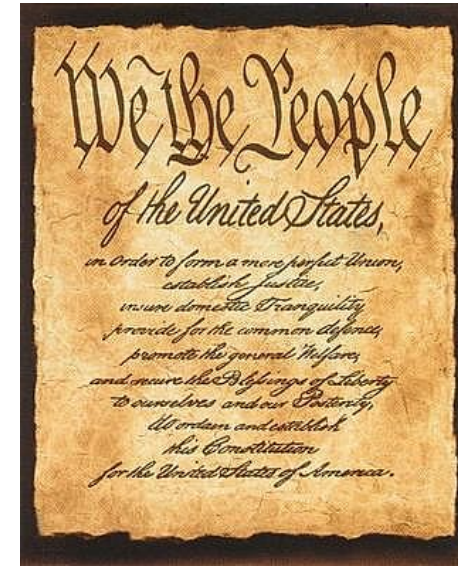


The United States Government: The Constitution

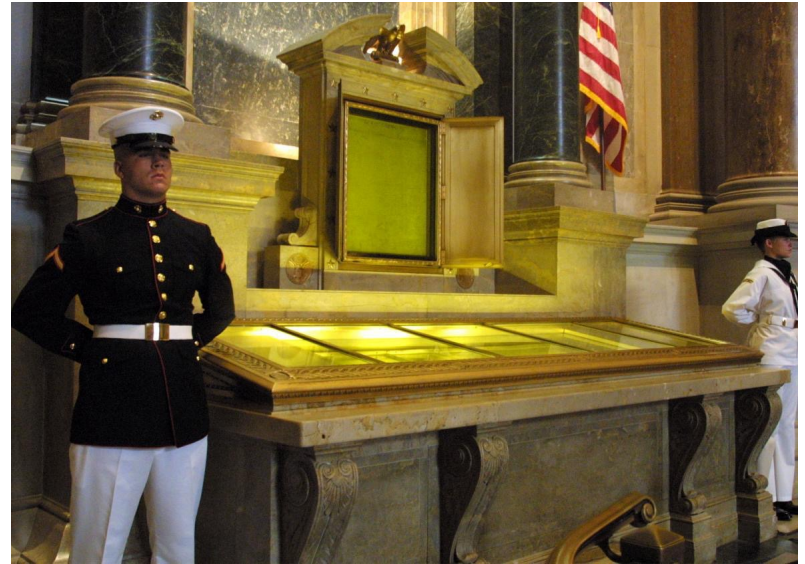
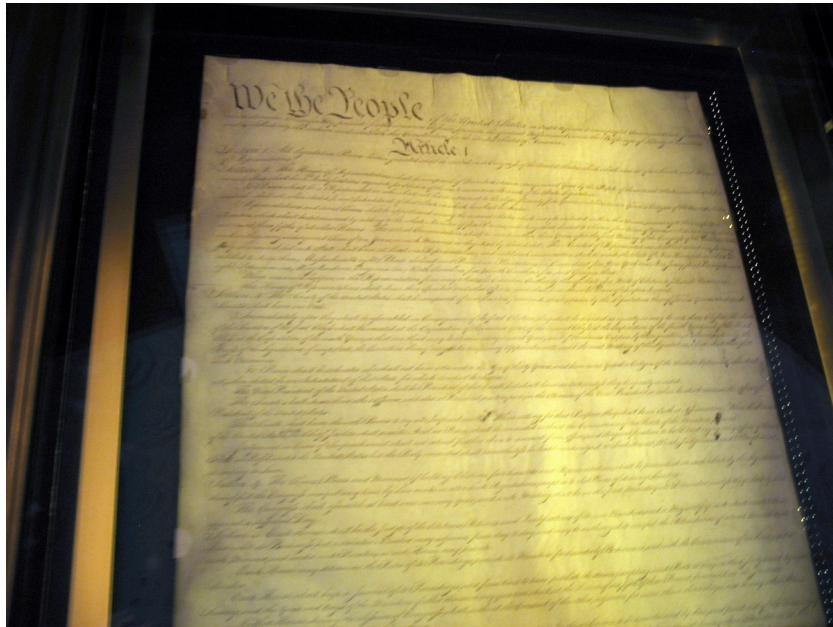
Location: Washington D.C.



