



BRIEFING REPORT

CREATED ON TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 2025

Hon. Laurie Davies (CA074 R)

State Assemblymember from CA Assembly District 74



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Legal Name: Laurie Ann Davies
Nickname: Laurie
Ethnicity: White/Caucasian
Gender: Female

Political Party: Republican Party - Minority
Elected: First elected in 2020 - 51% of vote last election
Seniority: 22 of 80
Terms Served: Currently serving 3rd consecutive term
Next Election: 2026
Reelection Status: This legislator may run for reelection

Born: 02/27/1962 in Wisconsin
Residence: Laguna Niguel, CA
Family: Married
Spouse: Neil Skewes

Education: California State University, Long Beach, Bachelor of Arts
Occupations: Business - Former Events Manager, Private Monarch Bay Beach Club in Dana Point, (10 years); Business - Owner, Operator, Five Star Wedding & Events, 2000 - Current

Political Experience: Member, Laguna Niguel City Council, 2012 - 2015; Mayor, Laguna Niguel City, 2015 - 2020; Former Member, Transportation Corridor Agency Board; Former Member, Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) Transit Committee; Former Chair, Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) Legislative Committee; Former Chair and President, Association of California Cities Orange County Board; Member, Orange County Fire Authority Board, 2017 - 2019; Member (CA073 D), CA State Assembly, 2018 - 2022; Vice Chair, CA State Assembly Committee on Human Services, 2022; Assembly Republican Whip, CA State Assembly, 2022; Assembly Minority Whip, CA State Assembly, 2025

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Committees: Assembly Governmental Organization - Vice Chair
Assembly Military & Veterans Affairs
Assembly Transportation - Vice Chair
Assembly Special Legislative Ethics
Joint Fisheries & Aquaculture

Biography: Assemblywoman Laurie Davies represents the 74th Assembly District, which includes the communities of southern Orange County, including Dana Point, Laguna Niguel, San Clemente, and San Juan Capistrano plus the communities of northern San Diego County, including Camp Pendleton, Oceanside and Vista.

Laurie Davies is a small business owner and former Mayor who was elected to the State Assembly in 2020, and re-elected in 2022.

Laurie serves on the Assembly's committees for- Military (Vice Chair), Accountability, Transportation (Vice Chair), Communications and Conveyance, Governmental Organization and Water, Parks & Wildlife.

Like so many, Laurie packed up everything and headed west in pursuit of the California Dream. Originally from Wisconsin, after graduating from high school and saving enough money to buy a Cutlass Supreme, Laurie moved to Southern California to attend Cal State Long Beach.

After earning her degree, Laurie planted roots in Orange County where she worked locally in the Restaurant and Hospitality sector. Two decades ago, she launched a small business specializing in wedding and special events that she successfully still operates today.

Over the course of nearly the last twenty years as an entrepreneur and small business owner, Laurie became active in the community. In recognition of her involvement in the community, she was awarded the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award from the Lions Club.

Laurie was first elected in 2012 to the Laguna Niguel City Council in 2012. She was appointed Mayor in 2015 and re-elected in 2016. During her time on the Council, Laurie served as a Board Member on the Transportation Corridor Agency, Chaired the League of Cities Committee on Transportation, Communication and Public Works, and was elected to the OCTA. Laurie served the Board of the Association of California Cities Orange County as President.

Laurie lives in Laguna Niguel with her husband, Neil.