

Legislative Profile: Assembly Member Noreen Evans



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Images of beautiful vineyards and open spaces come to mind when one thinks of the place Noreen Evans calls home. Now serving her second term in the California State Assembly, she proudly represents Napa County and portions of Solano and Sonoma Counties. With the Solano County and Santa Rosa racing fairs in her district, Evans is quick to point out that she’s an enthusiastic supporter of horseracing.

“There’s nothing like the thunderous sound of beautiful horses running on a track,” said Evans. “It’s definitely addictive.”

An active member of the Assembly Government Organization Committee, she authored key legislation of interest to the industry that was signed by the Governor this year. AB 765 will bring millions in new investment dollars to our horseracing fairs for facilities improvements. It also eliminates the sunset for advance deposit wagering (ADW), provides horsemen a role in determining compensation received by ADW providers and racetracks, and establishes the nation’s first retirement fund for jockeys.

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Evans has distinguished herself as a member of the Assembly leadership team. As Chair of the Assembly Democratic Caucus, she works with her fellow Democrats to identify and implement their priorities. She also works to encourage a bi-partisan and results-oriented atmosphere in the Capitol.

“Democrats and Republicans have disagreements and debates, as should be the case in our democracy,” said Evans. “The key is getting past them. Our actions must speak louder than our words.”

As a legislator, Evans is devoted to helping working families and children, especially foster youth. She is also committed to reforming our legal system, protecting the environment, and supporting California’s wine industry.

Prior to her election to the Assembly, Evans worked as an attorney focused on civil litigation and appeals. She has three children: Erin, Joel, and Rachel.

TOC Hosts Legislators at Cal Cup

Annually TOC hosts California state and U.S. legislators at Oak Tree for the California Cup, and did so again November 3. TOC Chairperson Marsha Naify, Directors Madeline Auerbach, Pablo Suarez and Don Valpreo, President Drew J. Couto, and Executive Director Guy Lamothe joined legislators and members for lunch and an afternoon of racing in the FrontRunner Restaurant, and at the Infield party. It was an enjoyable day of racing for all!

TOC co-sponsored the \$150,000 Matron with California Thoroughbred Trainers, and dedicated all purse revenues generated on the day to offset Cal Cup purses. Congratulations to owner Senji Nishimura and trainer Mike Mitchell, whose Romance Is Diane rolled to a 6-1/4 length victory in the 1-1/16 mile Matron.



Lara Larramendi, Deputy Chief of Staff for Senator Gloria Romero, and daughter Eryn Larramendi, Assemblyman Jim Silva and his wife Connie, and TOC Executive Director Guy Lamothe in the paddock before the running of the Matron S.