

# Jean Fuller

State Senator, 18<sup>th</sup> District

**SENATOR FULLER** represents approximately 850,000 residents of Bakersfield, Barstow, Bishop, California City, Frazier Mountain, Porterville, Ridgecrest, Taft, Twentynine Palms, Tulare, Visalia and other areas in the Kern River Valley and in Inyo and San Bernardino counties.

## BACKGROUND

Jean Fuller was born and raised in Kern County. She served as an educator in the Central Valley for more than 30 years, including extended terms as a Superintendent of Schools.

She attended Bakersfield College, California State University Fresno and California State University Los Angeles then continued her formal education at the University of California Santa Barbara where she received her PhD. She supplemented her education at the Harvard Graduate School of Education, the University of Southern California, and Exeter College in Oxford, England.

Senator Fuller was elected to represent the 32<sup>nd</sup> Assembly District in 2006 and elected to the Senate in 2010. Jean and her husband, Russell, live in Bakersfield where they own a family farm.

## SENATE PRIORITIES

Senator Fuller's top legislative priority this year is reducing regulations that burden California's businesses that prevent them from hiring, or rehiring, workers. Jean believes that putting more people to work and solving each Californian's *personal* budget crisis is the key to California's economic rebound.

As Vice Chair of the Energy, Utilities and Communications Committee, Senator Fuller will focus on policy relating to our energy resources and emerging technologies. She will also continue her focus on our natural resources and the area of water policy.

As a member of the Budget and Fiscal Oversight Committee, she will work to ensure the Legislature reduces unnecessary state expenses and guarantees tax-funded services are both needed and carried out in the most cost-effective way.

## Accomplishments

During her tenure in the Assembly, Jean served as the leader of the Republican Water Policy Team that focused on finding solutions to California's water crisis to ensure sufficient water supplies for families, farmers, and businesses in the Central Valley. She also served as Chair of the Rural Caucus, a bipartisan group of 43 Assembly Members and Senators who provided a strong, united voice for residents of rural communities.

Jean's top legislative priorities in the Assembly were expanding career technical education programs for high school students, increasing local jobs, reducing unnecessary regulation of California's small business and manufacturers, and reducing the tax burden on hard-working families.

## Committee Assignments



- Vice Chair, Energy, Utilities and Communications
- Budget and Fiscal Review
- Budget Subcommittee on Resources, Environmental Protection, Energy and Transportation
- Governance and Finance; Natural Resources and Water
- Senate Rules – *Scrutinizes committee assignments and appointments to state boards and commissions*

## Awards & Recognition



- "Summa Cum Laude" rating, California Small Business Association, 2010
- 91% rating by the California Manufacturers & Technology Association, 2010