 18-24:** 17.0%
 - **Ages 25-64:** 55.8%
 - **Ages 5-17:** 7.4%
 - **Ages 0-4:** 2.9

Income

The median income is around \$86,000, while the per capita income is \$32,475- which is significantly lower than state and national averages.

Terrain

The district is mostly very urbanized with high-density residential areas. Ex. Alhambra, Maywood, & South Pasadena.

- *Politics*

2023 Total Registered Voters: 571,184

2023 demographics by party:

- Democrat: 45.78%
- Republican: 23.88%

- *Concerns + Priorities*

- *According to a poll done in 2024, constituents are concerned about:*

- “Strong bipartisan agreement on the importance of Medi-Cal.”
 - Over 90% of Independents and Republicans, and 100% of Democrats, say that Medi-Cal is important to the state.
 - Around 90% of Democrats, Independents, and Republicans consider Medi-Cal “personally important” to them or their families.
 - Eighty-two (82%) of all residents, including over 80% across all political affiliations, report that they or a family member have received Medi-Cal services.
- Strong bipartisan opposition to federal cuts.
 - Close to 8 in 10 (79%) Democrats, 68% of Independents, and 69% of Republicans oppose reductions in federal Medi-Cal funding.
- Widespread anxiety about Medi-Cal’s future.
 - Close to three-quarters (73%) of residents are concerned that future Medi-Cal enrollees may not receive the same benefits available today.”

Constituents' General Positions:

- Based on the voting history, it’s clear that constituents tend to be in favor of democratic policies and priorities.