

About Assemblymember Ash Kalra, District 27

Assemblymember Ash Kalra was first elected to the California Legislature in 2016, representing the 27th District, which encompasses approximately half of San Jose and includes all of downtown. In 2020, he was re-elected to his third term.

Assemblymember Kalra is the Chair of the Assembly Committee on Labor and Employment and also currently serves as a member on the committees on Housing and Community Development, Judiciary, Transportation, and Water, Parks, and Wildlife.

Assemblymember Kalra has established himself as a leader on issues ranging from criminal justice reform to the environment, as well as health care sustainability, housing affordability, growing our transportation infrastructure, and expanding economic opportunity to all Californians.

Assemblymember Kalra previously served as a San José City Councilmember for eight years and was a deputy public defender in Santa Clara County for 11 years prior to the City Council.

He is the first Indian-American to serve in the California Legislature in state history.