

Legislative Profile: Sen. Darrell Steinberg

Darrell Steinberg, one of the most genuine and effective individuals in California's Capitol, was recently selected by his colleagues to replace Don Perata as the Senate President Pro Tem when Perata is "termed out" later this year. With another six years to serve in the Senate, Steinberg is likely to be President Pro Tem until 2014.

Steinberg is widely respected as an advocate "for people who too often don't have a voice" in the legislature. Looking forward to being President Pro tem, he said, "I will give every ounce of intellect, every ounce of energy, every ounce of passion I have to make sure the people of California are well served."

Steinberg was elected to the California State Senate in 2006 to represent the 6th District, which includes the city of Sacramento, parts of Elk Grove and Citrus Heights. He is the chair of the Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee and also serves on six other key Senate policy committees, a couple of critical Senate select committees and a handful of important state boards and commissions.

Yet, with all of this on his plate, he still finds time to participate as a member of the Senate Select Committee on Horse Racing. In a recent Committee hearing, Steinberg expressed concern about the impact that the shuttering of historic race-tracks such as Bay Meadows and Hollywood Park will have on the industry and jobs in their respective communities. He also urged the industry to work with the Legislature on means to renovate fairground facilities to make up for racetrack closures.

Immediately prior to his election to the State Senate, Steinberg worked in government relations for a San Francisco-based law firm. However, he also served three terms representing the 9th

District of the State Assembly, which includes most of the capital city of Sacramento.

During his tenure in the Assembly, Steinberg chaired a number of influential committees and authored 70 significant bills in a range of policy areas, including: mental health, education, foster care, individual rights, consumer protection, public safety, cultural diversity and environmental protection.

Steinberg's hard work and dedication in the Assembly brought him an impressive array of public honors for outstanding public service. He was repeatedly honored in the non-partisan California Journal as the Assembly's top member in the categories of integrity, best problem-solver, and hardest working; as "Rookie of the Year" in 2000; and, as "Assembly member of the Year" in 2004.

While in the Assembly, Steinberg authored Proposition 63, the mental health initiative that was approved by more than 5.6 million California voters in 2004 to provide more than \$1 billion per year to shore up California's sagging system of community-based treatment, prevention and support services.

Prior to his election to the State Assembly in 1998, he served on the Sacramento City Council; Steinberg also served as an employee rights attorney for the California State Employees Association for 10 years and as an Administrative Law Judge and mediator.

Steinberg was born in San Francisco. He earned a BA in economics from UCLA and a JD from UC Davis Law School. He and his wife live in Sacramento with their two children - a daughter, Jordana, and a son, Ari.



TOC WEBSITE UPDATE

By Wayne Atwell

In an effort to provide the most current and useful information, we are continually updating both the content and functionality of the TOC website. Check out the two latest additions:

Owners Standings

- Updated owners standings are now available on the TOC website at: <http://www.toconline.com/ownership/standings.php>

The standings will contain a Top 10 Weekly report and a Top 20 Year-to-Date report updated each Tuesday evening, covering the previous week of racing in California. In addition, one owner or partnership each week will be recognized as the "California Owner of the Week" with a short write-up including horses, stakes wins, and pedigree information.

Sire Reports

- Updated daily Sire Reports are now available on the TOC website at: <http://www.toconline.com/ownership/sirereport.php>

Like the Owner Standings Report, the information in the Sires Report is specific to California racing. The Report format permits the user to filter or search the data through drop down menus to meet the user's specific needs. Users may filter by the type of surface (synthetic, turf, dirt), or by age, distance, class level, track, and even by Sire of Sire. While the default ranking for the sires is Total Earnings, the user may rank sires by Total Wins, Stakes Wins, Win Percentage, Average Earnings per Starter, and Average Earnings per Start.

