



Senator Benjamin Allen

District 24 - Democrat

Counties Represented:

Coastal portions of Los Angeles (Agoura Hills, Beverly Hills, Calabasas, El Segundo, Hermosa Beach, Hidden Hills, Lomita, Malibu, Manhattan Beach, Palos Verdes Estates, Rancho Palos Verdes, Redondo Beach, Rolling Hills, Rolling Hills Estates, Santa Monica, Torrance, West Hollywood, Westlake Village, and southern portions of Gardena)

About Benjamin Allen:

Ben has thrown himself into the important work of state government, focusing on wise decision-making and pushing for reforms that address systemic inadequacies in our state. He has authored important laws in a variety of areas, from environmental protection to electoral reform. Among his efforts to reform California campaign finance and elections laws, Ben authored the landmark Voter's Choice Act of 2016 to implement more flexibility in how and where to vote, creating the vote center model used in the 2020 elections which resulted in significantly increased voter turnout. Ben also has been a leader for campaign transparency, and was a leader in passing the Disclose Act and Petition Disclose Act which has dramatically improved disclosure of donors to political causes for the public. The California Clean Money Campaign has routinely ranked him top in the Legislature for his commitment to clean money political reform. Ben grew up in the 26th Senate District and attended public schools, graduating from Santa Monica High School in 1996. Ben has a Bachelor of Arts degree magna cum laude in History from Harvard University; a Master's degree in Latin American Studies from the University of Cambridge; and a Juris Doctor degree from UC Berkeley. Fluent in Spanish, Ben is a Senior Fellow with the international human rights organization Humanity in Action, an Aspen Institute-Rodel Fellow, a Truman National Security Project Fellow, and a graduate of the Jewish Federation's New Leaders Project. He and his wife Melanie, an attorney, have a little son, Ezra.

Member Priorities & District Issues

Member Priorities

- Homelessness;
- Environmental Protection and Climate Change;
- Political Transparency

Committee Membership

Standing Committees

- Chair, Environmental Quality
- Mental Health and Addiction
- School Climate and Student Safety
- Select Committee Student Success

Legislation

- Signed onto ASES Budget Letter, 2017, 2018
- SB 720 - Environmental Education
- SB 933 - Arts for Every Student Act

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