



**GAIL PELLERIN**

Assemblymember, District 28

**Willow Glen Neighborhood Association**

**October 29, 2025**

**6:30 PM to 8:00 PM**

# About Me

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- Served as the Chief Elections official in Santa Cruz County from 1993 until retirement in December 2020.
- Served as President of the California Association of Clerks and Election Officials from 2010 to 2012, and as co-chair of the Secretary of State's Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee.
- Elected to the California State Assembly in November of 2022 to represent the 28th Assembly District. Currently serving second term
- Prior public service experience: campaign assistant to political campaigns, a newspaper reporter and photographer, and a community college instructor.
- BS in Journalism from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo

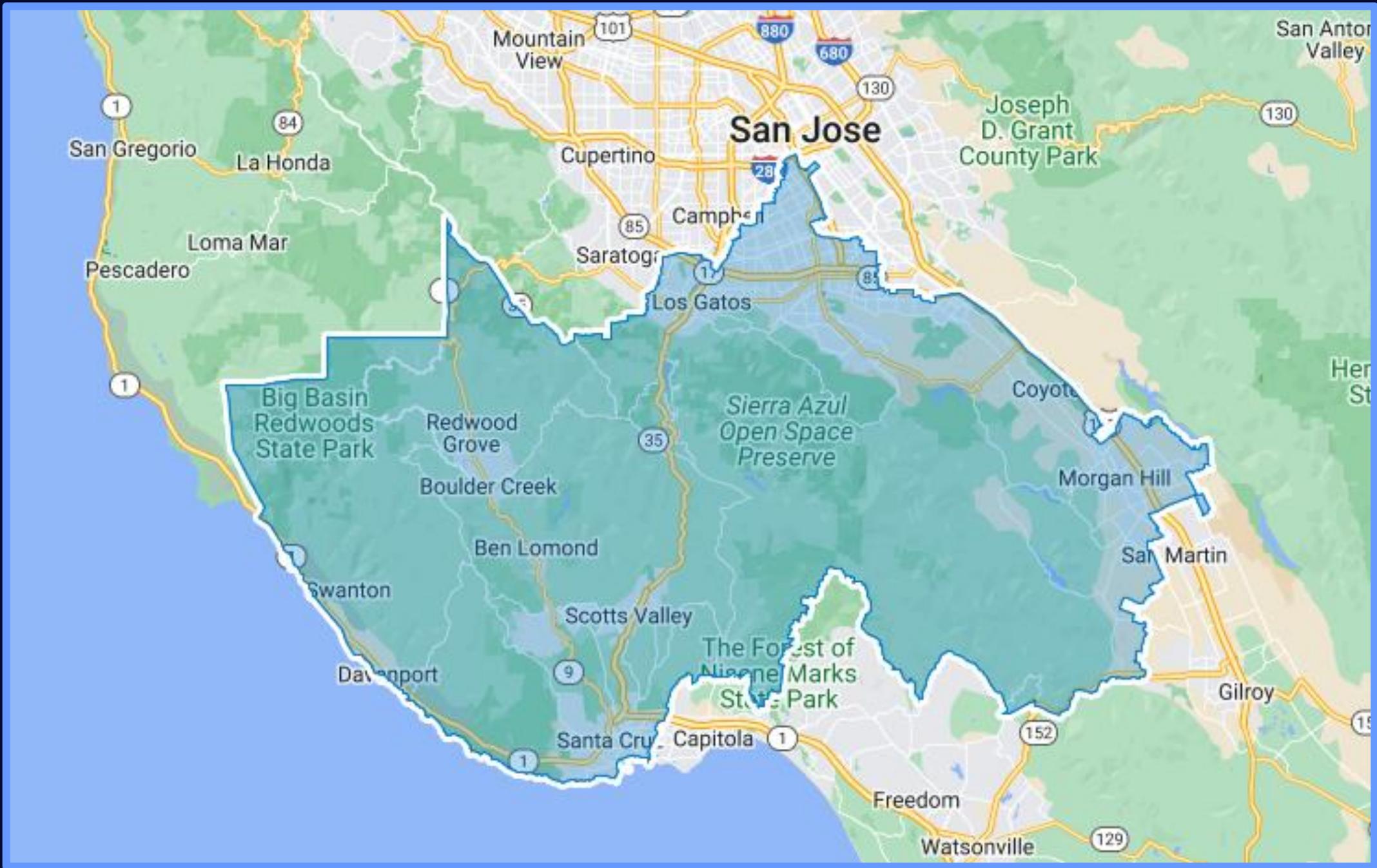


# District Overview

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**Total Population:** 473,114 (from 2020 census)

- **Santa Clara County:** 349,372 constituents
- **Santa Cruz County:** 123,743 constituents
  
- **Cities include:** San Jose, Los Gatos, Monte Sereno, Morgan Hill, Santa Cruz, Scotts Valley



# Committees

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## Standing Committees

- Elections, *Chair*
- Appropriations
- Business and Professions
- Natural Resources
- Privacy and Consumer Protection

## Select Committees

- California's Mental Health Crisis, *Chair*
- Child Care Costs
- Effective Postsecondary Career Technical Education and Workforce Development Programs
- Reproductive Health
- Youth Mental Health and Treatment Accessibility

# 2025 Legislative Highlights: 10 Bills Signed by the Governor

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## AB 414: Deposit Transfers and Tracking

*Requires landlords to return the deposit to the tenant via e-transfer or wire transfer if they have previously used it as a method of payment with the tenant.*

## AB 583: Death Certificates

*Allows nurse practitioners to sign death certificates.*

- California Association for Nurse Practitioners

## AB 679: State Parks Land Acquisitions

*Expedites land transfers from conservation partners to State Parks by exempting them from the Public Works Board process.*

