



Assemblymember Christopher M. Ward

District 78 - Democrat

Counties Represented:
San Diego (El Cajon and San Diego) County

About Christopher M. Ward:

Assemblymember Ward chaired the San Diego County Regional Task Force on the Homeless, transforming outdated strategies to align with national best practices while making meaningful gains to address and respond to homelessness; chaired the Land Use and Housing Committee, updating restrictive housing codes and incentivizing affordable development; and chaired the Economic Development and Intergovernmental Relations Committee, supporting local business. Before becoming an elected official, Assemblymember Ward was the Chief of Staff to Senator Marty Block, coordinating constituent services, engaging public participation in the legislative process, and addressing the needs of schools and neighborhoods, and an environmental planner at the firm EDAW, working with local government to update land use policies and law, and conduct CEQA environmental reviews. Assemblymember Ward earned his Bachelor of Arts degree at Johns Hopkins University and a Masters in Public Policy and Urban Planning at Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government. He and his partner, Thom, reside in University Heights with their two children, and their cairn terrier.

- Vice Chair - California Legislative LGBTQ Caucus;
- California Legislative Jewish Caucus;
- California Technology and Innovation Caucus;
- California Environmental Legislative Caucus;
- Legislative Progressive Caucus

Member Priorities & District Issues

Member Priorities

- Affordable Housing;
- Homelessness Crisis;
- Economic Development;
- Environment Sustainability;
- Equal Pay

Committee Membership

Standing Committees

- Chair, Select Committee on Biotechnology
- Chair - Housing and Community Development
- Labor and Employment
- Select Committee on Asian American and Pacific Islanders Equity, Inclusion, and Representation
- Select Committee on Social Housing

Subcommittees

- Budget Subcommittee No. 5 on State Administration

Legislation

- Signed onto ASES Budget Letter, 2019
- AB 340 - Golden State Scholarshare Trust
- AB 421 - Community colleges: career development and college preparation courses

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