



Sen. Steve Glazer Biography

Elected to the California State Senate in a special election in 2015, Senator Steve Glazer won re-election to a full four-year term in November, 2016 by winning 67 percent of the vote in the 7th District.

Senator Glazer has become a forceful advocate for smart, efficient and compassionate government. Considered one of the rare independent voices in the Legislature, Senator Glazer votes the issue, not the party. He has defied easy labels, working with a wide spectrum of groups with varying needs and issues. Senator Glazer supports common sense legislation that upholds his 10 Governing Principles, whether reaching across the aisle or voting with his own party.

Senator Glazer voted for a fiscally-responsible State budget that set aside billions in reserves for economic uncertainty and paid off long-standing debt.

Senator Glazer has taken strong actions to support the needs of the vulnerable, voting to raise the minimum wage, and to ensure financial support to infants born while their families are receiving CalWORKs grants.

Senator Glazer has been a strong voice on the environment, casting an important vote to continue California's fight against global warming by setting new targets to reduce emissions. He also voted for new standards to promote clean energy through renewable energy sources.

Senator Glazer's record of supporting small businesses is unquestioned. He voted for a bill to create a tax credit for businesses that improves their accessibility to the disabled. He also stood up for private businesses' ability to compete for projects within the University of California system by voting against unfair new rules.

Education is a top priority for Senator Glazer, who voted to provide higher education opportunities for more students by opening up 15,000 new slots at the University of California and the California State University systems.

Senator Glazer believes that the State should be limited in its reach into local issues. If there is no overriding state interest, most issues can be most effectively dealt with on the local level. He received a 100 percent record with the League of California Cities for his votes to protect local control.

Senator Glazer provides critical oversight of government through his service on committees. He serves on the Governmental Organization Committee and the Budget & Fiscal Review Committee, including the budget subcommittee on State Administration and General Government. He also serves on the Human Services, Business, Professions & Economic Development and Insurance & Banking Committees.

Senator Glazer has made accountability and transparency a hallmark of his stay in the Legislature. He returns home every day from Sacramento, taking per diems only on the rare days he stays overnight in Sacramento, and does not accept gifts.

Senator Glazer's Ten Governing Principles are:

1. Represent the people of our Senate district, not political parties or special interests;
2. Maintain a balanced budget to allow government to help people, and people to have confidence in government;
3. Pursue bipartisan decisions. They are always better and longer lasting;
4. Emphasize education as the gateway to opportunity and prosperity;
5. Work hard to set priorities and hold the line on taxes;
6. Incorporate environmental protection as part of every decision;
7. Empower local decision-making rather than state mandates. It is more responsive and trustworthy;
8. Advance accountability and efficiency with every government program;
9. Promote civility and respect for all people and perspectives;
10. Conduct myself always with honesty and integrity.

Senator Glazer previously served as a city council member and three-time mayor of Orinda. A lifelong environmental advocate, he led efforts that raised hundreds of millions of dollars to permanently protect open space in California and 25 other states.

A former political consultant and communications adviser, Glazer was a senior advisor to California's Governor, Jerry Brown, working with Gov. Brown to help return California to solid financial footing in the midst of the Great Recession. He also served as an appointed California State University Trustee, working on limiting tuition increases and lowering administrative costs at CSU.

Senator Glazer is married to Melba Muscarolas, a former AT&T executive. They have two daughters. Senator Glazer earned his bachelor's degree from San Diego State University in 1979, where he served as Student Body President.

Senate District 7 is based in Northern California's Contra Costa and Alameda counties, encompassing the communities of Alamo, Antioch, Bay Point, Bethel Island, Brentwood, Byron, Clayton, Concord, Danville, Discovery Bay, Dublin, Lafayette, Livermore, Moraga, Oakley, Orinda, Pittsburg, Pleasanton, San Ramon, and Walnut Creek.

The northern portion of the District joins many Delta communities, while the central and southern portions link key Contra Costa and Alameda suburban communities with job centers. This District includes many regional parks and wilderness areas.