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High-Speed Rail Authority Honors Senator Darrell Steinberg

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – The California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) Board of Directors today honored California Senator Darrell Steinberg (D-Sacramento) with a commendation at their monthly meeting. The Board adopted a resolution recognizing Senator Steinberg for his years of legislative leadership and continuous efforts in helping bring the nation’s first high-speed rail system to California.



From Left to Right: Vice Chair Jim Hartnett, Board Chair Dan Richard, Senator Darrell Steinberg, CEO Jeff Morales, Board Member Richard Frank.

“The California High-Speed Rail Authority and this Board are indebted to the Senator for all he has done to bring high-speed rail and its benefits to the people of California,” said Authority Board Chair Dan Richard. “From his first days as Senate President pro Tempore to his last, Senator Steinberg championed high-speed rail and its positive effects on the state’s economy and environment. We’re especially grateful to Darrell Steinberg for his dynamic and sensitive leadership in shepherding the key high-speed rail appropriation through the Senate.”

“Working on California’s world leading environmental legacy has been an honor,” said Senator Steinberg. “I have been a long-time supporter of California High-Speed Rail because the project reflects who we are as Californians: visionary, optimistic, industrious, and deeply concerned about the quality of our treasured environmental assets. Working closely with fellow California leaders, we put together a long-term investment strategy of future Cap and Trade proceeds that will help establish California High-Speed Rail as a key tool in our fight to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve air quality.”

In his first year as Senate President pro Tempore, Senator Steinberg played a vital role in authoring and securing passage of Senate Bill 1029, (Budget Act of 2012), which authorized funds and laid out a vision for a statewide rail modernization program with high-speed rail as the centerpiece. In his last year as Senate President pro Tempore, Senator Steinberg defied skeptics and delivered SB 862 (Budget Act of 2014), which established a long-term expenditure plan for Cap and Trade auction revenue that prioritized affordable housing, sustainable communities, and mass transit to further the climate change goals of Assembly Bill 32 (the Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006). In addition, as part of the Budget Act of 2014, California's high-speed rail system was allocated an ongoing source of funding to help in its effort to reduce greenhouse gasses emitted through transportation and help spur sustainable planning around high-speed rail stations.

Senator Steinberg was elected to the California State Senate in 2006 after having served three terms in the California State Assembly and six years on the Sacramento City Council. In 2008, he was elected by his fellow senators to serve as President pro Tempore of the California State Senate.

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About California High-Speed Rail Authority

The California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) is responsible for planning, designing, building and operation of the first high-speed rail system in the nation. California high-speed rail will connect the mega-regions of the state, contribute to economic development and a cleaner environment, create jobs and preserve agricultural and protected lands. By 2029, the system will run from San Francisco to the Los Angeles basin in under three hours at speeds capable of over 200 miles per hour. The system will eventually extend to Sacramento and San Diego, totaling 800 miles with up to 24 stations. In addition, the Authority is working with regional partners to implement a statewide rail modernization plan that will invest billions of dollars in local and regional rail lines to meet the state's 21st century transportation needs. To learn more visit the Authority's website at <http://www.hsr.ca.gov> and join us on [facebook.com/CaliforniaHighSpeedRail](https://www.facebook.com/CaliforniaHighSpeedRail) and follow us at twitter.com/cahsra