

Rep. Raul Ruiz (CA25 D)

US Representative from CA25



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Legal Name: Raul Ruiz (roo-EES)
Nickname: Raul
Ethnicity: Hispanic/Latino
Gender: Male

Political Party: Democratic Party - Minority
Elected: First elected in 2012 - 57% of vote last election
Seniority: 137 of 441
Terms Served: Currently serving 6th consecutive term
Next Election: 2024
Reelection Status: This legislator may run for reelection

Born: 08/25/1972 in Zacatecas, Mexico
Residence: Palm Desert, CA
Family: Married; 2 children (twins)
Spouse: Monica
Religion: Seventh-Day Adventist

Education: Coachella Valley High School, Coachella, CA, Graduated, 1990; University of California, Los Angeles, Bachelor of Science in Physiological Science (magna cum laude), 1994; Harvard University (MA), Master of Public Policy, 2001; Harvard University (MA), Doctor of Medicine, 2001; Harvard University (MA), Master of Public Health, 2007

Occupations: Medicine/Healthcare - Physician; Medicine/Healthcare - Volunteer Medical Student in Mexico, Partners In Health; Medicine/Healthcare - Emergency Physician, Eisenhower Medical Center, 2007; Education - Senior Associate Dean, University of California, Riverside School of Medicine, 2011 - 2012; Medicine/Healthcare - Founder and Director, Coachella Valley Healthcare Initiative; Medicine/Healthcare - Founding Medical Director, Jenkins-Penn Haitian Relief Organization

Political Experience: Ranking Minority Member, U.S. House Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs, 2015 - 2017; Vice Chair, U.S. House Subcommittee on Environment and Climate Change, 2020; Member (CA36 D), U.S. House of Representatives, 2012 - 2022

Capitol Staff: Mr. Scott Hinkle, Chief of Staff



BRIEFING REPORT

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Capitol Staff: Ms. Alexandra Heller, Legislative Assistant; Acting Legislative Director
- Issues: Agriculture; Animal Rights; Appropriations; Arts; Budget; Campaign; Disability; Disaster; Education; Foreign; Govt Ops; Homeland Security; Housing; Immigration; Military; Native Americans; Rules; Science; Seniors; Tax; Technology; Trade; US Postal Service; Veterans
Ms. Jamie Truax, Legislative Assistant
- Issues: Health
Ms. Mayra Alejandra Rodriguez, Communications Director
Ms. Christ-Shamma Matalbert, Communications Director
Ms. Ale D'agostino, Legislative Aide; Press Assistant; Acting Scheduler
- Issues: Commerce; Consumers; Crime; Energy; Environment; Finance; Judiciary; Labor; Land Use; Public Works; Small Business; Telecommunications; Transportation

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Committees: House Energy & Commerce
- Environment, Manufacturing & Critical Materials
- Health
- Oversight & Investigations
- Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Pandemic - Ranking Minority Member

Caucuses: House American Sikh Congressional Caucus
House Bipartisan Congressional Pro-Choice Caucus
House California Public Higher Education Caucus
House Congressional #FutureForum Caucus
House ALS Caucus
House Congressional Animal Protection Caucus
House Congressional Bipartisan Rural Health Caucus
House Congressional Burn Pits Caucus - Co-Chair
House Congressional Caucus on Foster Youth



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House Congressional Diabetes Caucus - Vice Chair
House Congressional LGBTQ+ Equality Caucus
House Congressional Library of Congress Caucus
House Congressional Multicultural Media Caucus
House Congressional Native American Caucus
House Congressional Primary Care Caucus
House Congressional Small Business Caucus
House Congressional Work for Warriors Caucus
House EMS Caucus
House Expand Social Security Caucus
House CAST and Film Diversity - Co-Chair
House Congressional Academic Medicine Caucus
House Congressional Veterans Jobs Caucus
House General Aviation Caucus
House Quiet Skies Caucus
House Specialty Crops Caucus
House Iran Human Rights & Democracy Caucus
House Law Enforcement Caucus
House Military Veterans Caucus
House New Democrat Coalition
House Public Broadcasting Caucus
House Sustainable Energy & Environment Coalition
Joint Arthritis Caucus
Joint Bipartisan Congressional Task Force on Alzheimer's Disease
Joint California Congressional Delegation
Joint Congressional Caucus to End the Youth Vaping Epidemic
Joint Congressional Cystic Fibrosis Caucus
Joint Congressional Friends of the Irish National Caucus
Joint Congressional Heart & Stroke Coalition
Joint Congressional Hispanic Caucus
Joint Congressional HIV/AIDS Caucus
Joint Renewable Energy & Energy Efficiency Caucus

Biography: U.S. Representative Raul Ruiz, M.D., grew up in the community of Coachella, California, where both of his parents were farmworkers.

Dr. Ruiz achieved his lifelong dream of becoming a physician through public education. After graduating from Coachella Valley High School, Dr. Ruiz graduated magna cum laude from UCLA. He went on to Harvard University, where he earned his Medical Degree, as well as a Masters of Public Policy from the Kennedy School of Government and a Masters of Public Health from the School of Public Health, becoming the first Latino to earn three graduate degrees from Harvard University. He completed his Residency in Emergency Medicine at the University of Pittsburgh and a Fellowship in International Emergency Medicine at Brigham and Women's Hospital. During his training, Dr. Ruiz served as a consultant to the Ministries of Health of both Serbia and El Salvador.



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Biography: Dr. Ruiz returned home after completing his medical training and began working as an Emergency Room doctor at Eisenhower Medical Center. Recognizing the physician shortage crisis in the Coachella Valley, Dr. Ruiz started a pre-medical mentorship program for young aspiring doctors, which has grown to include over 100 local students.

The program became part of the University of California, Riverside School of Medicine, where Dr. Ruiz served as a Senior Associate Dean. Through the group Volunteers in Medicine, he helped to open a free clinic to help underserved communities in the Coachella Valley.

In 2010, Dr. Ruiz started the Coachella Valley Healthcare Initiative, which brought together stakeholders from across the region to address the local healthcare crisis. He has also worked internationally in the medical community. In 2010, Dr. Ruiz flew to Haiti immediately following the 2010 earthquake and served as the Medical Director for the J/P Haitian Relief Organization. The U.S. Army's 82nd Airborne awarded him the Commanders Award for Public Service for his work.

Dr. Ruiz continued his work as an Emergency Room Doctor until he was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 2012. He represents California's 25th District, which includes Imperial County, the Eastern Coachella Valley, and the cities of Banning, Beaumont, Blythe, Hemet, Needles, and San Jacinto.

Dr. Ruiz resides in Indio, California and serves on the House Energy and Commerce Committee.