

## SPActivity Worksheet: Know Your Representatives

Unless you work in civil service or in a government affairs capacity, often we are only aware of a few of our representing electeds on a day-to-day basis, except for maybe during campaign season, where you are getting bombarded with political ads and pamphlets speaking to contentious races. The following worksheet is designed to give you an opportunity to understand who your state and local representatives are as it relates to the impact areas you care about most. Utilize the following instructions as a guideline for completing the attached *Home League Legislative Profile*. An editable digital copy can be found in our shared drive for ease of use and as needed.

### FINDING MY REPRESENTATIVES

- Understanding your personal representatives/elected officials in a given area is as easy as knowing your home address and going to this website to search: <https://www.usa.gov/elected-officials>.
- The same would go for a singular organization, business, or point of interest that has an associated address.

### FINDING REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

- However, in our capacity of working with CalSPAC, very rarely are we speaking about representatives of a singular point in a given area, we are speaking to representatives within a broader region.
- We are an organization made up of 17 different Junior Leagues all around the state that have different league and membership boundaries. As representing delegates, the decisions we make are on behalf of our regional League areas and member interests.
- Because of this, it's important for you to understand your own Home League's membership boundaries and the elected representatives within. Whether your Home League represents a city, multiple cities, or an entire county, be sure to search and save a boundary map of each given area for easy reference. Much of this is available on your local city or county government websites.
- Once that is completed, you can now search for what legislative representative districts fall within those boundaries.
- Explore either of the linked interactive maps of the latest drawn boundary lines for Congressional, Senate, Assembly and Board of Equalization representing areas—find your Home League region and make note of each representative district number that falls within: [wedrawthelines.ca.gov/final-maps](http://wedrawthelines.ca.gov/final-maps) and [statewidedatabase.org/gis/districtscomp.html](http://statewidedatabase.org/gis/districtscomp.html).
- Keep in mind that each legislative district goes through a redistricting process every 10 years, after the federal government publishes updated census information. This is when the maps are re-drawn to ensure that the representing districts correctly reflect any updated changes in population movement. This was last completed in 2021. You can find more information on this process here: <https://wedrawthelines.ca.gov>
- Now see who the current representatives are of each of those noted districts at the following links:
  - Current Senators: [www.senate.ca.gov/senators](http://www.senate.ca.gov/senators) (sort by District for easy navigation)
  - Current Assembly Members: [www.assembly.ca.gov/assemblymembers](http://www.assembly.ca.gov/assemblymembers) (use the search function within by typing in the specific district number)
- Visit each representative website and [www.vote-smart.org](http://www.vote-smart.org) to learn about how your state representatives stand on issues you care about. Be sure to bookmark and/or favorite them for easy reference.
- Don't forget about other regional representatives related to your issue area! Think commissioners or members/trustees of public boards (e.g., your local Commission on Homelessness, or your local Unified School District Board of Education, etc.). All publicly funded entities have an associated body making decisions on what should be prioritized and how money is allocated on behalf of the public good.

# Home League Legislator Profile

LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES		
<b>City Councilmembers</b>	<i>Insert Formal City Webpage(s) w/listing of Local Officials</i> City Resource Link:	
<b>Mayor</b>	Name: Office Address: Phone: Email: Website:	
<b>County Supervisor</b>	Full Name: District #: Phone: Email: Website:	
STATE REPRESENTATIVES		
<b>Governor</b>	Name: Office Address: Phone: Email: Website:	
<b>State Senator(s)</b>	Full Name: District #: Phone: Email: Website:	Full Name: District #: Phone: Email: Website:
<b>State Assembly Member(s)</b>	Full Name: District #: Phone: Email: Website:	Full Name: District #: Phone: Email: Website:
FEDERAL/CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATIVES		
<b>U.S. Senator(s)</b>	Full Name: District #: Phone: Email: Website:	Full Name: District #: Phone: Email: Website:
<b>U.S. Congressman(s)</b>	Full Name: District #: Phone: Email: Website:	Full Name: District #: Phone: Email: Website:
OTHER ISSUE AREA REPRESENTATIVES		
<b>Commissioner(s)</b>	<i>Insert Formal Webpage(s) w/listing of Local Representatives</i> Website:	
<b>Member(s)/Trustee(s) of Public Boards</b>	<i>Insert Formal Webpage(s) w/listing of Local Representatives</i> Website:	