



Senator Joel Anderson (Anderson) was first elected into CA state Senate in 2010, representing district #36 and since 2014 district #38 – a “heavily Republican district”. He was born on February 11, 1960, in Detroit, Michigan. Anderson earned his Associate’s degree in Business Administration from Grossmont Community College and a Bachelor’s degree in Finance and Business Administration from the CA State Polytechnic University in Pomona. He also has experience as a small business owner.

Prior to serving as senator, he served as CA state Assembly member from 2006-2010 (district #77). In 1998 he ran for CA state Assembly (district #75) but lost. Prior to his state career, he became Board President of the Padre Dam Municipal Water District, treasurer on the board of the Resource Conservation District of Greater SD County, and board member of the Adam Smith Institute, as well as a member of the Citizen’s Advisory Board of Miramar College. Anderson is currently on the CA chair of the American Legislative Exchange Council, made up of state legislators aiming at a “limited government, free markets and federalism” and consistent with this a former member of the exclusive SD Lincoln Club.

His recent and historical voting record<sup>1</sup> indicates a potential clash with the SDGs: he takes a pro-gun position (described as “efforts to protect the Second Amendment”), an anti-immigration standing (e.g. 2015/2016, no on SB 10 to authorize undocumented immigrants to be eligible for health coverage), an anti-social labor position (e.g. repeatedly against bills to increase minimum wage, e.g. 2015/2016, no on SB 3; 2014, no on SB 935; 2011, no on SB 299 to allow Pregnancy or Childbirth Leave for Employees). Although engaged in environmental commissions in the past, he has a very bad environmental stand (e.g. 2015, no on the ambitious SB 350; 2015, no on AB 1496). He also has a conservative social position (e.g. 2012, no on SB 1172 to prohibit sexual conversion therapy related to sexual orientation; 2015, no on SB 128 – “Aid-in-Dying-Drugs”). However, he voted in favor of 2015, AB 1211, authored 2015, SB 759, which would allow prisoners in psychiatric services to earn credits to be released earlier, and was in favor of a more recent bill to “prohibit filing criminal charges against minors for prostitution.” Other votes, such as no on SB 277, or no on SB 1333, along with a pro-privatization and pro-gun stand suggest a focus on freedom based on great self-responsibility.

Anderson is on a small number of committees. He currently sits on the Standing Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review. He is vice chairing the Standing Com. on Public Safety and also on Elections and Constitutional Amendments.

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- ### Top Issues (based on sponsored bills)
1. Law & Government
  2. Crime & Law Enforcement
  3. Taxes & Public Finance
  4. Health
  5. Social Welfare

Authored Bills (2017-2018 session):

**14**  
(Average)

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% bills became law (2015-16 session):

**75.6%**  
(High)

- ### Coauthors Most:
1. James Gallagher
  2. Christina Garcia
  3. Brian Jones

2nd term • Reelection: N/A

Ideology: Very Conservative

Last Elected: **68.9%** in 2014 vs Fotios Tsimboukakis (D)

Religion: Christian

**Important Upcoming Legislation:** SB 336 (exonerated inmate transitional services), SB 416 (elder abuse), SB 718 (civil forfeiture of terrorists’ possessions), SB 710 (silencer possession becomes a felony)



Total Population:

929,760

Median Household Income:

\$75,390

Age:

65+: 12.5%  
40-64: 33.5%  
22-39: 23.6%  
18-21: 5.72%  
0-17: 24.6% (USA: 22.7%)

Ethnicity:

Non-Hisp. White: 58.4% (USA: 63.3%)  
Hispanic: 26.8%  
Asian: 6.9%  
African-Am: 3.72%

Education:

Bachelor's Degree or Higher: 41.8%  
(CA: 30.7%; USA: 28.8%)  
Professional or Doctorate Degree:  
4.9% (CA: 3.8%; USA: 3.2%)

**Cities:** San Diego, El Cajon, Santee | **Counties:** San Diego  
**State Assembly Districts:** CA-71, CA-75, CA-76, CA-77, CA-79  
**Congressional Districts:** CA-49, CA-50, CA-51, CA-52, CA-53

Misc

Recent Press Releases:

- **May 16, 2017, [Anderson.cssrc.us](#):** "Senator Anderson made a second request to Senate President Pro Tempore Kevin de Leon to convene an informational hearing to review California's public universities' law enforcement policies..."
- **April 24, 2017, [Anderson.cssrc.us](#):** "Encore Capital Group's 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Global Volunteer Day with Habitat for Humanity and Senator Joel Anderson"
- **March 29, 2017, [Anderson.cssrc.us](#):** "At today's press conference held outside of the West Covina City Hall, Senator Joel Anderson and LA area elected officials discussed how SB 54 negatively impacts public safety in their districts."

Recent Statements:

- **April 03, 2017, on [SB 54](#):** "SB 54 shields child abusers, human traffickers, and elder abusers from deportation and guarantees their return to our communities, and that's why our fight must continue."
- **Feb 23, 2017, on [immigration](#):** "The DHS memos confirm that serious and violent felons are still ICE's priority, and California's current TRUST Act allows for cooperation in those instances."
- **Feb 06, 2017, on [campus safety](#):** "An information hearing to discuss these incidents, law enforcement's policies, and the decisions that were made will give us an opportunity to fully understand what assistance must be provided to campus law enforcement, or what changes in state law must be made, to ensure that our campuses are safe... for our students."

Recent Tweets: (Senate bills, town hall, Elections Committee)

- **June 14, 2017:** "AB112 passes Complete power=corruption. When Sen changes law to protect themselves from the people=lost their way"
- **June 09, 2017:** "Ideas? Questions? Concerns? Join me June 17 @ my #AndersonTownHall."