Organization:

- The Preamble
- 7 Articles
 - Sections
 - Clauses
- 27 Amendments

The Constitution



The Federal System

- The Constitution set up a system in which power is shared between the national government and the individual states.



The National (Federal) Government:

- **President, Congress, Courts**
- The State Government:
 - **Governor, Legislature, Courts**

Hi-Lite: The branches of the National and State Governments.



The Preamble

- **We the People of the United States,**
- Ordinary Americans will
- **in order to form a more perfect Union,**
- create a stronger nation by having the states unite and cooperate,
- **establish Justice,**
- create laws that apply to everyone equally,
- **insure domestic tranquility,**
- create peace and order within the nation,
- **provide for the common defense,**
- protect America from foreign attack,
- **promote the general welfare,**
- create an economy in which people can succeed and help society for the common good,

The Preamble

- **and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity,**
- and make sure Americans have freedom now and in the future,
- **do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.**
- do create this Constitution for the United States of America.



A Separation of Powers

- The 3 branches of the government separate power between **Congress, the President, and the Court System.**
- This creates a system of checks and balances
- Each branch limits the power of the other branches.



Hi-Lite: Why have checks and balances?

The 3 Branches

- Legislative: Article I:
- Congress
- Executive: Article II:
- The Presidency
- Judicial: Article III:
- The Court System (Supreme Court)



United States Capital Building

Congress meets in the Capital Building.

On the right is the Senate.

On the left is the House of Representatives.

