



Los Angeles Area  
Chamber of Commerce

WILLIAM ORTON  
(ON BEHALF OF SENATOR ROD WRIGHT)  
CALIFORNIA STATE SENATOR  
DISTRICT 25

Roderick “Rod” Wright was elected to the California State Assembly in 1996 representing the 48th Assembly District covering much of south Los Angeles County. From 1998 until 2002, Rod served as Chair of the Assembly Committee on Utilities and Commerce (U&C) which held legislative jurisdiction over electricity, natural gas, telecommunications, private water corporations and other issues related to commerce. Rod has been recognized for his work in the areas of public safety, education, energy and utilities, small business, family law and consumer privacy.

Rod graduated from Pepperdine University where he was elected student body president. Majoring in Urban Studies/City Planning, Rod specialized in affordable housing and developed properties in south Los Angeles. Rod graduated from Washington High School where he was elected president of his graduating class. Rod was a stand out track and field athlete and received numerous scholarship offers in both track and football.

Rod served as a field deputy to several members of the Los Angeles City Council. He has acted as liaison to various Los Angeles City departments including, Planning, Personnel, Department of Water & Power, and Community Development. Rod also served in the administration of Mayor Tom Bradley.

Rod was the District Director to Congresswoman Maxine Waters where he assisted citizens with federal matters such as Social Security, Medi-Care and veterans issues among others.

As a member of the California State Legislature Rod established one of the largest back-to-school programs in Los Angeles County now providing medical screenings to over 20,000 children. Rod was the author of a resolution seeking redress from the United States Government for the victims of the World War II disaster in Port Chicago, California. A presidential pardon was granted to one of the victims of that disaster as a result of his efforts.

Rod was elected to the board of the National Conference of State Legislatures where he was a co-chair of the Energy Task Force. Rod was recognized for his skill as a legislator by being voted legislator of the year by the County of Los Angeles, the California Small Business Association, the Municipal Power Association and the California Probation Officers Association.

Rod Wright is a home and business owner in the City of Inglewood where he remains active in community and civic affairs. Rod is a member of Ward AME Church in Los Angeles.