

Senator Maj. Richard Dale Roth, JD & Ret.

31st State Senate District

Democrat

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Years in Office: 11

First elected in 2012

Elected in 2012, and re-elected in 2018 to the 31st Senate District

2023-24 Committee Assignments:

Budget and Fiscal Review, Budget Subcommittee #3 on Health and Human Services, Business, Professions and Economic Development (Chair), Governmental Organization, Health, and Joint Legislative Budget Committee

Previous Offices Held:

2012–Present Senator, 31st District

Education and Military Service:

1979–2007 Officer (promoted to Major General/Mobilization Assistant), U.S. Air Force Reserves

1975–1979 Active Duty, U.S. Air Force

1974 J.D. from Emory University, School of Law

1972 B.A. in Political Science and Minor in Chemistry from Miami University

1968 Graduate from Ada High School

Focus:

As a senator, Former Major Roth advocates for improving access to higher education (e.g., extending financial assistance to summer term students at UCs and CSUs, preventing Cal Grant Programs cuts, and establishing pathways to higher education workshops in high schools), labor law reforms, increase public services in the Riverside County (including protecting schools and public colleges), strengthening veteran services (e.g., expanding Community College Veterans Resource Centers such as the California Military Institute, assisting disabled and homeless veterans via “Work for Warriors” job placement program, and honoring veterans by constructing the California Central Coast Veteran’s Cemetery), expanding health care services and health care insurance (e.g., investing into mental health services, increasing access to pediatric providers, and increasing Inland SoCal’s primary care provider workforce), promoting economic development (e.g., fostering business innovation to increase job creation), expanding agricultural education programs, preserving infrastructures (including historic landmarks and military bases) and conducting infrastructure projects (e.g., fixing old buildings and expanding regional parks), improving the justice system (e.g., implementing the LAW Pathways Program into K-12, community colleges, higher education partners and law schools), special education funding, drinking water supply improvements, and city funding.

To address California’s primary care physician shortage, Roth championed and secured funding for the expansion of the University of California, Riverside School of Medicine (UCRSM), and its facilities. In addition to this, Roth has also supported more than \$500 million in state healthcare funding to defend women’s reproductive healthcare, ensuring essential resources such as cancer screenings, life-saving treatments, and birth control/contraceptives. Currently, he serves as a Legal Advisor to the Airlift/Tanker Association, as a board member for the Air Force Judge Advocate General’s School Foundation and La Sierra University Foundation, and as an active member of the Riverside Police Foundation.

List of CHAIRS Clinics in the 31st Senate District of Riverside County:

- Borrego Health - Arlanza (Riverside)
- Borrego Health - Eastside Health Center Building A (Riverside)
- Borrego Health - Eastside Health Center Building B (Riverside)
- Borrego Health - Jay Hoffman (Nuevo)
- Borrego Health - Mobile Unit #4 (Riverside)*
- Borrego Health - San Jacinto
- Central Neighborhood Health Foundation - Riverside
- Community Health Systems, Inc. - Magnolia
- Community Health Systems, Inc. - Moreno Valley
- Community Health Systems, Inc. - University (Riverside)
- Lestonnac Free Clinic - Mobile Clinic: Jurupa Valley*
- Lestonnac Free Clinic - Mobile Clinic: Moreno Valley*
- Lestonnac Free Clinic - Mobile Clinic: Riverside*
- Mission City Community Network - Corona
- Riverside University Health System - Jurupa Valley
- Riverside University Health System - Moreno Valley
- Riverside University Health System - Perris
- Riverside University Health System - Perris Valley
- Riverside University Health System - Riverside
- Riverside University Health System - Rubidoux (Jurupa Valley)
- Unicare Community Health Center - Corona
- Unicare Community Health Center - Moreno Valley
- Unicare Community Health Center - Riverside

*Federally Qualified Health Center

*Mobile Clinic

31st Senate District Area:

