

Legislative Profile: Sen. Roderick D. Wright

Senator Roderick D. Wright was elected to the California State Senate in November, representing the 25th District. That district covers parts of Los Angeles and Long Beach, including the Inglewood home of venerable Hollywood Park.

Senator Wright was recently appointed by President Pro Tem Darrell Steinberg to Chair the powerful Governmental Organization (GO) Committee, which oversees horseracing, gaming, alcoholic beverages, and emergency/disaster response. As GO Chair, Senator Wright will play an instrumental role in ensuring the survival of California horseracing and protecting the 50,000 jobs related to this vital industry.

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Senator Wright served three prior terms in the California State Assembly representing the 48th Assembly District covering much of south Los Angeles County. During that time, he was recognized for his work in the areas of public safety, education, energy and utilities, small business, family law, and consumer pri-



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vacy. He has been voted legislator of the year by the County of Los Angeles, the California Small Business Association, the Municipal Power Association and the California Probation Officers Association.

Prior to the Assembly, Senator Wright served as a field deputy to several members of the Los Angeles City Council. Senator Wright was also the District Director to Congresswoman Maxine Waters and served in the administration of Mayor Tom Bradley.

Senator Wright graduated from Pepperdine University where he was elected student body president. He majored in Urban Studies/City Planning. He specialized in affordable housing and developed properties in south Los Angeles. He graduated from Washington High School in Los Angeles where he was elected president of his graduating class. He was a standout track and field athlete and received numerous scholarship offers in both track and football.

Senator Wright owns a home and a business in the City of Inglewood, where he remains active in community and civic affairs. He is a member of Ward AME Church in Los Angeles.

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 on October 5, 2008. Shown above enjoying lunch in Santa Anita's FrontRunner Restaurant are (left to right) TOC executive director Guy Lamothe, Assemblyman Anthony Portantino, TOC director Billy Koch, Lara Larramendi from the office of Senator Alex Padilla, Assemblyman Martin Garrick, and Assemblyman Felipe Fuentes.

TOC co-sponsored the \$150,000 Matron with California Thoroughbred Trainers, and dedicated all purse revenue generated on the day to offset Cal Cup purses. Famous Ruby closed gamely in the stretch to prevail by a neck in the Matron over Barbara's Love. It was the first stakes start for Famous Ruby, who went off as the second longest shot at 16-1. Congratulations to owner and trainer Jorge Alcalá.

