

NEW GOVERNOR, NEW LEGISLATORS, AND A NEW DAY IN SACRAMENTO

he new legislature for 2019-20 has been sworn in, and the Democrats not only swept all the statewide offices but also increased their numbers in both houses. The Senate numbers 29-11 and the Assembly has 60-20, giving Democrats a super majority in both houses. We thought you might want to know a bit more about the new members in the Capitol.

SENATOR BOB ARCHULETA, D-PICO RIVERA

The former mayor of Pico Rivera served in the 82nd Airborne Division as a paratrooper and passed this tradition of service to his five children. President Obama appointed Archuleta to the board at West Point, where two of the senator's sons had graduated. He joined the Montebello Police Department as a reserve officer and has been a strong voice for families, veterans, workers, teachers, seniors, and the disabled. The senator is also a new member of the Governmental Organization Committee.

SENATOR ANDREAS BORGEAS, R-FRESNO

A new member of the Senate GO committee, Borgeas arrived in the Central Valley as a graduate of Georgetown Law School and a Fulbright Scholar. He was a clerk for Federal Judge Oliver Wanger, where he had the opportunity to work on complex water issues. He taught for years at San Joaquin College of Law. He and his wife have two boys, and when he's not working, he's publishing articles on international security and teaching his sons to cook.

SENATOR MARIA ELENA DURAZO, D-LOS ANGELES

Durazo is the seventh of 11 children to migrant farm workers. She graduated from St. Mary's College and later entered the labor movement as an organizer. While working as an organizer, she earned a law degree from the People's College of Law. Prior to her election, she served as a member of the Coastal Commission. Durazo and her late husband, Miguel Contreras, head of the Los Angeles County Federation of Labor, have two sons.

SENATOR MELISSA HURTADO, D-SANGER

Hurtado grew up in the Central Valley, the daughter of immigrant parents and the first in her family to graduate college. She served on the Sanger City Council and as a community organizer for public employees. In Sacramento, she will advocate for access to healthcare for all, quality schools, good paying jobs, and the opportunity for a better life.

SENATOR SUSAN RUBIO, D-BALDWIN PARK

Rubio was born in Juarez, Mexico, and is the daughter of immigrant parents. She and her sister, Assemblywoman Blanca Rubio, are the first sisters to serve in the state legislature. Her father came to the United States through the Bracero Program, working on farms and at Santa Anita Park to support the family. She graduated with a master's degree from Azusa Pacific University and began her teaching career. She served on the Sanger City Council before election to the senate. Rubio is a new member of the GO Committee.

SENATOR TOM UMBERG, D-SANTA ANA

Umberg is a retired U.S. Army Colonel, former federal criminal prosecutor, threeterm state legislator, former drug czar for President Clinton, and a small-business owner. Umberg is returning to Sacramento after a long absence and a very successful career in the military, in Washington and Orange County. He and his wife, Robin, a retired brigadier general, have three grown children. His focus will remain on immigrants, workers, and women to protect them from harassment and intimidation.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER REBECCA BAUER-KAHAN, D-ORINDA

Prior to election in 2018, Bauer-Kahan was an environmental attorney and taught appellate law at Santa Clara University. She is the granddaughter of refugees who came to the United States to escape the Holocaust. She lives with her husband and their three children.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER TYLER DIEP, R-WESTMINISTER

Diep immigrated with his parents to the United States in 1991 after waiting in line for nearly eight years. After much hard work, he was the first in his family to graduate from an American university, San Diego State University. He went on to enjoy a career in broadcasting as well as serve as vice mayor of Westminister. His focus in the Assembly will be on fighting tax increases, fixing our crumbling highways, expanding healthcare, and improving public education.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER COTTIE PETRIE-NORRIS, D-LAGUNA BEACH

A double major in English and economics from Yale University, Petrie-Norris went on to a career in finance, marketing, and technology. She has worked with Fortune 500 corporations and small businesses in Washington, D.C., South Africa, London, and Southern California. Inspired to serve following the 2016 election, she is com-

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