



Senator Steve Padilla

District 18 - Democrat

Counties Represented:

Imperial county, portions of Riverside county (Blythe, Coachella, Indio), portions of San Bernardino county (Needles), and portions of San Diego county (Chula Vista, Imperial Beach, and portions of San Diego)

About Steve Padilla:

Senator Padilla is a native of San Diego, a graduate of Bonita Vista High school, and lifelong Chula Vista resident. Before becoming an elected official, he served 13 years in law enforcement, beginning in the City of Chula Vista and concluding in the City of Coronado, where he served as a Detective, specializing in domestic violence and child abuse. Senator Padilla's interest in public affairs began early in life, as did his service to Chula Vista, where he served as a member of the Board of Ethics and Safety Commission. Prior to being elected to the State Senate, Steve worked with a variety of private entities, non-profit organizations, and public interest groups advocating on economic development projects, and transportation, housing, environmental and social justice issues. In 2008, he served as a member of the Independent Task Force on U.S. Immigration Policy for the Council on Foreign Relations. Senator Padilla is noted for being the first person of color ever elected to City office in Chula Vista history, the first Latino Mayor, and the first openly LGBT person to serve or be elected to city office. He holds undergraduate degrees in Liberal Arts and Public Administration from Southwestern College and National University, and studied law at Western State University, College of Law. He has been a published columnist writing on local, state, and national policy issues. Senator Padilla is the proud father to Ashleigh, an accomplished professional in political and policy advocacy, and his son-in-law, Nelson, a former political staffer and current U.S. Naval officer.

Member Priorities & District Issues

Member Priorities

Committee Membership

Standing Committees

- Budget and Fiscal Review Committee
- Housing
- Natural Resources and Water
- Governmental Organization
- Agriculture

Subcommittees

- Chair of Budget Subcommittee #4 on State Administration and General Government

Joint Committees

- Joint Legislative Committee on Climate Change Policies
- Joint Legislative Budget Committee

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