

Senate District 2

CalChiro Recommendation:

Mike McGuire (D)



Mike McGuire was a member of the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors at the time of his election to the Senate in 2014. The third generation Sonoma County resident is a Healdsburg High School and Sonoma State University graduate and former marketing director at KFTY-TV 50. His family farmed prunes and grapes in the Alexander Valley for nearly a half century. McGuire and his wife, Emily, reside in Healdsburg.



Senate District 4

CalChiro Recommendation:

Jim Nielsen (R)



Jim Nielsen was elected to the Senate in a special election in January 2013 but previously served in the Senate from 1978-1990. After leaving the legislature, he served on the Agricultural Labor Relations Board, serve on the Board of Parole and Prison Terms and was elected to the Assembly in 2008. Nielsen was born in Fresno and grew up on a small farm in the San Joaquin Valley. He graduated from CSU Fresno with a bachelor's degree in agricultural business. He later founded a company that utilized rice hulls and rice straw for fuel. He continues to operate the family cattle, field and row-crop ranch. Nielsen and his wife, Marilyn, have five children.



Senate District 8

CalChiro Recommendation:

Andreas Borgeas (R)



Andreas Borgeas is a candidate seeking to succeed termed out Senator Tom Berryhill. Borgeas is currently serving as a member of the Fresno County Board of Supervisors and is a former Fresno City Councilmember. He arrived in the Central Valley after graduating from Georgetown Law School to serve as a judicial clerk. Borgeas and his wife, Anna, have two sons.

Senate District 10

CalChiro Recommendation:

Bob Wieckowski (D)



Bob Wieckowski was an Assembly Member at the time of his election to the Senate in 2014. He owns a law firm specializing in bankruptcy reorganizations and misdemeanor criminal matters and previously served on the Fairmont Planning Commission and Fremont City Council. Wieckowski attended Fremont public schools, and earned a bachelor's degree in political science from UC Berkeley and a law degree at Santa Clara University Law School. Wieckowski lives in Fremont with his wife, Sue.

Senate District 12

CalChiro Recommendation:

Anna Caballero (D)



Anna Caballero is currently serving as an Assembly Member representing Assembly District 30. At the of her most recent election to the Assembly in 2016 she was serving as the Mayor of Salinas. She previously served in the Assembly from 2006 to 2010, served as the Secretary of the California Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency, was a lawyer at the California Rural Legal Assistance, and was on the Salinas Planning Commission. She holds a bachelor's degree in sociology from UC San Diego and a law degree from UCLA. Caballero and her husband, Juan, have three children.

Senate District 14

CalChiro Recommendation:

Andy Vidak (R)



Andy Vidak was first elected to the Senate in July 2013. He has owned a cherry farm and cattle in Tulare County for over 20 years. He attended College of the Sequoias and CSU Fresno before earning a bachelor's degree in Animal business from Texas Tech University.

Senate District 16

CalChiro Recommendation:

Shannon Grove (R)



Shannon Grove is a candidate seeking to succeed termed out Senator Jean Fuller. Grove previously served in the Assembly , served in the United States Army and owns Continental Labor Staffing Resources which focuses on serving the energy and food producing industries in the Central Valley. Grove and her husband, Rick, have five children.



Senate District 18

CalChiro Recommendation:

Bob Hertzberg (D)



Bob Hertzberg was elected to the Senate in 2014. He previously served in the Assembly from 1996 to 2002 and was the Assembly Speaker. After leaving the Assembly, he became a full partner in a Los Angeles law firm specializing in government affairs. He also founded the first Los Angeles based company to manufacture lightweight solar panels and co-founded a firm that was centered around making venture capital investments in clean energy companies. Hertzberg was born in Los Angeles and received a bachelor's degree in history and english from the University of Redlands and a law degree from UC Hastings. Hertzberg has three sons.



Senate District 20

CalChiro Recommendation:

Connie Leyva (D)



Connie Leyva was the President of the California Labor Federation and the United Food and Commercial Workers International Union at the time of her election to the Senate in 2014. She earned a bachelor's degree in communicative disorders from the University of Redlands. Leyva and her husband, Albert, reside in Chino and have two daughters.

