



Democrat  
**JUDY APPEL**  
for **STATE ASSEMBLY**



For Immediate Release  
Contact: Judy Appel  
(510) 499-4303

## **Judy Appel kicks off campaign for State Assembly**

*Decades-long Bay Area activist and public education champion seeks to continue serving her community in the Assembly.*

*July 11, 2017* – Today, Judy Appel kicked off her campaign to represent the 15<sup>th</sup> Assembly District in Sacramento. Having spent three decades as a thoughtful, progressive leader here in our community, Appel’s deep roots and long-standing commitment to the district make her an early front-runner.

A member of the Berkeley School Board for eight years and advocate for health care for families, criminal justice reform and LGBTQ rights for more than thirty years, Judy has a track record of standing up and doing the work when it matters most.

“I’ve had the opportunity to watch Judy’s leadership as her colleague on the Berkeley School Board,” said Ty Alper, President of the Berkeley School Board and a social justice lawyer. “Whether it’s ensuring equal opportunity for every student, promoting tolerance, or advocating for mental health services, Judy approaches it the same way: She listens carefully, does her homework, and then gets to work to make real, constructive, progressive change. I know she’ll take the same approach in Sacramento, and that’s why she’s got my vote.”

On the school board, Appel has helped to close the achievement gap in Berkeley public schools, ensuring that every student has the opportunity to succeed. She’s partnered with local police and fire to create model continuing education programs at Berkeley High, building career technical education that prepares students for life after graduation. A lifelong advocate for criminal justice reform, Judy has worked to end the school-to-prison pipeline and make local classrooms a place where students feel safe and respected.

“A lot of people talk about being an advocate for the little person, but not a lot of people have lived it like Judy Appel has her whole life. She walks the talk,” said CNN commentator Van Jones, Founder of Oakland’s Ella Baker Center for Human Rights and the Dream Corps. “We need to go beyond the rhetoric of inclusion and elect people who are smart and talented, who have the track record and are ready to actually do the work. Judy is that person.”

“I’ve stood alongside activists and advocates in this district for thirty years. Together, we’ve worked to give each and every one of us a fair shot. I’ve helped craft policy to end poverty, to improve our public schools and to make sure that health care is a reality for every child in California,” Appel said. “There’s never been a more important time to carry those priorities, *our* priorities, to Sacramento. That’s what I’ll do.”

*A testament to her commitment to fighting for what’s right, Judy Appel and her wife, Alison Bernstein, have been married three times over the course of the last twenty years: once in a private ceremony, again by Mayor Newsom in his historic action on the steps of San Francisco City Hall and finally, in 2013, during the Proposition 8 window. They live in Berkeley with their two children, Kobi, a sophomore at Sarah Lawrence College, and Tris, an incoming Berkeley High junior.*

**To learn more about Judy Appel, visit [www.JudyAppel.com](http://www.JudyAppel.com).**

#

Neighbors for Judy Appel for Assembly 2018 · United States

This email was sent to [morningreport@capitolmr.com](mailto:morningreport@capitolmr.com). To stop receiving emails, [click here](#).