

## **Senator Michael J. Rubio**

Senator Michael J. Rubio was elected to the 16<sup>th</sup> State Senate District in November 2010, representing all or portions of Fresno, Kern, Kings and Tulare Counties.

Notably, Senator Rubio is also the youngest Senator currently serving in the California State Senate. Senator Rubio was previously elected in March 2004 to represent the Fifth District on the Kern County Board of Supervisors.

The Senator firmly believes that putting people back to work needs to be the state's first order of business. From restoring water in the San Joaquin Valley to streamlining the permitting process for diverse industries, Senator Rubio recognizes the importance of creating jobs and its connection to a better quality of life for all Californians.

In 2011, Governor Jerry Brown signed several bills authored by Senator Rubio that make California a more business friendly and competitive state. SB 16 and SB 267 streamline the creation of renewable energy jobs, SB 108 keeps mines operating during economic downturns and SB 325 protects critical short rail services in the Central Valley.

Senator Rubio currently sits on the following Senate committees:

Standing Committees:

- [Agriculture Committee](#) (Vice Chair)
- [Energy, Utilities and Communications](#)
- [Health](#)
- [Transportation and Housing](#)
- [Veterans Affairs](#)

Joint Committee:

- [Legislative Audit](#)

Senator Rubio was named "Legislator of the Year" by the California Narcotics Officers' Association and the California Business Properties Association during his first two years in office.

He was also previously awarded the prestigious John F. Kennedy Jr. Leadership Award from the California Democratic Party and the German Marshall Memorial Fellowship from the German Marshall Fund of the United States. Senator Rubio completed the Senior Executives in State and Local Government program at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

Senator Rubio currently makes his home in Shafter with his wife, Dora, their daughters, Iliana and Soraya, as well as their chocolate lab, Levi.