

Adam Gray (D-CA-13)

BIOGRAPHY

Merced-native known for his fierce defense of the area's water resources in the California Legislature; running for Congress on a moderate, locally-focused platform in a newly created district

EDUCATION

BA, Political Science, University of California, Santa Barbara, 2000; Attended, Merced Community College

WORK HISTORY

Assemblymember for 21st District, California State Assembly, 2012-2022; Employee, Senator Ron Calderon, California State Legislature, 2007-2008; Legislative Director, California State Senate



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POLICY POSITIONS



Supports crackdowns on theft and bipartisan limits on policing; opposed several state propositions related to criminal justice reform

Worked to create the Violence Interruption and Prevention Emergency Response (VIPER) program, which was responsible for mass arrests of gang leaders and confiscation of weapons; opposed state ballot propositions that reduced sentencing (Prop 47) and allowed for early prison release (Prop 57); opposed Prop 25, which would have eliminated cash bail



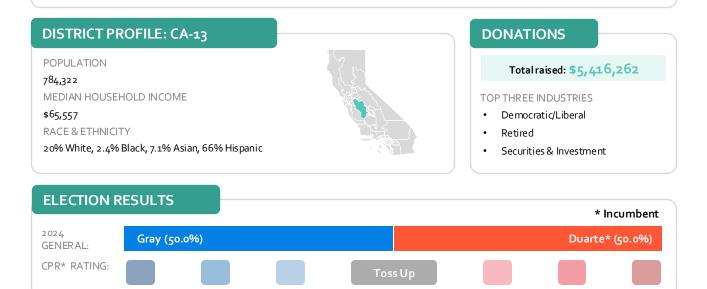
Defends district's water resources and seeks to promote the hydroelectric industry

• Organized protests against California's so-called "water grab," which would have diverted water from the San Joaquin Valley to the Bay Delta and cost jobs and access to water; the policy was reversed following the protest; passed legislation making it easier for veterans to transition to careers in the water industry



Worked to expand funding for health and medical programs in the legislature

Secured grants to build a medical education building at the University of California-Merced and to fund medical residency
positions; authored legislation to increase hours for health facilities



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