

Congressman Juan Vargas was raised on a chicken ranch in National City, in California's 51st District. He attended the University of San Diego on scholarship, graduated Magna Cum Laude receiving a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science in 1983. In 1987, Rep. Vargas earned a Master of Humanities from Fordham University in New York City and in 1991 earned a Juris Doctorate from Harvard Law School, where he was a classmate of President Barack Obama.



Rep. Vargas worked as an attorney with the law firm of Luce, Forward, Hamilton and Scripps. Although he enjoyed the practice of law, he decided to contribute to his southern San Diego community as a public official.

Rep. Vargas was first elected to the United States Congress in 2012 with over 70 percent of the vote, the highest in both San Diego and Imperial counties. He represents California's 51st Congressional District which includes portions of San Diego County, all of Imperial County, and the entire U.S. - Mexico Border in California.

During his first term in Congress Rep. Vargas served on the House Foreign Affairs Committee. He currently serves on the Committee on Financial Services, including the Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit and the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations; and the Committee on House Administration.

He lives in San Diego with his wife, Adrienne, an executive at the San Diego Foundation, and his daughters, Rosa and Helena.