

Rep. Mark Takano (CA39 D)

US Representative from CA39

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Legal Name: Mark Allan Takano (tah-KAH-no)  
Nickname: Mark  
Ethnicity: Asian/Pacific American  
Gender: Male

Political Party: Democratic Party - Minority  
Elected: First elected in 2012 - 58% of vote last election  
Seniority: 140 of 441  
Terms Served: Currently serving 6th consecutive term  
Next Election: 2024  
Reelection Status: This legislator may run for reelection

Born: 12/10/1960 in Riverside, CA  
Residence: Riverside, CA  
Family: Single  
Religion: Methodist

Education: La Sierra High School, Riverside (CA), 1979; Harvard College (MA), Bachelor of Arts (Artium Baccalaureus) in Government, 1983; School of Education, University of California, Riverside, Master of Fine Arts, Teaching Credentials in Language Arts and Social Studies, 2010

Occupations: Education - Teacher, Rialto Unified School District, 1988 - 2012; Education - Advisor, Rialto High School Gay Straight Student Alliance, 2009 - 2012

Political Experience: Member, Statewide Advisory Committee on School Finance Equalization, appointed by Wilson Riles, 1977; Chairman, Riverside Mayor's Task Force on the Digital Divide; Chairman, Asian Pacific Islander Caucus of the California Democratic Party; Candidate, U.S. House of Representatives, defeated in the General Election, 1992; Candidate, U.S. House of Representatives, defeated in the General Election, 1994; Ranking Minority Member, U.S. House Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, 2013 - 2017; Ranking Minority Member, U.S. House Committee on Veterans' Affairs, 2015 - 2017; Ranking Minority Member, U.S. House Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, 2018; Vice Ranking Minority Member, U.S. House Committee on Veterans' Affairs, 2018; Chairman, U.S. House Committee on Veterans' Affairs, 2020; Member (CA41 D), U.S. House of Representatives, 2012 - 2022; Chairman, U.S. House Committee on Veterans' Affairs, 2022



# BRIEFING REPORT

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Capitol Staff: Mr. Richard McPike, Chief of Staff  
- Issues: Congress; Gender Identity; Human Rights  
Mr. Justin Maturo, Deputy Chief of Staff; Legislative Director  
- Issues: Budget; Congress; Military; Tax; Veterans  
Ms. Adrienne Castro, Senior Legislative Assistant  
- Issues: Appropriations; Disaster; Education; Gun Issues; Homeland Security; Immigration; Intelligence; Judiciary; Labor; Military  
Ms. Mieko Kuramoto, Legislative Assistant  
- Issues: Agriculture; Campaign; Disability; Finance; Gender Identity; Govt Ops; Health; Housing; Native Americans; Small Business; US Postal Service; Welfare; Women  
Mr. Benjamin Hong Starr, Legislative Aide  
- Issues: Aerospace; Animal Rights; Arts; Consumers; Energy; Environment; Public Works; Recreation; Science; Small Business; Technology; Telecommunications; Trade; US Postal Service  
Ms. Serena Alsup, Operations Director  
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Ms. Desiree Wroten, District Director  
Mr. Eddie Jaime, Wounded Warrior Fellow  
Ms. Tiffany Alvarez, Senior Field Representative  
Mr. Ignacio Romero, Constituent Liaison  
- Issues: Veterans  
Ms. Rachel Moore, Constituent Liaison  
Mr. Robert Uribe, Staff Assistant; Digital Assistant

Committees: House Education & Workforce  
- Higher Education & Workforce Development  
- Workforce Protections  
House Veterans' Affairs - Ranking Minority Member

Caucuses: House American Sikh Congressional Caucus  
House Black Maternal Health Caucus  
House Commission Social Status Black Men & Boys Caucus  
House Congressional Affordable Medicines Caucus  
House Congressional Army Aviation Caucus  
House Congressional Baby Caucus  
House Congressional Battery Storage Caucus - Chairman  
House Congressional Caucus on Armenian Issues  
House Congressional Caucus on Foster Youth  
House Congressional Caucus on Public-Private Partnerships (P3)  
House Congressional Deaf Caucus - Co-Chair  
House Congressional Diabetes Caucus  
House Congressional Fusion Energy Caucus  
House Congressional Hepatitis Caucus



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Caucuses: House Congressional History Caucus  
House Congressional Humanities Caucus  
House Congressional Kidney Caucus  
House Congressional LGBTQ+ Equality Caucus - Co-Chair  
House Congressional Maker Caucus - Co-Chair  
House Congressional Public Transportation Caucus  
House Congressional Small Business Caucus  
House Congressional Wire and Wire Products Caucus  
House Democratic Israel Working Group  
House Congressional Veterans Jobs Caucus  
House Small Brewers Caucus  
House National Guard & Reserve Components Caucus  
House Out of Poverty Caucus  
House Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission  
House U.S.-Japan Caucus  
House U.S.- Philippines Friendship Caucus  
House Water Caucus  
Joint Bipartisan Congressional Task Force on Alzheimer's Disease  
Joint Bipartisan Wildfire Caucus  
Joint Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus - Second Vice Chair  
Joint Congressional Auto Performance & Motorsports Caucus  
House Congressional Caucus on the Deadliest Cancers  
Joint Congressional HIV/AIDS Caucus  
Joint Congressional Olympic & Paralympic Caucus  
Joint Congressional Progressive Caucus - Vice Chair  
Joint Friends of Australia Caucus  
Joint International Conservation Caucus (ICC)  
Joint Renewable Energy & Energy Efficiency Caucus

Biography: For more than twenty years, Mark Takano has worked to improve the lives of Riverside County residents, both as an elected official and as a teacher at Rialto High School.

Born and raised in Riverside, Mark's commitment to public service began at an early age. His family roots in Riverside go back to his grandparents who, along with his parents, were removed from their respective homes and sent to Japanese American Internment camps during World War II. After the war, these two families settled in Riverside County to rebuild their lives.

Mark attended La Sierra High School in the Alvord Unified School District, and in 1979 he graduated as the school's valedictorian. Mark attended Harvard College and received his bachelor's degree in Government in 1983. As a student, he bussed tables to help make ends meet. During his senior year, he organized a transcontinental bicycle ride to benefit the international development agency Oxfam America.

Upon graduation, Mark returned home to Riverside and began teaching in the Rialto Unified School District in 1988. As a classroom teacher, Mark confronted the challenges in our public education system daily.



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**Biography:** In 1990, Mark was elected to the Riverside Community College District's Board of Trustees. At RCC, Mark worked with Republicans and Democrats to improve higher education for young people and job training opportunities for adults seeking to learn a new skill or start a new career. He was elected Board President in 1991 and helped the Board and the District gain stability and direction amid serious fiscal challenges.

In 2012, Mark became the first openly gay person of color to be elected to Congress.

Mark Takano represents the people of Riverside, Moreno Valley, Jurupa Valley and Perris in the United States House of Representatives. He serves as Ranking Member of the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and as a member of the Education and the Workforce Committee.