

Hon. Akilah Weber (CA079 D)

State Assemblymember from CA Assembly District 79

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Legal Name: Akilah Faizah Weber
Nickname: Akilah
Ethnicity: Black/African American
Gender: Female



Political Party: Democratic Party - Majority
Elected: First elected in 2021 - 64% of vote last election
Seniority: 48 of 80
Terms Served: Currently serving 2nd consecutive term
Next Election: 2024
Reelection Status: This legislator may run for reelection

Born: 07/02/1978 in San Diego, CA
Residence: La Mesa, CA
Family: Married; 2 children
Spouse: Dennis Gakunga

Education: Gompers Secondary School (CA); Xavier University of Louisiana, Bachelor of Science Biology, Delta Sigma Theta, 2000; University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry (NY), Doctor of Medicine, 2004

Occupations: Medicine/Healthcare - Residency in Obstetrics & Gynecology, Chicago Cook County Hospital, 2004 - 2008; Medicine/Healthcare - Fellowship, Doctor, Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center, (Pediatric & Adolescent Gynecology), 2008 - 2010; Medicine/Healthcare - Pediatric and Adolescent Gynecologist, University of Texas Southwestern, Children's Medical Center, 2010 - 2013; Medicine/Healthcare - Founder, Director, Pediatric & Adolescent Gynecology Division, Rady Children's Hospital-San Diego, 2013 - Current; Education - Assistant Clinical Professor in the Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology & Reproductive Sciences, University of California, San Diego - Health System, 2013 - Current

Political Experience: Member, La Mesa City Council, 2018 - 2021; Member, La Mesa-Foothills Democratic Club Board; Co-Chair, CA State Assembly Special Committee on Legislative Ethics, 2022; Chairman, CA State Assembly Select Committee on the Social Determinants of Health, 2022

Capitol Staff: Ms. Tiffany Ryan, Chief of Staff
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BRIEFING REPORT

CREATED ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 2024

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Mr. Sam Gonzalez, Field Representative

Committees: Assembly Budget
- No. 1 Health - Chairman
Assembly Elections
Assembly Health
Assembly Water, Parks & Wildlife
Assembly Select Biotechnology
Assembly Select Cybersecurity
Assembly Select Digital Frontier & Tech Acc & Transparency
Assembly Select Reproductive Health
Assembly Select Social Determinants of Health - Chairman
Joint Legislative Budget

Biography: Dr. Akilah Weber was elected April 2021 to represent California's 79th Assembly District, which includes parts of Southeast San Diego, Bonita, Chula Vista, La Mesa, Lemon Grove and National City. Dr. Akilah Weber is a medical doctor, educator, City Councilmember, San Diego native, and mom to two young boys.

Dr. Weber is a board-certified obstetrician/gynecologist, and she is the founder and past director of the Pediatric & Adolescent Gynecology Division at Rady Children's Hospital-San Diego. She also served as an Assistant Clinical Professor in the Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology & Reproductive Sciences at UCSD.

Dr. Weber has served on the La Mesa City Council where she's worked to implement the city's Climate Action Plan and championed the creation of both a Community Police Oversight Board and the La Mesa homelessness task force. Since the outbreak of COVID-19, Dr. Weber has also been on the frontlines of the city's efforts to protect public health. Her long record of community activism includes serving on the boards of La Mesa Conversations and the La Mesa-Foothills Democratic Club, and volunteering as the science coordinator for the Links to STEM program for children who are underrepresented in STEM fields.

Dr. Weber grew up in the Oak Park neighborhood of San Diego and graduated from Encanto Elementary School and Gompers Secondary School. She earned her Bachelor's degree from Xavier University of Louisiana and her Medical degree from the University of Rochester Medical School. Dr. Weber completed her residency in Obstetrics & Gynecology at Chicago Cook County Hospital and her fellowship in Pediatric & Adolescent Gynecology at Cincinnati Children's Hospital.

Dr. Weber, and her husband, Dennis, live in La Mesa, with their boys, Kadir and Jalil, and their rescue dog, Shaka. She is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and The Links, Incorporated.