

Loni Hancock has had a remarkable public service career, spending more than three decades as a forceful advocate for open government, educational reforms, environmental protections, health care, economic development and social justice. She has served at the local, state and federal levels, including under Presidents Bill Clinton and Jimmy Carter.

Senator Hancock was elected to the Senate in November 2008. She represents the 9th Senate District, which includes the cities of Alameda, Albany, Berkeley, Castro Valley, Dublin, El Sobrante, Emeryville, Livermore, Oakland, Piedmont, Richmond, and San Pablo.

Senator Hancock previously served three terms as the representative of the 14th Assembly District, where she chaired the Committee on Natural Resources. Senator Hancock led the Committee to pass historic environmental legislation that protects open space, expands recycling programs and promotes healthy city- infill strategies in the state.

Senator Hancock also chaired the Assembly Select Committee on Bridging the Achievement Gap. Under her guidance, the Committee has tackled issues related to high dropout rates, school-to-career programs and oversight of the federal No Child Left Behind Act. Last year, the Governor signed legislation authored by Senator Hancock that greatly expands career technical education programs for high school students.

In addition to issues of the environment, education and health care, Senator Hancock is strongly committed to campaign finance reform, and she authored AB 583, the California Clean Money and Fair Elections Act, to provide full public financing for all statewide races in California.

Before being elected to the Assembly, Senator Hancock headed the Western Regional Office of the U.S. Department of Education. Working with schools, communities, state and local governments, she helped launch many of President Clinton's education initiatives.

Senator Hancock also served as President Jimmy Carter's Regional Director for ACTION, overseeing a host of domestic volunteer programs including VISTA, Foster Grandparents, Senior Companions and Retired Senior Volunteer Program.

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