

Assemblyman Charles Poochigian Judy,



Biography

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Chuck Poochigian (R-Fresno) was elected to the California Legislature on November 8, 1994. He represents the 29th Assembly District, which includes the eastern portions of Fresno and Tulare Counties.

Chuck was born in Fresno in 1949 and is a third generation resident of the 29th Assembly District. His family has farmed in the Lone Star area of the county since 1918. Chuck and his wife, Debbie, have been married for 18 years and have three children. He received his degree in Business Administration from California State University, Fresno, in 1972. In 1975, he earned his law degree from the University of Santa Clara. He served for six years as a member of the California Air National Guard.

He practiced general civil and business law from 1975 until November, 1988. He was then chosen by Governor George Deukmejian to serve as a member of the Governor's senior staff. He performed the duties of Chief Deputy Appointments Secretary, assisting the Governor in the selection of key administration officials and members of over 375 state boards and commissions. In October of 1991, Governor Pete Wilson named him as his Appointments Secretary. While serving on the Governor's senior staff and overseeing the appointments unit, his primary responsibility was to assist the Governor in the evaluation and selection of candidates for judicial appointments to state trial and appellate courts.

Chuck is a member of the board of visitors of the University of Santa Clara School of Law. He is a member of the Armenian Church. He has served as an officer the boards of a number of Fresno area community and civic organizations and associations. He has also been involved in fundraising events for various central valley charities. He served on the California Fair Employment and Housing Commission as an appointee of Governor Deukmejian from 1985-87.

Chuck is a member of the Republican Caucus leadership and has served as Chairman of the prestigious Assembly Appropriations Committee. He is also a member of the Budget Committee and the Joint Legislative Budget Committee. As a member of the Budget Committee, he was the Assembly's lead Republican on budget issues in 1995. Because of his strong interest in reducing regulatory burdens, protecting private property rights and serving as an advocate for California agriculture, he is especially pleased that he also serves on the Assembly's Water, Parks & Wildlife and Natural Resources Committees.

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