

LEGISLATIVE BIOGRAPHY — 2011 SESSION



VALERIE WIENER

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District No. 3

*Positioning Strategist, Author, Publisher,
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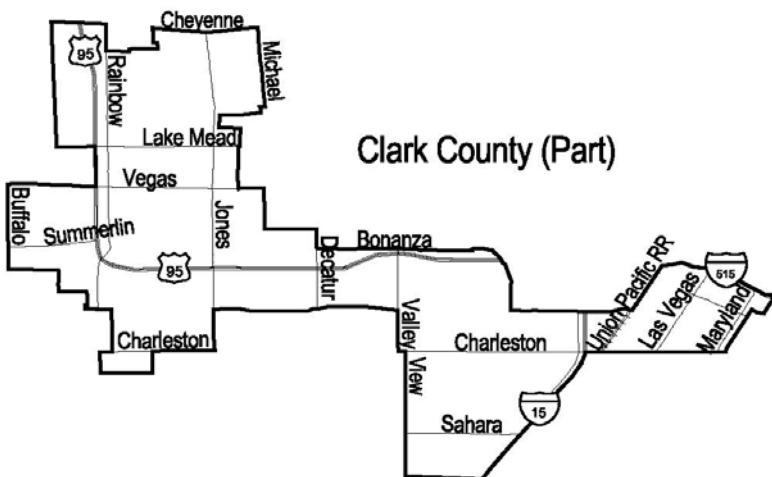


Born: Las Vegas, Nevada

Educated: Las Vegas High School; University of Missouri, Columbia, B.J., M.A., Journalism; University of Illinois, Springfield, M.A., Contemporary Literature; University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law

Hobbies/Special Interests: Community service, writing, reading, physical fitness training and competition, hiking

LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Nevada Senate, 1997-2011 (*first elected November 1996*)—ten special and eight regular sessions. Assistant Majority Floor Leader, 2011; Majority Whip, 2009; Minority Whip, 2001-2007. Chair, Senate Committee on Judiciary, 2011, Vice Chair, 2009; Vice Chair, Senate Committee on Health and Human Services, 2011; Member, Senate Committee on Education, 2011; Member, Senate Select Committee on Economic Growth and Employment, 2011; Chair, Senate Committee on Health and Education, 2009; Member, Senate Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections, 2009. Chair, Legislative Committee on Health Care, 2009-2010; Vice Chair, Legislative Committee on Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice, 2009-2010; Chair, Legislative Committee on Health Care Subcommittee to Study Medical and Societal Costs and Impacts of Obesity, 2003-2004; Chair, Commission on School Safety and Juvenile Violence, 1999-2000; Chair, Legislative Commission's Subcommittee to Study the System of Juvenile Justice in Nevada, 1999-2000, Vice Chair, 1997-1998.



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AFFILIATIONS: Board, Public Education Foundation; Board, Better Business Bureau; Media Relations Instructor, Leadership Las Vegas Program, Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce; Planning Team, Civic Mission for Schools; Founding Member, Action for Healthy Kids/Nevada State Team; Advisory Board, Keeping Kids Fit; Vice Chair, Nevada Technological Crime Advisory Board; Nevada Commission on Aging; Participant, White House Conference on School Safety, 1998.

PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS: President/CEO, Wiener Communications Group; President/CEO, PowerMark Publishing. Author of five books that earned 11 major state and national awards: *Power Communications: Positioning Yourself for High Visibility*; *Gang Free: Friendship Choices for Today's Youth*; *The Nesting Syndrome: Grown Children Living at Home*; *Power Positioning: Advancing Yourself as THE Expert*; and *Winning the War Against Youth Gangs*. Author, PowerMaster HandBooks (nine national and international awards for first five handbooks in series), 2000, 2005-2007. Outstanding Achievement Award (three nations competing), National Federation of Press Women, 1991; Media Advocate/Nevada, Small Business Administration, 1992; Distinguished Leadership Award, National Association for Community Leadership, 1993; Outstanding Woman Advocate for Education, Virginia Commonwealth University, 2000; more than 222 state, national, and international communications awards since 1990; Nevada Senior Olympics Gold Medalist in both Fitness and Weightlifting, 1998-2003, 2005-2007; named Distinguished Senior Athlete, Nevada Senior Olympics, 2000; Nevada Senior Olympics Gold Medalist in Swimming, 2002-2003, 2005-2007; Silver Medalist in Walking, 2005. Honored as one of 27 national "Healthy School Heroes" at Healthy Schools Summit in Washington, D.C., 2002 (only Legislator in U.S. so recognized); Healthcare Policy Hero, Southern Nevada Area Health Education Center, 2003; Legislator of the Year, Society of Public Health Educators, 2004; Leadership Las Vegas Hall of Fame, 2006 (third inductee in program's 20-year history); Public Affairs Champion Award, March of Dimes, 2009; Jean Ford Participatory Democracy Award, Nevada Secretary of State, 2009; Nevada Public Advocate of the Year, Nevada Public Health Association, 2010; Children's Health Care Champion Special Recognition Award, Southern Nevada Immunization Coalition, 2010.