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Hon. Fran Pavley

California State Senate, District 23

Senator Fran Pavley represents Senate District 23 - including portions of Los Angeles and Ventura Counties - in the California Legislature. She was elected to the forty member State Senate in November 2008 and was immediately appointed to chair the Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee by Senate pro Tempore Darrell Steinberg. While in the Senate, Fran will also serve on the Transportation and Housing, Budget, Health, Environmental Quality and the Food Safety and Agriculture Committees. As Chair of the Select Committee on Global Warming, Senator Pavley will be holding hearings to help guide the implementation of AB 32, the landmark law she offered as serving in the Assembly.

Prior to her election to the Senate, Fran Pavley served three terms in the California State Assembly. Her landmark legislation on global warming has become a model for other states and countries to follow. Highlighting her leadership on this issue, fourteen other states have modeled their own laws after AB 1493 (Clean Car Regulations), now known as the "Pavley" law. It is projected to receive a federal EPA waiver early in 2009, clearing the way for implementation of the most stringent truck and automobile fuel efficiency and emission standards in the nation.

With the "Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006" (AB 32), Senator Pavley authored a groundbreaking approach to cap greenhouse gas emissions emitted from California. These new regulations will spur increased public and private investment in alternative fuels, renewable energy and clean technologies and produce "green collar" jobs to offset losses in California's technology and manufacturing sectors. Her foresight and leadership on these critical issues has been recognized at home and abroad. She has been recognized as one of Scientific American's Top Technology Leaders in Transportation, received the 2006 California League of Conservation Voters "Global Warming Leadership Award" with Vice President Al Gore, and travelled the globe to speak about California's groundbreaking approach to global climate change.

Senator Pavley was a public middle school teacher for nearly thirty years. Improving California's schools, colleges and universities continues to be one of her highest priorities. In order to become a more effective elected official and to better prepare herself to make sound land use decisions, she returned to school and earned a Master's Degree in Environmental Planning.