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About Anastasia Stone

Anastasia Stone is running for California State Senate in District 19 in the 2020 election. She graduated from Long Beach State in the field of early childhood education and family studies. Soon after, Anastasia trained with the Doulas of North America (DONA) to become a certified doula; a trained professional who provides continuous physical, emotional and informational support to a mother before, during and shortly after childbirth in order to help her achieve the healthiest, most satisfying experience possible. She began her career teaching doula care and effective advocacy at Go Midwife, a midwifery school that focuses on providing education for underserved populations. Anastasia served as a chapter leader for the International Cesarean Awareness Network and, along with the Director of Maternal Health at Dominican Hospital in Santa Cruz, she taught a vaginal birth

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after cesarean (VBAC) class; a birthing option not currently available to pregnant mothers at Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital. Over the years, her advocacy efforts have provided numerous opportunities to work with teen moms and pregnant women in drug rehabilitation, teaching her the positive effect of early intervention.

As a former foster parent, Anastasia has created cultural change in foster care and adoption for Santa Cruz and Santa Barbara Counties by bridging the gap between the faith communities and the foster care system to provide more resources to improve both recruitment and retention.

Anastasia currently lives in Santa Barbara with her husband and five children.

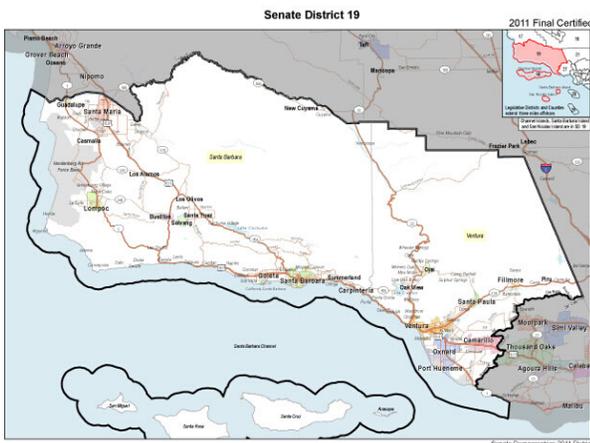
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FAST FACTS

POLITICAL PARTY: No party affiliation

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NONPROFIT VOLUNTEER WORK: Chair of St. Andrew's Preschool Board of Directors & Chapter Leader and Regional Coordinator for ICAN (International Cesarean Awareness Network)

SD 19 is based on nesting AD 37 and AD 44 and incorporates Santa Barbara County and a portion of Ventura County. It extends from Santa Maria in the northwest along the 101 corridor and captures Buellton, Solvang, Goleta, Santa Barbara, San Buenaventura, the Santa Clara Valley (Santa Paula, Fillmore, Piru) and Oxnard, Port Hueneme and Camarillo on the southeastern border. It maintains the US-101 transportation corridor throughout the district, as well as the agricultural nexus between the Santa Clara Valley, Oxnard plains, and the Santa Maria area.

IMPORTANT ISSUES

EDUCATION

I believe that education is never one-size-fits-all. Parents should have the right to lead their children's educational journey and advocate for the services their children need to succeed. In turn, teachers are hindered from their optimal performance by bureaucracy and standardized testing; an approach that seeks a one-size-fits-all solution and therefore disregards the needs of the individual. Early intervention is one of the most logistically and economically sustainable solutions, given the lack of access to quality education in our county and our state for all Californians.

HEALTHCARE

Everyone needs access to quality healthcare along with enough options to support the individuality of each situation. We must protect alternative forms of healthcare as it is our right to choose how we care for our own bodies. I am a strong advocate for women's health and have worked in maternal healthcare for over 10 years. We must continue to work hard to improve maternal and infant health care and subsequent outcomes through legislation that supports women's rights during birth and by increasing access to services such as midwifery care for ALL women.

FOSTER CARE

As a former foster parent and advocate, I have a unique perspective on the pitfalls of our foster care system. In order to provide better support to foster families, training is required for all those involved. Social workers need to be given a manageable caseload so they can provide quality service to all resource families. These families need access to services for themselves and the children in their care, along with a clear plan for supporting families who have been adopted through the foster care system. Most importantly, youth in foster care need to have a voice in their care and, as their role models and guardians, we need to provide support for them as they transition into adulthood.

HOMELESSNESS

I believe that the most effective plan to tackle the issue of homelessness must be rooted in compassion and forward-thinking strategy. We must take a collaborative approach that creates solutions based on data, and given data is ever changing, our efforts should have the innovation and flexibility to support the ebb and flow. Without flexibility, we will never create the change we want to see.

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