Sharon Quirk-Silva represents the 65th Assembly District in the California State Assembly. She was first elected to serve in the Assembly in 2012. In 2016, she was elected to serve the constituents of North Orange County again. In 2018, she was reelected. The Orange County District includes the communities of Anaheim, Buena Park, Cypress, Fullerton, Garden Grove, La Palma, and Stanton. Assemblywoman Quirk-Silva is also a proud mother, teacher, and former mayor of Fullerton.

A lifelong resident of Fullerton, California, Sharon Quirk-Silva has deep ties to Orange County. Her family was one of the first Latino families to move to the community. Quirk-Silva was educated in Orange County public schools, and earned her degrees from Fullerton College, UCLA, and CSU Fullerton.

A passion for education and public service has guided Sharon Quirk-Silva throughout her career. As a teacher in the Fullerton School District for 30 years, Sharon Quirk-Silva has been a strong influence in the Fullerton community, and in the lives of her students and their families, paving the way for the next generation of California's leaders. As a teacher, she is passionate about all Californians having access to a quality education.

Quirk-Silva was introduced to the political world in the early 2000s, when she and a handful of other teachers helped their elementary-school principal get elected to the school board. She learned about of campaigning, from knocking on doors to making signs. That same year, she helped to start a small group to raise money to find candidates for school board and City Council elections. In 2004, Quirk-Silva ran for Fullerton City Council, won, and served as mayor in 2007. She was a member of the city council until 2012, when she was elected to represent the 65th Assembly District of California. She won the seat again in 2016, and 2018, and has been hard at work addressing the state’s challenges.

Currently in her third term as state Assemblywoman, Sharon Quirk-Silva is known 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 state 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 are treated fairly with the allocation of state budgeting.

She has brought much-needed funding back to the people of Orange County. Since her first term, she has been the driving force behind funding for a memorial and cemetery to the veterans of Orange County and surrounding areas. She secured $19.8 million in the 2018-19 California budget for the land of West Coyote Hills to be used as North Orange County’s last remaining natural open space. Quirk-Silva also secured millions of dollars for the restoration of the historic Fox Theatre in Fullerton, expansion of the Anaheim YMCA, Fullerton College’s Welding Program, funds to support the Muckenthaler Cultural Center in Fullerton, the Fullerton Boys and Girls Club to establish a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) skill set through an after-school curriculum facilitated by CSUF students and faculty, Bridges at Kraemer Place homeless shelter, and funding to support the STARBASE youth program at the Joint Forces Training Base in Los Alamitos, California.

Assemblywoman Quirk-Silva has supported various issues that have consistently warranted her legislative efforts. At the top of her list is affordable housing, addressing the homelessness crisis, and supporting California’s businesses. As Chair of the Assembly Jobs Committee, she secured $23 million, in the 2018-19 State Budget for small businesses. The funds support the development of over 3.8 million small businesses in California and over 6.8 million workers they employ in the state. Quirk-Silva also sits on the Assembly Higher Education Committee which aims addressing legislation regarding university, state university, and community college systems, postsecondary education, and student financial aid. She sits on the Communications and Conveyance Committee that examines issues such as telecommunications, broadband, cable and digital infrastructure, commercial air companies, moving companies, telecommunications, transportation network companies, electric and autonomous vehicles, and related businesses. For a full list of committee involvements, click here.

Quirk-Silva is the author of groundbreaking legislation for the State of California. For instance, she authored a fee-waiver bill that allows homeless people to receive an ID and a copy of their birth certificate without paying for them. She authored AB 2271 to require a state match in federal school kitchen modernization grant funding, and raise amount of grant from $100,000 to $200,000 per site. She authored AB 2521 to protect military reservists from fraudulent, predatory lender obligations when that reservist has been deployed to active duty. She authored AB 490 to increase Cal Grant B Access Award amounts for California’s lowest-income students by extending the College Access Tax Credit five more years. For more examples of legislation authored by the Assemblywoman, click here.
Ever since the beginning of her career holding office, she has been active in organizations serving all of District 65 and Orange County, becoming familiar with our district's cities and developing relationships with their leaders. Sharon knows the importance of community action and advocacy for Orange County's families and businesses. She will take to Sacramento that tireless advocacy and talent for bringing people together to solve problems. As a wife and mother Sharon understands the challenges California families face in today’s difficult economy. She has cast key votes in the State Assembly after two terms in office, and is always ready to engage in more valuable causes for the State of California into the future.

Assemblywoman Quirk-Silva has four children and is married to Fullerton Mayor Jesus Silva, who is also a teacher.