

About David Valadao

David Valadao was born and raised in Hanford, California in the center of the agriculturally rich 30th Assembly District. As a lifelong resident of the Central Valley, David has been active in agriculture and dairy industry groups, as well as many local causes including Children's Hospital Central California, 4-H, Future Farmers of America, and various Catholic Charities.

The Valadao family emigrated from the Azores Islands of Portugal to the United States in 1969. After settling in the Central Valley, David's father started a small dairy farm in Kings County in 1973. David was born April 14, 1977. As young men, David and his brothers learned the value of hard work by rising early in the morning to labor on the dairy alongside their parents. They were blessed to achieve the American Dream of entrepreneurship and are proud of the business they have built as a family. They consider their many employees to be a part of their extended family.

The business now consists of two separate dairies, as well as over 1,000 acres of farmland in Kings and western Tulare County, on which David and his brothers grow alfalfa, corn and wheat as feed stock for their dairy.

David attended local schools, graduating from Hanford High School in 1995. David then went on to the College of the Sequoias in Visalia. Now David serves as the managing partner of Valadao Dairy.

David married his high school sweetheart, Terra, in 1999. Together, they have two beautiful children and are expecting their third child in April 2010.

Intimately involved in the dairy industry, David has taken on leadership roles within the California Milk Advisory Board, Western States Dairy Trade Association, and was elected as Regional Leadership Council Chairman for Land O' Lakes Inc., a Fortune 200 Company.

Having to live and operate a business while suffering the consequences of rules and regulations imposed by out of touch bureaucrats in Washington and Sacramento is one of the reasons David decided to run for the Assembly. David's leadership experience also led him to realize that he can make more of a difference for his family and the families of all in the 30th District by working to craft solutions instead of sitting on the sidelines complaining.



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On the issues...

WATER

Water is crucial to the 30th. Without stable and dependable water supplies, 100s of 1000s of acres of the richest agricultural land in the world are being fallowed and families and communities are being devastated by sky-high unemployment rates. We have to act now. I will do everything I can to build more water storage. I'll also work closely with our Congressmen to turn the Delta pumps back on.

JOBS

We can't afford to stand idly by as state government chases employers, jobs and businesses away. For the 4th year in a row, CEOs rated California as the worst state in the nation for job and business growth. In another survey, California ranked dead last among the 50 states for the cost of doing business. We've lost 617,600 jobs in the past year. I will weigh every bill, every line-item in the budget and every regulation by its impact on California jobs. We must take immediate action to put California back to work. I'll work to develop reforms to force bureaucracies to perform and make regulations rational.

TAXES & GOVERNMENT SPENDING

The first rule in business is that you can't spend more than what you bring in. That's also true for families and governments. We can't keep passing state budgets full of red ink. We have to reduce spending to match income. Every agency in the State must be streamlined and made more efficient. Non-essential spending must be cut so we can afford essential priorities. I will not support any tax increase of any kind. We're taxed to the limit. More taxes will only further strain tight family budgets and drive more businesses and jobs out of the state. Government waste and mismanagement must be reformed so spending matches income.

EDUCATION

As the father of two and a third on the way, I want my children and every child in California to have a good education that gives them the tools they need to succeed. I support reforms that strengthen school accountability and will help to ensure that our children can successfully compete in the changing economy. We need to empower parents to make important decisions about their children's education and not leave them trapped in failing schools. This is an important first step in reforming California's education bureaucracy to focus on our children and schools.

CRIME & PUBLIC SAFETY

Law enforcement is one of my top priorities. Safe homes, schools, neighborhoods and communities are vital to our quality of life. I will work closely with our brave men and women in law enforcement to make sure they have the resources they need to do their jobs. I oppose early release programs and I will work to strengthen sentencing to make sure career criminals serve their full sentences. I strongly believe in the death penalty and 3-Strikes.

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