

## **Governor appointee, Anna M. Caballero unanimously approved by State Senate as Secretary of State and Consumer Services Agency.**

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Her mission as Secretary mirrors her 30 year career fighting for working families, children and crime victims; driving to create good paying jobs; and advocating for fair and affordable housing. Caballero's responsibility as Secretary includes the oversight of departments charged with civil rights enforcement, consumer protection, and licensure for 2.4 million working professionals.

As a member of the California State Assembly for four years; Mayor of Salinas and council member for fifteen years, she carries with her local and state government expertise that make her uniquely qualified to guide the departments charged with 9 billion dollars in annual purchasing; management of all state real estate; oversight of two of the nations largest pension funds; collection of state taxes; and hiring of state employees. In her role she also serves as chair of the California Building Standards Commission.

A graduate of UCLA law school and UC San Diego, Caballero has dedicated her professional life to the people of the Salinas Valley. She first put her legal acumen to work representing farm workers as an attorney for California Rural Legal Assistance. Dedicated to representing working families at a price they could afford, Caballero and two colleagues formed the law firm of *Caballero, Matcham and McCarthy*, opening offices in Salinas and Hollister. The firm received numerous awards of excellence during its 25 year history, and Secretary Caballero personally received the Salinas Valley Chamber of Commerce's most distinguished award, the Athena, for Entrepreneurial Excellence and commitment to the community.

Born to a family of copper miners from Arizona, Caballero has dedicated her working life to empower working families and to create opportunities for them and their children to be successful. While in the Assembly she received numerous awards for her work in youth violence prevention, protection of local government, support for public school construction, and water reliability and sustainability.

Prior to her election to the Assembly, Caballero established a non-profit organization dedicated to youth violence prevention in Salinas. *Partners for Peace* helped parents and youth develop stronger family bonds and encourage healthy behavior. PFP focused

on supporting early childhood development, literacy, after school activities, youth employment and high school dropout prevention strategies, through the development of partnerships with other organizations.