



## Assemblymember Robert Rivas

*District 29 - Democrat*

**Counties Represented:**  
Monterey, San Benito, Santa  
Clara, Santa Cruz counties

### About Robert Rivas:

Rivas was raised in Paicines, California, where his grandfather was a farmworker at Almaden Vineyards. Rivas and his brother Rick grew up in farmworker housing, cared for by their single mother and beloved grandparents, who emigrated from Mexico in the 1960s. Rivas' first-term legislative achievements include securing passage of the Farmworker Housing Act, which streamlines the process to build quality housing for farmworkers and their families. Rivas also won passage of the \$89 million Golden State Teacher Grant Program, which provides \$20,000 scholarships to teachers who commit to teach high-need subjects, like STEM, special education, and bilingual education, in schools facing a shortage of qualified teachers. The bill helps ensure that every student can get a high-quality education, regardless of which school they attend. A long-time champion of the environment, Rivas won bipartisan support for the Oil Transportation Safety Act, which improves the state's preparedness to protect coastal regions after a potential spill of nonfloating oil. The bill updates safety standards and ensures the state is ready to protect public health and marine life from this unique threat. Rivas graduated with a Bachelor's in Government from CSU- Sacramento and later earned a Master's in Public Administration from San Jose State University. Assemblymember Rivas lives in Hollister with his wife Christen and their 4-year-old daughter Melina.

- Vice Chair - Latino Legislative Caucus

## Member Priorities & District Issues

### Member Priorities

- TBD

### Committee Membership

#### Standing Committees

- Chair - Agriculture
- Appropriations

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