

Rep. Juan Vargas (CA52 D)

US Representative from CA52

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Legal Name: Juan Carlos Vargas (hwahn VAR-guhs)
Nickname: Juan
Ethnicity: Hispanic/Latino
Gender: Male

Political Party: Democratic Party - Minority
Elected: First elected in 2012 - 67% of vote last election
Seniority: 141 of 441
Terms Served: Currently serving 6th consecutive term
Next Election: 2024
Reelection Status: This legislator may run for reelection

Born: 03/07/1961 in National City, CA
Residence: San Diego, CA
Family: Married; 2 children
Spouse: Adrienne D'Ascoli
Religion: Roman Catholic

Education: University of San Diego (CA), Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, (magna cum laude), 1983; Fordham University (NY), Master of Humanities, 1987; Harvard University Law School (MA), Doctor of Jurisprudence, (He was classmates with President Barack Obama), 1991

Occupations: Clergy - Jesuit Novice; Legal - Associate Attorney, Luce, Forward, Hamilton and Scripps; Business - Vice President, External Affairs, Safeco Insurance; Business - Vice President, Corporate Legal, Liberty Mutual Group

Political Experience: Candidate, U.S. House of Representatives, defeated in the Democratic Primary, 1992; Member, San Diego City Council, 1993 - 2000; Candidate, U.S. House of Representatives, defeated in the Democratic Primary, 1996; Member, CA Assembly, 2000 - 2006; Candidate, U.S. House of Representatives, defeated in the Democratic Primary, 2006; Member (CA040 D), CA State Senate, 2010 - 2012; Member (CA51 D), U.S. House of Representatives, 2020 - 2022

Capitol Staff: Mr. Larry Cohen, Chief of Staff
- Issues: Entertainment; Insurance
Ms. Ally Castaneda, Acting Legislative Director



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Capitol Staff: - Issues: Agriculture; Animal Rights; Education; Energy; Environment; Family; Foreign; Health; Medicare; Military; Public Works; Religion; Seniors; Transportation; Women

Mr. Kyle Bligen, Legislative Assistant

- Issues: Economics; Finance; Grants; Housing; Human Rights; Small Business; Tax; Welfare

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- Issues: Agriculture; Economics; Family; Health; Seniors; Social Security; Tax; Welfare; Women

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- Issues: Appropriations; Banking; Budget; Consumers; Economics; Finance; Foreign; Govt Ops; Housing; Immigration; Intergovernmental; Native Americans; Small Business; Telecommunications; Trade

Ms. Janine Pairis Bryant, District Chief of Staff

Ms. Genevieve DePerio Fong, Senior Field Representative

- Issues: Energy; Environment; Grants; Religion; Telecommunications; Transportation

Mr. Antonio Martinez, Field Representative

- Issues: Health; Homeland Security; Seniors; Social Security; Tax; Transportation; Welfare

Mr. Louis Ward, Field Representative

- Issues: Arts; Education; Entertainment; Homeland Security; Human Rights; Intelligence; Judiciary; Minorities

Ms. Valery Gomez, District Aide

Committees: House Financial Services

- Capital Markets

- Financial Institutions & Monetary Policy

- Nat'l Security, Illicit Finance & Intern'l Financial Institutions

Caucuses: House Anti-Terrorism & Proliferation Financing

House Blue Collar Caucus

House Central America Caucus

House Climate Solutions Caucus

House Congressional Addiction, Treatment & Recovery Caucus

House Congressional Animal Protection Caucus

House Congressional Automotive Caucus

House Congressional Border Caucus

House Congressional Caucus on Armenian Issues

House Congressional Caucus on Foster Youth

House Congressional Caucus on Innovation & Entrepreneurship

House Congressional Caucus on Smart Cities

House Religious Minorities in the Middle East

House Congressional Cut Flower Caucus

House Congressional Diabetes Caucus

House Congressional Direct Selling Caucus



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Caucuses: House Congressional FinTech & Payments Caucus
House Congressional Gun Violence Prevention Task Force
House Congressional High Technology Caucus
House Congressional Israel Allies Caucus
House Congressional Israel Victory Caucus
House Congressional Labor Caucus
House Congressional LGBTQ+ Equality Caucus
House Congressional Motorsports Caucus
House Congressional Native American Caucus
House Congressional Small Business Caucus
House Congressional Travel & Tourism Caucus
House Congressional Zoo & Aquarium Caucus
House Expand Social Security Caucus
House Immigrant Servicemembers & Veterans Caucus - Chairman
House Latino-Jewish Congressional Caucus
House Military Veterans Caucus
House National Guard & Reserve Components Caucus
House New Democrat Coalition
House Sustainable Investing Caucus - Co-Chair
House U.S.-Mexico Friendship Caucus
Joint California Congressional Delegation
Joint Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus
Joint Congressional Auto Performance & Motorsports Caucus
Joint Congressional Caucus Kingdom of the Netherlands
Joint Caucus on U.S.-Turkish Relations & Turkish Americans
Joint Congressional Fire Services Caucus
Joint Congressional Hispanic Caucus
Joint Congressional HSI Caucus
Joint Ports Opportunity, Renewal, Trade & Security Caucus
Joint Congressional Progressive Caucus
Joint Congressional Rare Disease Caucus
Joint Congressional Wine Caucus

Biography: Congressman Juan Vargas was raised on a chicken ranch in National City, in California's 52nd District. He is one of ten children, born to his parents, Tomas and Celina Vargas on March 7, 1961. His father, Tomas, immigrated to the United States from Mexico in the late 1940s as part of the Bracero Program which brought millions of Mexican guest workers to the United States on short-term, primarily agricultural labor contracts, as part of a series of bi-lateral agreements between Mexico and the United States. Through the Bracero Program, Tomas became a legal resident and Juan's mother, Celina, went on to earn her U.S. Citizenship.

Taught the value of hard work by his parents, Juan attained impressive academic credentials. He attended the University of San Diego on scholarship, graduated Magna Cum Laude receiving a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science in 1983. In 1987, Juan earned a Master of Humanities from Fordham University in New York City and in 1991 earned a Juris Doctorate from Harvard Law School, where he was a classmate of President Barack Obama.



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Biography: As a young adult, Juan entered the Jesuits, a Catholic religious order, where he worked with disadvantaged communities, including orphaned children and internally displaced people in the jungles of El Salvador. For years, his work with the Jesuits focused on the health and welfare of children and issues of social justice.

Juan left the Jesuits in order to pursue family life. Two years later, he married Adrienne D'Ascoli and they returned to San Diego where Juan worked as an attorney with the law firm of Luce, Forward, Hamilton and Scripps. Although he enjoyed the practice of law, Juan decided to contribute to his community as a public official.