Senate District 22

CalChiro Recommendation:

Mike Eng (D)



Mike Eng is a candidate seeking to succeed termed out Senator Ed Hernandez. Eng previously served in the Assembly, was a member of the Monterey Park City Council and as a Los Angeles Community College Board of Trustees. He founded a law firm specializing in immigration and nationality law. He has a bachelor's degree and master's degree from the University of Hawaii and a law degree from UCLA. Eng is married to Congresswoman Judy Chu.



Senate District 24

CalChiro Recommendation:

Maria Elena Durazo (D)



Maria Elena Durazo is a candidate seeking to succeed Senator Kevin de Leon. She serves as the Executive Vice President of the national AFL-CIO. She previously served as the Executive Secretary-Treasurer to the Los Angeles County Federation of Labor and the National Director of the Immigrant Workers' Freedom Ride. Durazo has two children.



Senate District 26

CalChiro Recommendation:

Ben Allen (D)



Ben Allen was a member of the Santa Monica-Malibu Board of Education at the time of his election to the Senate in 2014. He is an attorney and former UCLA Law School lecturer. He earned a bachelor's degree in history from Harvard University, a master's degree in Latin American Studies from Cambridge University and a law degree from UC Berkeley Law School.

Senate District 28

CalChiro Recommendation:

Jeff Stone (R)



Jeff Stone was a member of the Riverside County Board of Supervisors at the time of his election to the Senate in 2014. He previously served on the Riverside County Transportation Commission and the Temecula City Council. Stone is the owner of Innovative Compounding Pharmacy and is an assistant professor of Pharmacology at CSU Dominguez Hills. He earned his Pharm.D. degree at USC. Stone and his wife live in Temecula.

Senate District 30

CalChiro Recommendation:

Holly Mitchell (D)



Holly Mitchell was an Assembly Member at the time she was elected to the Senate in September 2013.

Mitchell was elected to the Assembly in 2010, was the CEO of Crystal Stairs, one of the largest childcare agencies in California, is a former chair of the California State Commission on the Status of Women, and served on the Los Angeles Commission for Children, Youth and Their Families. She is also a former legislative advocate for the Western Center on Law and Poverty, former executive director of the California Black Women's Health Project and former legislative staffer.



Senate District 32

CalChiro Recommendation:

Bob Archuleta (D)



Bob Archuleta is a candidate seeking to fill the vacant seat in Senate District 32. He is a current member of the Pico Rivera City Council and serves on the Los Angeles County Library Commission and the United States Army Advisory Board for Military Recruitment. He is an Army veteran and former Montebello reserve police officer. Archuleta and his wife, Rosie, have five children.

Senate District 34

CalChiro Recommendation:

Janet Nguyen (R)



Janet Nguyen was a member of the Orange County Board of Supervisors at the time of her election to the Senate in 2014. She previously served on the Garden Grove City Council and is a former Assembly staffer. She has a bachelor's degree in political science from UC Irvine. Nguyen and her husband, Tom, have two sons.



Senate District 36

CalChiro Recommendation:

Pat Bates (R)



Republican Leader Patricia Bates was a member of the Orange County Board of Supervisors at the time of her election to the Senate in 2012. She previously served in the Assembly, was a member of the Laguna Niguel City Council and was a social worker in South Central Los Angeles. Bates and her husband, John, have two children.

Senate District 38

CalChiro Recommendation:

Brian Jones (R)



Brian Jones is a candidate seeking to replace termed out Senator Joel Anderson. He served in the Assembly from 2010 to 2016 and is a former member of the Santee City Council. He attended San Diego State University where he earned a bachelor's degree in business administration. Jones and his wife, Heather, live in Santee with their three children.

Senate District 40

CalChiro Recommendation:

Ben Hueso (D)



Ben Hueso was an Assembly Member at the time of his election to the Senate in March 2013. Prior to serving in the Assembly, he was a member of the San Diego City Council, served on the California Coastal Commission and owned and operated a small business in Logan Heights. He has a bachelor's degree from UCLA, studied Russian language at the University of Odessa in Ukraine, and completed post-graduate studies in community and economic development at San Diego State University.