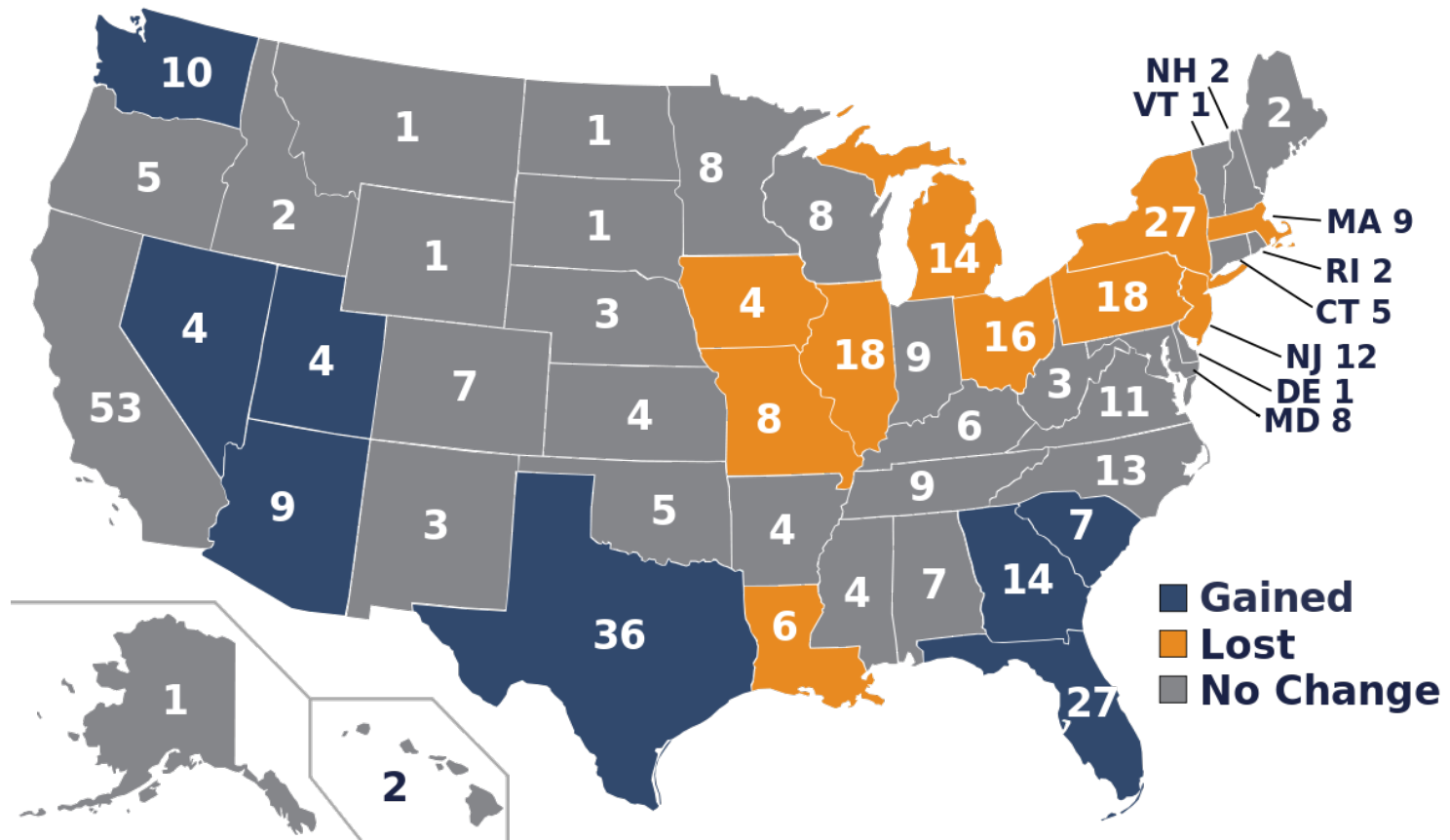
Representative from Burbank

- Adam Schiff is the member of the House of Representatives from Burbank.
- The House part of Congress has 435 members from the 50 states.

