



Los Angeles Area
Chamber of Commerce

The Honorable Julia Brownley

California State Assembly, 41st District

Assemblywoman Julia Brownley serves as Chairwoman of the [Education Committee](#), bringing a rich understanding of educational issues gleaned during her 12 years on the board of education of the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District, including three terms as board president.

After serving her community, Assemblywoman Brownley was elected to the California State Assembly in 2006 and re-elected to a second term in November 2008 from a [district](#) that spans from Santa Monica in the south to Oxnard in the north.

Bills carried by Assemblywoman Brownley and signed by the governor in 2008 streamlined credentialing for well-qualified teachers, helped school districts sell obsolete instructional materials to buy new materials, eliminated unnecessary reporting requirements for public colleges, and simplified revenue streams to cut administration costs for school districts. Under her leadership, lawmakers approved ACR 54, expressing legislative intent to generate sufficient funding to cover the costs of educating California's diverse student population.

Assemblywoman Brownley has been awarded numerous honors for her leadership in education including "2010 Advocate of the Year" by UCLA's Bruin Democrats, "2009 California Legislator of the Year" by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, "2009 Legislator of the Year" by the California Federation of Teachers, "2009 Friend of Education" by the National Association of School Psychologists, "2009 Legislator of the Year" by the Junior Leagues of California State Public Affairs Committee and by Californians Against Waste, "2009 Elected Representative of the Year" by the Sherman Oaks Democratic Club, "2008 Legislator of the Year" by the California League of High Schools, and "2008 Outstanding Freshman of the Year" by the California School Boards Association.

After graduating with a B.A. in political science from George Washington University and earning an M.B.A. from American University, Assemblywoman Brownley worked in marketing in private industry before finding her true calling in public service. She resides in Santa Monica, keeping in close contact with her son, Fred, a student at UC Berkeley and Hannah, a grown daughter, teaching English in Concepcion, Chile.