



Dr. Shirley Nash Weber (Weber) has served for the 79<sup>th</sup> state assembly district since the 2013-2014 session, thus first elected in 2012. Born on September 20, 1948, she is the widow of the Honorable Daniel Weber, a former CA State Judge. Originally from Arkansas, Weber moved to CA at the age of 3, and has lived in the 79<sup>th</sup> district for over 30 years now.

Coming from rather poor socio-economic circumstances, she has shown dedication to education. Weber received her B.A., M.A. and Ph.D. at UCLA by the age of 26. She received her Ph.D. of Philosophy in Speech Communications, specializing in African American movement studies and black language. Before completing her doctorate, she became an assistant professor of speech at the age of 23 at San Diego State University. There, in the 1970s, she helped establish the African Studies Department, which she eventually chaired. Weber has teaching experience (as a professor) at San Diego State University, CA State University LA, and the LA City College. Consistent with her career and background, she focuses primarily on the policy issues of education (see K-12 education reform), social justice and civil rights, culture, as well as ethnicity and minority equity. She was, for instance, a director of the Academy for Effectively Teaching African American Students and initiated the Alternative Spring Break in South Africa for cultural exchange. She served on the National Council for Black Studies, and on boards such as the NAACP, YWCA, YMCA Scholarship Committee, Battered Women Services, and San Diego Consortium. Weber was elected in 1988 to the SD Unified School District Board, which she served on until her retirement in 1996; she also became the School Board President.

Her recent and historical voting record<sup>1</sup> suggests a commitment to combating ethnical discrimination in law enforcement (e.g. yes on 2013, AB 4, against detaining individuals based solely on immigration status; sponsored 2015, AB 953 against racial and identity profiling in law enforcement), a pro-labor stand (e.g. yes on 2014, AB 1522; yes on 2016, AB 2757, famers' overtime pay; yes on 2016, SB 3 and 2013, AB 10, increase minimum wage), a pro-immigration stand (e.g. yes on 2014, SB 1159 and 2016, SB 10, authorization rights to immigrants) and social issues (e.g. authored 2016, AB 2466 to allow felons to vote from jails; 2013, yes on AB 154) and a very pro-environment stand (e.g. 2015, yes on AB 1496, to reduce methane emissions). This record seems to support the SDGs. She currently chairs the Assembly Standing Committee on Elections and Redistricting. She chairs the Assembly Selective Com. on Higher Education in SD County, and that on Campus Climate. She is part of the Assembly Standing Com. on Appropriations, on Education and that on Higher Education.

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- ### Top Issues (based on sponsored bills)
1. Education
  2. Crime & Law Enforcement
  3. Health
  4. Ethics & Civil Rights
  5. Government Operations & Politics

Authored Bills  
(2017-2018 session):

**22**  
(High)

% bills became law (2015-16 session):

**43.4%**  
(Average)

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2nd term • Reelection: 2018

Ideology: Very Liberal

Last Elected: **34.8%** in 2014 vs John Moore (R)

Religion:

**Important Upcoming Legislation:** AB 214 (postsecondary education hunger), AB 783 (African-American cultural preservation), AB 801 (citizens redistricting), AB 1323 (sustainable water use)

