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# Early life and career

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Rosen attended the University of Minnesota and graduated with a bachelor's degree in psychology in 1979. While she attended college, her parents moved to Las Vegas, where she also moved after graduating. She took a job with Summa Corporation, and worked summers as a waitress at Caesars Palace throughout the 1980s. While working for Summa, she attended Clark County Community College (now the College of Southern Nevada) and received an associate degree in computing and information technology in 1985. She began to work for Southwest Gas in 1990, and then left to open her own consulting business three years later.

# U.S. House of Representatives

  
*Rosen during the 115th Congress in the U.S. House*

# 2016 election

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# U.S. Senate

# 2018 campaign

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  Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, Innovation, and the Internet  
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Subcommittee on Employment and Workplace Safety  
Subcommittee on Primary Health and Retirement Security

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Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

Special Committee on Aging

# Political positions

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# Health care

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In February 2019, Rosen was one of eleven senators to sign a letter to insulin manufactures Eli Lilly and Company, Novo Nordisk, and Sanofi over increased insulin prices and charging the price increases with having caused patients to lack "access to the life-saving medications they need."

# Housing

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# Taxation and employment

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# Personal life

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# Electoral history

# 2016

# 2018

# See also

* *List of Jewish members of the United States Congress*
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