

Advocacy Toolkit

The Office of Government & Community Relations (OGCR) advocates for the interests of California State University, Dominguez Hills (CSUDH) with federal, state, and local governments; and partners with civic and community entities when the opportunity presents itself. We do so with the help of the Chancellor's Office, alumni and other supporters. In this toolbox you will discover many effective and practical steps at your disposal to utilize your voice to join us in support of CSUDH. You can [Contact OGCR Staff](#) for any inquiries.

STATE



Although one of the smallest campuses in the CSU system, CSUDH has the largest number of state legislators – eleven – in its service area. They are:

[Sen. Laura Richardson](#) (Direct Representative)

[Sen. Ben Allen](#)

[Sen. Lena Gonzalez](#)

[Sen. Lola Smallwood-Cuevas](#)

[Asm. Mike Gipson](#) (Direct Representative)

[Asm. Josh Lowenthal](#)

[Asm. Jose Solache, Jr.](#)

[Asm. Tina McKinnor](#)

[Asm. Al Muratsuchi](#)

[Asm. Sade Elhawary](#)

[Asm. Isaac Bryan](#)

In addition to their websites above, you can learn more about them and all members at [CSUDH Contact Your Legislator](#) where you can access pertinent information about the entire legislature. Here is a good guide of [How to Communicate to Elected Officials](#).

As the nation's largest four-year public institution of higher education and an essential contributor to California's economy, the California State University works hand-in-hand with government at every level. As a state system, the California Legislature and [Gov. Gavin Newsom](#) are the top priorities of the CSU's Office of [Advocacy and State Relations](#), where you can find information on legislation being tracked, budget issues and other student success priorities.

CSUDH is already designated by the federal government as one of its [U.S. Hispanic Serving Institutions \(HSI\)](#) and [U.S. Minority Serving Institutions \(MSI\)](#) and in 2025 will apply for the newly created through state law [California Black Serving Institutions \(BSI\)](#) designation.

Vote!



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Established in 2016, the [California Secretary of State \(SOS\) Students Vote Project \(SVP\)](#) is a statewide nonpartisan program that elevates college student voices and promotes civic engagement efforts to build a more inclusive democracy.

CSUDH significantly increased its student voter registration from 86 in the 2020 Presidential Election to 262 in the 2024 Presidential Election. Learn more at [College Ballot Bowl Participation](#) and the current [Ballot Bowl Tally By Campus](#). General upcoming election and voter information can be found at [2025-2026 California Civic and Election Dates](#).

FEDERAL



Although the federal policy landscape continues to evolve, the CSU remains committed to fulfilling its core mission: bringing the life-changing benefits of a Cal State degree to students from all backgrounds and walks of life, and ensuring the safety and well-being of all of its students and employees. You can learn more at [CSU Federal Relations](#) and [CSUDH Contact Your Legislator](#). CSUDH's Office of Government & Community Relations continuously engages our federal representatives in the [U.S. House of Representatives](#), [U.S. Senate](#), and [The White House](#). Here are the representatives in our service area:

[U.S. Senator Alex Padilla](#)

[U.S. Senator Adam Schiff](#)

[U.S. Representative Nanette Barragan](#) (Direct Representative)

[U.S. Representative Maxine Waters](#)

[U.S. Representative Ted Lieu](#)

[U.S. Representative Sydney Kamlager-Dove](#)

[U.S. Representative Robert Garcia](#)

CSUDH was able to secure a \$700,000 Community Project Funding allocation from Rep. Nanette Barragan for the College of Health, Human Services, and Nursing. Currently, CSUDH has received \$55 million from [Federal Grant Making Agencies](#) and continues to perform outstanding research and student service programs.

Federal Gift and Travel Rules

The California State University is an entity that employs federal lobbyists and is registered as such under the [Lobbying Disclosure Act](#). Therefore, the CSU and all CSU employees are subject to a detailed and complicated set of restrictions when it comes to providing gifts and travel to members of Congress or Congressional staff. These limitations can be found in the ethics rules of the [House](#) and [Senate](#). [This CSU Guidance Sheet](#) [PDF] provides summary information and basic guidance about those rules.



The Office of Government and Community Relations is the university's primary liaison to the community, building partnerships with local community groups, nonprofits, and legislators. We collaborate on a number of events and programs open to the members of the CSUDH community and local residents. In Los Angeles County, [Supervisor Holly Mitchell](#) represents CSUDH. The [Los Angeles Board of Supervisors](#) currently has a historic all female members.

You can learn more at [L.A. County by the Numbers](#) and find all 88 cities at [L.A. County Cities](#).

On the elected official leadership front, [CSUDH Boasts 5 Elected Mayors](#) highlighted here who are alumni and several more alumni at the state and federal levels.



[Karen Bass](#)
Los Angeles



[Rex Richardson](#)
Long Beach



[Lula Davis-Holmes](#)
Carson



[Alex Vargas](#)
Hawthorne



[Emma Sharif](#)
Compton

CSUDH local service areas covers portions of South Los Angeles, Watts, [South Bay Cities](#) and [Gateway Cities](#).

When searching community partnerships, CSUDH often verify status from the Attorney General's website at [AG Charities/Nonprofits Look Up](#). We have had outstanding partners and collaborations with both private and public organizations, such as, the Special Needs Network, Brotherhood Crusade, Univision, Radio Station KJLH, LAUSD District 7, Boys and Girls Club of Carson. CSUDH remains a great resource to the communities we serve.

