

# Rep. Mimi Walters (R-CA-45)



## Background

Republican Mimi Walters defeated Democrat Drew Leavens in California's heavily Republican 45th District in 2014 to succeed retiring GOP Rep. John Campbell. Touting her long experience in public office, she ran on a pro-business, anti-tax platform that resonated in the district, which covers much of wealthy Orange County. Walters is the daughter of a Marine Corps captain who later became a major in the Marine Corps Reserve. She worked as a stockbroker and then for seven years as an investment executive before she won her first race in 1996 on the Laguna Niguel City Council. She went on to serve as Laguna Niguel mayor before being elected to the state Assembly in 2004 and the state Senate in 2008. In the House, the freshman class selected Walters as its representative in the Republican leadership. She said that Congress must become "solution-oriented," especially in creating jobs. In July 2016, she won enactment of her Survivors' Bill of Rights Act, which focused especially on the victims of sexual assault. As a "practical conservative," she told The New York Times, she wanted to limit taxes and spending but added that "government's job is to sometimes help those people who need help - not to give them money to just give them money, but to give them tools to help bring them out of poverty."

## Committees

- Energy and Commerce
- Ethics

## Biography

First Elected: 2014

Education:  
University of California (Los Angeles), B.A., 1984

Religion: Roman Catholic

Family:  
Marital Status: Married, Spouse: David Walters, 4 children

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## Election Results

2016 General

Mimi Walters (R)	182,618	59%
Ron Varasteh (D)	129,231	41%

## Online Info

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