

California Road Charge Technical Advisory Committee Member Biography

Assemblymember David Chiu (D – San Francisco) - California State Assembly Assembly Legislative Representative

David Chiu was elected to the California State Assembly in November 2014. He represents the 17th Assembly District, which encompasses eastern San Francisco. Before joining the State Assembly, David Chiu served as President of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors for six years. With a reputation as a consensus maker, Chiu was the first Board President in San Francisco history elected by fellow Supervisors to three consecutive terms, and the first Asian American to hold the post. Chiu was first elected Supervisor in 2008 to represent San Francisco's northeast neighborhoods of District 3, which also includes the city's major tourism, retail, downtown and wharf areas; he was overwhelmingly re-elected in 2012.

The son of immigrant parents, David Chiu grew up in Boston and received his undergraduate, law and master's in public policy degrees from Harvard University. In the mid-1990s, Chiu served as Democratic Counsel to the U.S. Senate Constitution Subcommittee and Senator Paul Simon's aide to the U.S. Senate Budget Committee. After moving to San Francisco in 1996, David Chiu served as a criminal prosecutor at the San Francisco District Attorney's Office and as a civil rights attorney with the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights. Chiu was also a founder of the public affairs technology company Grassroots Enterprise, where he served as Chief Operating Officer. As Supervisor, David Chiu authored over 100 ordinances across a wide range of policy areas, including affordable housing, job creation, public safety, the environment, health care, transportation, civil rights, ethics and technology.