

Legislative Profile: Gloria Negrete McLeod

“Opportunity” is a concept that is often used by Assemblymember Gloria Negrete McLeod in determining a legislative proposal’s worth. Paraphrasing the veteran lawmaker, she looks at bills from the perspective of whether the proposal gives Californians greater opportunities for employment, advancement, and improvement of their lives. According to Negrete McLeod, “If a bill promotes greater investment and capitalization, and supports job growth, I become a supporter.”

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Negrete McLeod was first elected to represent the 61st Assembly District in November 2000. She was re-elected and sworn into office on December 6, 2004, to serve her third term. The 61st Assembly District encompasses parts of San Bernardino and Los Angeles counties, and includes the cities of Chino, Montclair, Ontario, Pomona, and the community of Guasti.

She is the Chair of the Standing Committee on Business and Professions, which serves to protect California Consumers, along with serving as Co-Chair of the Assembly Ethics Committee and Vice-Chair of the Joint Committee on Boards, Commissions and Consumer Protection. Negrete McLeod also chairs the Select Committee on the Alameda Corridor East. In addition, she serves on Governmental Organization, Health, Public Employees, Retirement and Social

Security, Women’s Caucus and the State of California Commission on the Status of Women. This is one busy legislator!

Improving the affordability and access to higher education, enhancing the quality of health care, improving our current transportation system to reduce traffic congestion, and promoting the growth of quality employment opportunities for Californians are among Negrete McLeod’s highest legislative priorities.

As one who understands racing and the needs of the industry, in her 5-year tenure in the State Assembly, Assemblymember McLeod has authored various progressive horse racing legislative proposals aimed at strengthening the business. In 2002, she authored a bill that sought to add the nationally recognized Claiming Crown to the grouping of imported race cards exempted from the 23-race per day limit. In 2003, she authored a bill to innovatively permit the CHRB to allocate racing dates to a fair even if the fair is not simultaneously conducting any type of fair activities, thus granting fairs greater flexibility to conduct live horse racing activities in the State.

Assemblymember Negrete McLeod’s commitment to community and family predates her service in Sacramento, and in fact spans a period of more than 30 years. Prior to being elected to the State Assembly, she served as the President of Chaffey Community College Board and was a Chaffey Board member for five years. She and her husband, Gilbert McLeod, a retired police lieutenant, have ten children, 27 grandchildren, and nine great grandchildren.



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