

**Sen. Laphonza Butler (CAS02 D)**

Junior US Senator from CA



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Legal Name: Laphonza Romanique Butler  
Nickname: Laphonza  
Ethnicity: Black/African American  
Gender: Female

Political Party: Democratic Party - Majority  
Elected: First elected in 10/03/2023 - 0% of vote last election  
Seniority: 100 of 100  
Terms Served: Currently serving first term  
Next Election: 2024

Reelection Status: This legislator is retiring at the end of this term

Born: 05/11/1979 in Magnolia, MS  
Family: Married; 1 child  
Spouse: Neneki Lee

Education: Jackson State University (MS), Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Government, 1997 - 2001

Occupations: Labor - President, SEIU Local 2015, 2010 - 2019; Business - Partner, SCRB Strategies, 2019 - 2020; Business - Director, Airbnb, 2020 - 2021; Other - President, EMILYs List, 2021 - 2023

Political Experience: Senior Advisor, Hillary for America, 2016 - 2016; Deputy Campaign Manager, Sen. Kamala D. Harris (D), Candidate for Executive Office of the President, Office of the President, Kamala Harris for the People, 2019 - 2019

Capitol Staff: Mr. Jeffrey B. Lerner, Acting Chief of Staff  
Mr. Marvin B. Figueroa, Chief of Staff  
Mr. Eric Oginsky, Administrative Director  
Mr. Ian Bryan, Legislative Director  
- Issues: Foreign; Military  
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# BRIEFING REPORT

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- Issues: Environment; Land Use  
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- Issues: Energy; Environment; Land Use; Native Americans  
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- Issues: Judiciary  
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- Issues: Foreign; Military  
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Committees: Senate Banking, Housing & Urban Affairs  
- Housing, Transportation & Community Development  
- National Security & International Trade & Finance  
- Securities, Insurance & Investment  
Senate Homeland Security & Government Affairs  
- Investigations  
- Government Operations & Border Management  
Senate Judiciary  
- Criminal Justice & Counterterrorism  
- Federal Courts, Oversight, Agency Action & Federal Rights  
- Human Rights & the Law  
- Constitution - Chairman  
Senate Rules & Administration

Caucuses: Joint Congressional Black Caucus

Biography: BUTLER, Laphonza Romanique, a Senator from California; born in Magnolia, Miss., May 11, 1979; graduated South Pike High School, Magnolia, Miss., 1997; B.A., political science, Jackson State University, 2001; union organizer and president; political campaign consultant and strategist; political action committee executive; University of California Board of Regents 2018-2021; appointed as a Democrat to the United States Senate on October 1, 2023, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Dianne Feinstein; took the oath of office on October 3, 2023.