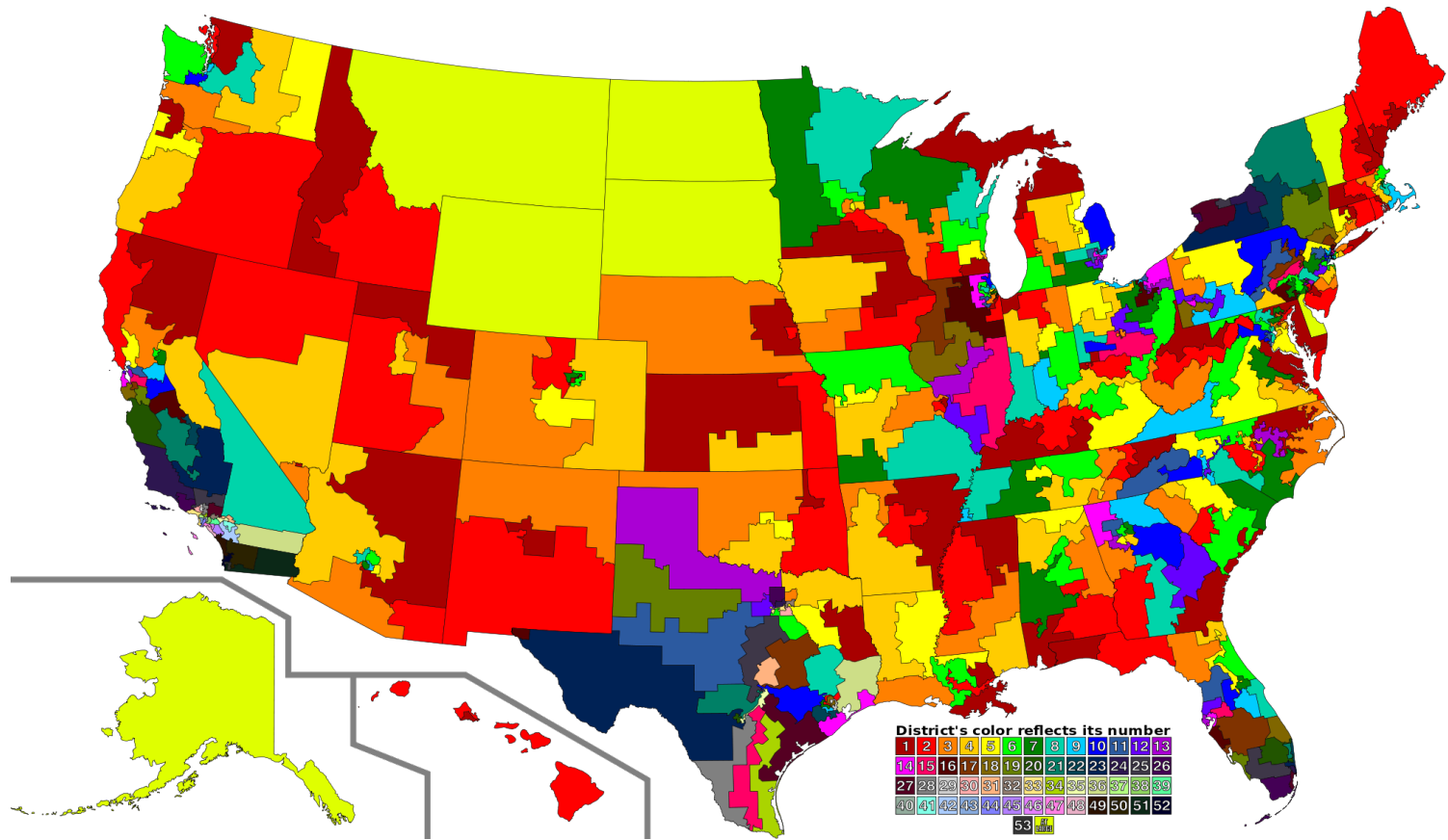


Hi-lite: What is the name of Burbank's representative?

