



Sen. Suzette Valladares R

CA-23

Serving in the CA State Senate since November 2024 | Up for re-election in November 2028

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BIOGRAPHY

Suzette's is an unlikely Republican story.

She grew up in the San Fernando Valley, the granddaughter of a farmworker who worked alongside Cesar Chavez in the vineyards near Bakersfield. She was blessed with loving parents who valued education, family and community responsibility.

In high school, she was told, "you're Latina, therefore you are a Democrat." But then she heard then-Vice President Al Gore speak at a local high school. Suzette quickly realized that she did not believe in the values he espoused. It was then that she was drawn to the Republican Party ideals of liberty, limited government, self-reliance, and quality of life - the same values that Suzette's parents had instilled in her.

After college, she went to work as a district representative for former local Congressman Buck McKeon. During that time she was honored as a "SCV 40 under Forty" by the Santa Clarita Business Journal. In 2012, Suzette left the public sector and became Executive Director of Southern California Autism Speaks. Her career is based on serving others, with a passion for early childhood education and advocacy.

After her mother's passing in 2018, Suzette was asked to assume her mother's role as CEO of Little Steps of Faith, a faith-based non-profit preschool that provides quality childcare to underserved families in the San Fernando and Santa Clarita Valleys.

Suzette and her husband Shane were blessed with their first child, daughter Charlotte, in April 2017.

EDUCATION

California State University at Northridge

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science

College of the Canyons (CA)

Associate in Arts in Social Science,
Political Science

Sylmar High School

BIOGRAPHICAL

FULL NAME

Suzette Martinez Valladares

PARTY

Republican Party

GENDER

Female

RELIGION

Christian Church

DATE OF BIRTH

Dec 21st, 1980 (Age: 45 years)

PLACE OF BIRTH

Sylmar, CA

COMMITTEES

Senate Governmental Organization

Senate Select Hydrogen Energy

Senate Environmental Quality

Joint Rules

Senate International Sporting Events

Senate Select CA's Wine Industry

Joint Legislative Audit

Senate Health

Senate Select Minority Economic Development

Senate Transportation

Senate Judiciary

Senate Revenue and Taxation

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

CA State Assembly

Member (CA038 R)
(2020 - 2022)

Little Steps of Faith Preschool

Chief Executive Officer (CEO),
Executive Director
(2018 - Present)

Southern California Autism Speaks

Executive Director
(2015 - 2018)

CA Republican National Committee

Director of Hispanic Initiatives
(2014 - 2015)

Latin American United for Progress (LAUP)

Public Affairs Specialist
(2012 - 2014)

Office of U.S. Rep. Howard P. McKeon (CA25 R)

District Manager
(2009 - 2012)

CA State Assembly Committee on Arts, Entertainment, Sports, Tourism, and Internet Media

Vice Chair
(2022)
