



## **Assemblymember Chris Rogers (AD-2)**

*Author of AB 573 (Tobacco Retail License Fee)*

Since December 2024, Assemblymember Chris Rogers has proudly served California's 2nd Assembly District, which encompasses Eureka, Arcata, and Santa Rosa. Before joining the legislature Assemblymember Rogers was Santa Rosa City Councilmember (2016-2024) and Mayor (2020-2022), where he led efforts in wildfire recovery, housing affordability, and environmental sustainability.

Rogers was first elected to the City Council in 2016 and reelected in 2020 to represent District 5, which includes parts of central and west Santa Rosa. He was chosen by his council colleagues in 2020 as the city's youngest mayor at 33 and helped lead the city through disaster response and recovery from the 2017 and 2020 fires and the COVID-19 pandemic. Rogers championed several landmark initiatives to support working families, including programs for affordable childcare, guaranteed income pilots, children's savings accounts, and first-time homebuyer assistance. He also led efforts to improve climate resilience, invest in public transportation, and establish a citywide fiscal stabilization fund to safeguard future budgets.

A lifelong resident of Santa Rosa, Rogers began his career in public service at just 18 years old, inspired by his mother's advocacy work with the Early Learning Institute—a nonprofit serving children and families with developmental delays. He went on to intern for Congresswoman Lynn Woolsey and served as a senior district representative for State Senator Mike McGuire, building a deep understanding of North Coast communities and the challenges they face.

Chris holds degrees from UC Santa Barbara and Sonoma State University, where he developed a passion for policymaking and community engagement. He brings this passion to the State Assembly, focusing on creating a modern and equitable rural economy, healthcare access, and driving climate action. A lifelong resident of Santa Rosa, Chris is dedicated to preserving Northern California's natural beauty while ensuring its residents a prosperous future.

Rogers lives in Santa Rosa with his wife, Sarah, an emergency room nurse at Kaiser Permanente in Santa Rosa.



## **Assemblymember Liz Ortega (AD-20)**

*Author of AB 957 (Tobacco-Free Pharmacies)*

Liz Ortega represents Assembly District 20, which includes Hayward, San Leandro, most of Union City, portions of Dublin and Pleasanton, and the unincorporated communities of Ashland, Cherryland, Fairview, and San Lorenzo.

A longtime labor and community leader, Assemblymember Ortega has spent 20 years advocating for working families and healthy and safe communities across California. Liz's father came to the U.S. in search of the American Dream and found work in Oakland. Meanwhile, Liz's 21-year-old mother, raising three-year-old Liz

and her six-month-old brother in Guadalajara, grew anxious and decided to make the dangerous journey across the border with her two small children to reunite their family and pursue a better future.

As the first Latina leader of Alameda County's Labor Council and as a legislator, Assemblymember Ortega brought together community groups and won equitable wages, family healthcare, and safe working conditions. During the pandemic, Liz secured hazard pay for grocery store workers and higher minimum wages, supported striking teachers, and helped win better patient care.

As Chair of the Assembly Labor and Employment Committee, Liz is the voice for over 19 million workers in California whether they are in a union or not, focusing on protecting employee rights and enforcing workplace safety laws.

In her first term in office, Asm. Ortega prevented the closure of St. Rose Hospital —Hayward's only safety-net hospital, which provides essential emergency and maternal health services to underserved populations. She also successfully secured low-cost Narcan to save countless lives from being lost to the Fentanyl crisis. Asm. Ortega currently serves on the Assembly's Standing Committees on Budget, Human Services, Insurance, and Privacy and Consumer Protection. She also serves on the Select Committees on Retail Theft and on Fentanyl, Opioid Addiction, and Overdose Prevention.

Her contributions to the community have been recognized with numerous awards, including the Fighting for Poverty Award from the California Association of Food Banks of Santa Cruz County. Asm. Ortega holds a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Phoenix and lives in San Leandro with her family and their dog, Noah.



## **Assemblymember Alex Lee (AD-25)**

*Author of AB 703 (Pediatric Cancer Research Tax Donation)*

Alex Lee represents California's 24th Assembly District which includes the Alameda County communities of Fremont, Newark, and Sunol, and the Santa Clara County communities of Milpitas and San Jose.

Assemblymember Lee was elected in 2020, and became the youngest Asian American legislator ever elected and the first openly bisexual state legislator in California history. He currently serves as Chair of the Committee on Human Services and the Legislative Progressive Caucus.

In his first year in office, Assemblymember Lee was named "Legislator of the Year" by the Golden State Manufactured Homeowners League as well as the California Attorneys for Criminal Justice.

He was also named the 2022 "Legislator of the Year" by the East Bay Young Democrats, and received the "Up & Comer" award from Building the California Dream Alliance. Assemblymember Lee was recognized as one of the nation's top "20 Under 40" officials by the Council of State Governments.

Previously, he worked on statewide policy regarding public safety, climate change, and education for California State Senator Henry Stern and Assemblymember Evan Low. Assemblymember Lee has been a Bay Area resident since birth, calling both San Jose and Milpitas his home for all his life. He is a graduate of Milpitas High School and the University of California, Davis, where he served as Student Body President.