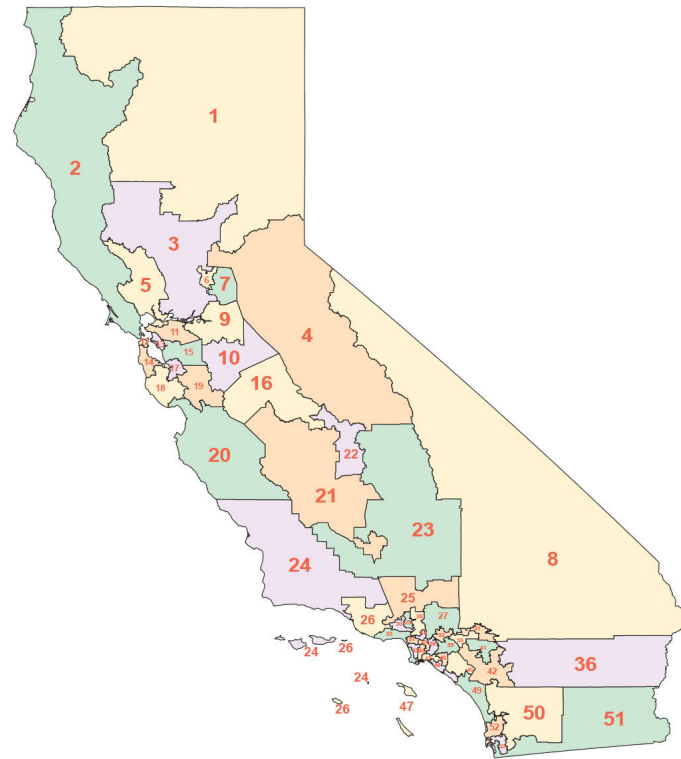
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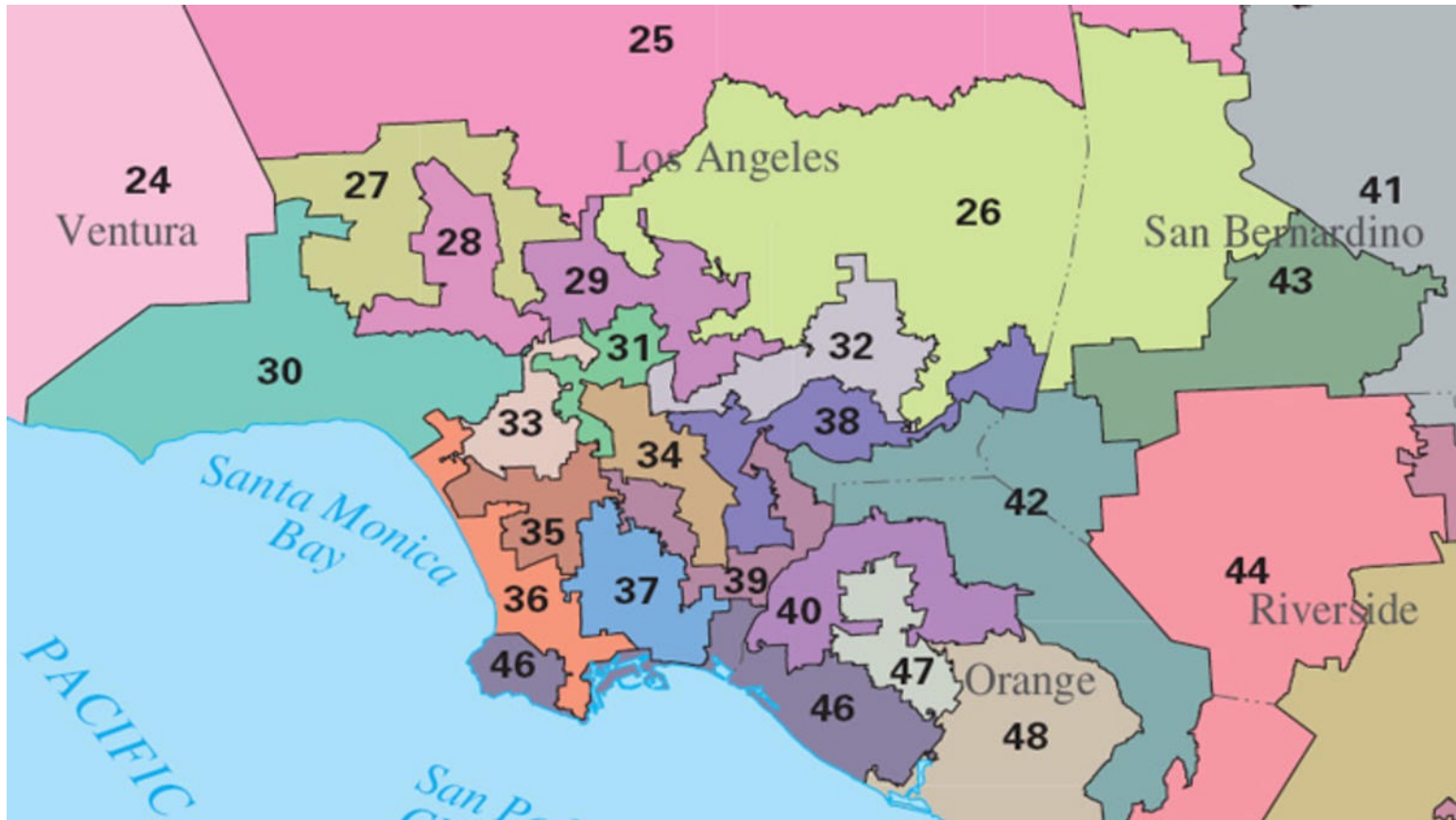
House Distrcits



California House Districts - 53



LA County



Senators from California

- All states have 2 senators in Congress.
- California's 2 members of the Senate are Dianne Feinstein and Kamala Harris.



Hi-lite: Who are California's two senators?



**The President lives and works in
the White House**



The Supreme Court of the United States.

The Court has 9 Justices



The Supreme Court Justices.