

Role Profile for Angelique V. Ashby, CA State Senate District 08

**Part 1: Individual/Organization Profile**

- Name: Angelique V. Ashby
- District: California State Senate District 08
- Party Affiliation: Democrat
- Age: 51 years old
- Gender: Female
- Race/ethnicity: White
- Marital status: Married to Zachary Rucker, an emergency room nurse at Sutter Sacramento Emergency Department
- Education level: Bachelor's degree earned at UC Davis, later earned a law degree at University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law

**Career background**

Non-political

- After moving in her childhood from Oregon to California Asby became a young single mother at 20 years old. During this time she worked all throughout her time at UC Davis. Throughout her entire undergrad education she also worked with foster youth while working in the office of Sacramento's public defender. Later, after receiving her law degree she opened a consulting firm with her father.

Political

- Ashby began her political career after being elected to the Sacramento City Council in 2010 representing the first district. She then served 12 years with 7 of those being Vice

mayor during her tenure. She then ran for state senate in 2022 and was elected against Dave Jones.

Committees Ashby is in:

- Budget Committee
- Business and Professions Committee
- Education Committee
- Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials Committee, *Chair*
- Senate Appropriations Committee
- Business, Professions and Economic Development Committee
- Energy, Utilities and Communications Committee
- Senate Governmental Organization Committee
- Senate Judiciary Committee
- Fairs, Allocation, and Classification Committee
- Rules Committee Emergency Management Committee, *Chair*
  
- *Number of years in current role:*
  - She was elected late 2022, so 2-3 years
- *% of vote received in the last general election:*
  - In the December 2022 election she received 51.5% against Dave Jones who received 48.5%
- *Issues for which your politician is best known:*
  - Ashby is most known for her approach to homelessness and creating more affordable housing available within her district. She also is strongly involved in education and youth programs, specifically foster youth and creating more pathways for them.
- Prominent donors to your politician's campaigns
  - California Association of Highway Patrolmen PAC (largest donors, \$19,400)
  - California Professional Firefighters Ballot Issues Committee (largest donors, \$19,400)
  - Los Angeles Police Protective League PAC (largest donors, \$19,400)

- California Real Estate PAC (Crepac) - California Association of Realtors
- California State Council of Laborers PAC
- United Domestic Workers of America Action Fund PA
- Sheet Metal Workers 104 District 2
- *Ideology on economic, social, and environmental issues*
  - **Economic:** Ashby emphasizes economic equity, funding for infrastructure, support to working families, small businesses, worker protections, affordable housing. She tends to favor public investments. Belives in businesses being ran with regulation and oversight.
  - **Social:** Supports women's rights, reproductive freedom, equitable access to services, transparency, diversity, social justice in policing, and programs aimed at low-income and marginalized communities.
  - **Environmental:** Ashby is holds a pro-environment position. High scores on environmental voting scorecards, supports climate action, infill development over sprawl, habitat protection, etc. She also pledged not to accept fossil fuel money and has been recognized for environmental voting.

## **Part 2: Constituent Profile**

- *Economics*
  - **Prominent industries**
    - ➔ This district includes the state capital, Sacramento, and communities such as Elk Grove, Rio Linda, Elverta, Vineyard, etc.. Major sectors include the following: Government (state agencies), health care, retail, education, infrastructure, housing, and public services. These being the most prominent as this district is a mix of urban/suburban.

### *Unemployment rate:*

- 5.6%

### *Income levels:*

- \$43,843 Per capita income \$95,265 Median household income

*Poverty rate, etc.:*

- 11% Persons below poverty line

### **Demographics**

Population:

- 937,694 people

Population breakdowns by Race:

- White (Non-Hispanic): 40-45%
- Hispanic / Latino: 30-35%
- Asian: 10-15%
- Black or African American: 8-12%
- Other races or multiracial fill out the rest.

Age:

- Median age: 36.2 years old

Income, etc.

- \$43,843 Per capita income, \$95,265 Median household income

Urban/rural breakdown

- The district is heavily urban/suburban. It includes the city of Sacramento and adjoining suburbs such as Elk Grove, Florin, Rio Linda, Rosemont, etc. There is little to no truly rural area in the current district bounds.

### **Politics**

Partisan voter registration

- Total: **499,330**
  - ➔ Democratic: 255,857
  - ➔ Republican: 96,032
  - ➔ Independent: 110,666

### Analytics by years:

#### 2020

- Democrats: 61.36%
- Republicans: 36.11%

#### 2016

- Democrats: 56.63%
- Republicans: 32.97%

#### 2012

- Democrats: 57.56%
- Republicans: 38.79%

### *3 specific issues that are important to your constituents*

- Sacramento's District 8 constituents care deeply about homelessness, affordable housing, and public safety. Rising housing costs and high homelessness rates make affordability a central issue, while concerns over crime and safety push voters to support policies addressing both enforcement and prevention.

### *Constituents' general positions on economic, social, and environmental issues*

- They are generally aligned with the democratic party based on their voting history as well as demographics.