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## Role Profile for Tony Strickland, CA State Senate

### Part 1: Individual Profile

#### Legislator Background

- Name: Anthony Strickland (Nickname is “Tony”)
- District: California State Senate District 36
- Party Affiliation: Republican
- Age: 55
- Gender: Male
- Race: White
- Marital status: Married to his wife, Carla
- Education: Bachelor of Arts degree obtained at Whittier College in California

#### [Political] Career Overview


- Staff Member of Assemblyman Tom McClintock (1996-1997)
- Member of the California State Assembly for the 37<sup>th</sup> District (1998-2004)
- California State Senator (2008-2012 [19<sup>th</sup> District], 2025-Present [36<sup>th</sup> District])
- 66<sup>th</sup> Mayor of Huntington Beach (2022-2023)
- Member of the Huntington Beach City Council (2022-2025)

List of State Senate Committees that Strickland is in:

- Banking and Financial Institutions Committee
- Business, Professions and Economic Development Committee
- Energy, Utilities and Communications Committee
- Labor, Public Employment and Retirement Committee [Vice Chair]
- Transportation Committee [Vice Chair]
- Los Angeles-San Diego-San Luis Obispo (LOSSAN) Rail Corridor Residency Subcommittee

#### Number of years in current role

- Strickland has been in his current role as the state senator for the 36<sup>th</sup> District for 6 months



### Percentage of vote received in the last general/special election

- In the last election that he ran, Strickland got 51.3% of the vote (81,133 votes) in the special election on February 25, 2025

### 3 Best-Known/Priority Issues & Positions

1. Taxpayer Protection/Fiscal Conservatism
2. Public Safety
3. Opposition to Housing Mandates

### Prominent Campaign Donors

- California Republican Party
- Lincoln Club (conservative club PAC)
- IGT Global Solutions PAC (gaming industry PAC)

### Ideology

- Economic: Advocates for lower taxes, fiscal responsibility, and spending reform; earned an “A” rating from the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association
- Social: Opposes overreach from the state government; tough on crime and homelessness
- Environmental: Opposes high-density housing requirements; advises wise spending on transportation (is supportive of transportation, but opposes building a high-speed train for California)

## **Part 2: Constituent Profile**

### Economics

- Prominent Industries
  - Professional/Management Services
  - Healthcare
  - Retail & Hospitality/Tourism
- Unemployment Rate:
- Income: \$114,174 (Median)/\$57,494 (Per-capita)
- Poverty Rate: 8.9%

## Demographics

- Population: 974,667
- Population Breakdown
  - Race:
    - 47% White
    - 29% Latino/Hispanic
    - 18% Asian
    - 2% Black/African American
    - <1% Native American/Alaska Native
    - <1% Pacific Islander
    - 4% Other/Two+ races
  - [Median] Age: 43.4 years
- Urban/Rural Split
  - Mostly urban and suburban (coastal cities, dense suburbs)
  - Very little rural area

## Politics

- Partisan Voter Registration: 452,762 registered voters
- Partisan Voting Percentage
  - 2012: 43.2% Democrat, 54.8% Republican
  - 2016: 48.1% Democrat, 45.8% Republican
  - 2020: 53.2% Democrat, 44.6% Republican
- 3 issues that are important to constituents
  - 1. Housing Affordability/Cost of Living
  - 2. Public Safety
  - 3. Local Economy
  - HM: Environmental/Coastal Protection
- Constituents' general positions on issues
  - Economic
    - Fiscally conservative
    - Pro-business
    - Lower taxes
    - Local economic growth
  - Social
    - Socially Heterogeneous
    - Coastal areas are more conservative in terms of public safety and local governance
    - Urban areas tend to be more moderate
  - Environmental
    - Deeply care about coastal/environmental issues (water quality, sea level impacts)
    - Split over state-level environmental regulation versus business interests
    - Coastal areas balance environmental preservation with development interests