- Sempervirens Fund



## **AB 723: Digital Staging Real Estate**

*Requires that all virtually staged real estate listings, whether for sale or for rent, include an easy to see and obvious label that indicates that the photo has been virtually staged.*

## **AB 996: Local Coastal Program Revisions**

*Establishes a voluntary early consultation process through which local governments can share drafts, get feedback, and resolve issues with Coastal Commission staff before formal LCP submission--reducing the risk of denials later on.*

## **AB 1072: Ballot Mistakes**

*Creates uniform standards for voters to correct their vote by mail ballot when they make a mistake (example: mark a voting target other than the one the voter intended).*

## **AB 1104: Solar Projects**

*Exempts small businesses from requirement to register as an awarding body before installing solar.*

- Scudder Solar Electrical Energy Systems

## **ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS COMMITTEE BILLS**

### **AB 1511: Political Reform Act**

*This is a technical bill containing various minor and technical changes to the Political Reform Act, as suggested by the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC).*

### **AB 1512: Bonds**

*This technical bill standardizes “Yes/No” as options for local bond measures instead of “Bonds Yes/Bonds No”*

### **AB 1513: Election procedures: Certified Mail & Superior court**

*Clarifies that provisions of the Elections Code related to the recall of "trial court" judges apply exclusively to Superior Court judges. Replaces the use of registered mail with electronic or certified mail for elections-related communications.*

# 2025 Legislative Highlights: Two-Year Bills

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## **AB 282: Housing Voucher Preferences**

*Allows landlords to have a preference for Section 8 voucher holders.*

- Santa Cruz County Housing Authority
- California Association of Housing Authorities

## **AB 502: Election Deepfakes**

*Strengthens AB 2839 (Pellerin, 2024) by removing labeling requirement if content would be clearly interpreted to be satire; limiting who can seek relief to only those depicted; and creating consistency to other statutes.*

- California Initiative for Technology and Democracy

## **AB 820: Unhoused Service Coordination**

*Prohibit jurisdictions from transporting persons experiencing homelessness to other jurisdictions without appropriate coordination, including the development of a comprehensive safety plan.*

- City of Santa Cruz

## **AB 1267: Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Services Licensing**

*Streamlines licensing and certification process for SUD treatment providers by allowing them to obtain a single, consolidated license for multiple services offered.*

- California Association of Alcohol and Drug Programs Executives

# 2025 Budget Overview

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- We rejected cuts to social services, Planned Parenthood and women's health clinics, and our UC and CSU systems
- We increased funding for TK-12 education, including preserving universal school meals
- Increased pay for child care providers
- Invested in public safety, providing \$100M to support organizations serving crime survivors
- Increased personnel to prevent and fight future wildfires
- **No new taxes** on individuals and families, while reducing some taxes for military retirees.

# District Budget Wins

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## Healthy School Food Pathway (HSFP): \$10 Million

- Provides unique educational opportunity to support food professionals in serving and preparing healthy school meals
- Host Sites: Los Gatos Elementary School District, Morgan Hill Unified School District, Santa Cruz City Schools and San Lorenzo Unified School District

## Diaper Banks: \$7.4 million

- Second Harvest Food Bank of Santa Cruz County is one of 11 distributors that is a part of the states food and diaper bank network.

### Santa Cruz County Public Library: \$4.5 million

- The library will be able to move forward with the second phase of the downtown Santa Cruz library project. This money was part of the state's "Building Forward Infrastructure Grant."

### MyCaVax System: \$31 million

- This is an important public health information technology tool used to allocate, track and manage vaccine supply and distributions across the state. Annually, it supports the ordering and distribution of over 10 million vaccine doses to more than 7,000 providers.
- This was at risk of being cut and was very concerning to my Santa Cruz Public Health Officers

### Acupuncture & Medi-Cal

- Five Branches University in Santa Cruz educates and trains practitioners in Traditional Chinese Medicine, including acupuncture.
- This was a threatened covered benefit we preserved.

### Equitable Payroll Fund: \$11.5 million

- Fund is meant to support small nonprofit performing arts organizations in hiring and retaining employees by reimbursing a portion of their payroll cost.
- 418 Project, losing their grant meant cutting cut 30% of staff hours and weakening their capacity to keep the building open.

### Victims of Crime Act: \$100 million

- Flagged as a priority by Walnut Avenue Family & Women's Center, Santa Clara District Attorney

### Firefighter Transition: \$221.6 million

- 3,000 seasonal fire fighters to year-round fire fighter

### Public Transit Operation: \$750 million

- Support Bay Area transit agencies facing operational shortfalls.

# Other Budget Highlights

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## Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) Aware: \$2.9 million

This is an initiative led by California Surgeon General Dr. Nadine Burke Harris and the Department of Health Care Services to give Medi-Cal providers training, clinical protocols, and payment for screening children and adults for ACEs.

## California Parkinson's Disease Registry: \$3 million

Depository of information on all Parkinson's disease cases diagnosed or receiving treatment in California. This information is used to expand our understanding of Parkinson's disease to ultimately improve the lives of those affected.

# Suicide Prevention Awareness Month

09/02/25 – Presenting ACR 70 on the Assembly Floor.



09/02/25 – ACR 70 Press conference, joined by local mental health advocates and colleagues in the legislature.



# Care Fair 2025 – Santa Cruz





Nordstrom Elementary



Homeless Garden Project



Diversity Center



Scouting Troop 539



UCSC Students



Santa Cruz Firefighters

# Other Events and Ways to Connect



← Monthly Newsletter

← [www.a28.asmdc.org/sign-updates](http://www.a28.asmdc.org/sign-updates)



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