

Assemblywoman Sharon Quirk-Silva General Biography

Assemblywoman Sharon Quirk-Silva was first elected to serve California's 65th Assembly District in 2012. In 2016, she regained her seat to serve the constituents of North Orange County. In 2018, the constituents re-elected her to serve the communities of Anaheim, Buena Park, Cypress, Fullerton, Garden Grove, La Palma, and Stanton. Prior to her service in the State Legislature, she served in local government as a member of the Fullerton City Council from 2004 to 2012, including serving two terms as Mayor.

As a life-long resident of Fullerton Assemblywoman Quirk-Silva has close relations with the community. She was educated in Fullerton public schools through 12th grade and went on to earn an Associate of Arts degree from Fullerton College, a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology at University of California, Los Angeles, and a Teaching Credential from California State University, Fullerton. As one of ten children, she honed negotiating skills and learned the advantages of teamwork early on. As a teacher in the Fullerton School District, Sharon was able to learn about the concerns of her community first hand. A practice she has continued with her work in the State Assembly.

Quirk-Silva has been a strong influence in her Assembly District community, and in the lives of her constituents and their families, paving the way for the next generation of California's leaders. As a legislator, she is passionate about all Californians having access to affordable housing, quality education, and access to physical and mental health services.

Currently in her third term as State Assemblywoman Quirk-Silva has developed the reputation as a hard worker, one who presses for more transparency and communication between state government, local government, and the people of Orange County. Keen to the ways of the legislative process, Quirk-Silva knows it takes people working together, with bipartisan effort, to find common ground when solving the state's challenges.

Quirk-Silva's history of local service in Orange County guides her philosophy on how state government should operate. Solutions are found at home, within the community. Her office's priorities are simple: to use constituent feedback to prioritize the issues, to focus on finding solutions for the people she represents, and demand that Orange County residents receive their fair share of state services.

This past legislative year Assemblywoman Quirk-Silva has supported and championed various bills that warranted her legislative efforts. At the top of her list of priorities are affordable housing, addressing the homelessness crisis, and supporting California's businesses. Assemblywoman Quirk-Silva has been appointed to Chair of the Assembly Select Committee on Orange County Chronic Homelessness. Her focus has been to continue to advocate for her top priorities, having passed nine bills in 2019 addressing causes of Housing and Homelessness, Education, Public Safety, and Mental Health.

The Assemblywoman continues to champion for those issues and has done so with the following:

- Secured \$2.5 million for the Fullerton Boys and Girls Club;
- Secured \$2.5 million for the Fullerton Hunt Library;
- Secured \$20,000 million for the Southern California Veteran's Cemetery;
- Supported \$4 million for the construction of a Korean American National Museum;
- Supported \$14 million in building modernizations for Fullerton Community College;
- Authored: AB 368 Southern California Veteran's Cemetery that was signed into law;
- Championed for the issue of Fairview providing an assistance for up to 200 individuals with severe mental illness in need of housing and supportive services by establishing a temporary mental health program at the Fairview Developmental Center;
- Joint-Authored: AB 2 Community Colleges: California College Promise that was signed into law;
- And many other budget and legislative wins that can be reviewed here (hyperlink the here to link to the legislative page)

Assemblywoman Quirk-Silva is a mother of four children and married to Jesus Silva, Fullerton Council Member and Teacher.