

Assemblymember Mark Stone

Mark Stone represents the people of California's 29th Assembly District, which includes portions of Santa Cruz, Santa Clara, and Monterey Counties. Now in his third term as a state legislator, he has earned his reputation as a leader helping California's most vulnerable residents.



For the last several years, Mark has served as Chair of the Assembly Judiciary Committee, which reviews legislation on issues including family law, product and tort liability and immunity, immigration, commercial contracts, court and jury procedures, and civil practice. He has written several laws to protect the civil rights of members of the LGBT+ community, sexually exploited youth, and immigrants.

As a long-time member of the Assembly Human Services Committee, Mark has successfully fought to transform group homes for foster youth into places where youth can access intensive therapy and services, create a California Earned Income Tax Credit (CalEITC) for working families, assist low-income pregnant women better prepare for the arrival of their babies, and protect critical benefits for poor families.

As an environmental champion, Mark has fought to curb illegal coastal development, reduce plastic pollution, and clean up drinking water supplies. In his capacity as Chair of the Select Committee on Coastal Protection and Access to Natural Resources, he has held hearings investigating oil spill prevention efforts, plastic garbage effects on the coastal environment, offshore fracking, beach erosion, and coastal access for all Californians.

Mark has written numerous laws to help people released from prison reintegrate into society as part of his commitment to criminal justice reform. He has worked to help juveniles in the justice system get the mental health services they need, and to ensure that they can succeed in their communities when they are released.

Before his service in the Assembly, Mark represented the Central Coast in various capacities. He was elected twice to the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors, where he worked on health care, education, youth issues and the environment. While there, he held leadership roles on the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission, and the First 5 Commission. Additionally, Mark led an overhaul of the Santa Cruz County child welfare system. He was an outspoken supporter of the Queer Youth Task Force and fought to halt discrimination of LGBT youth. As an environmental defender at the local level, he spearheaded the successful effort to ban single-use plastic bags. In addition to his duties as a County Supervisor, Mark served the entire Central Coast as Vice Chair of the California Coastal Commission.

Prior to his work at the County, Mark was a trustee of the Scotts Valley Unified School District, eventually being elected President. Before entering public service, Mark worked as an attorney in the tech industry and as a professor at the Naval Postgraduate School. Mark lives in Scotts Valley with his wife Kathy. They have two adult children. Stone is an avid open water swimmer.

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