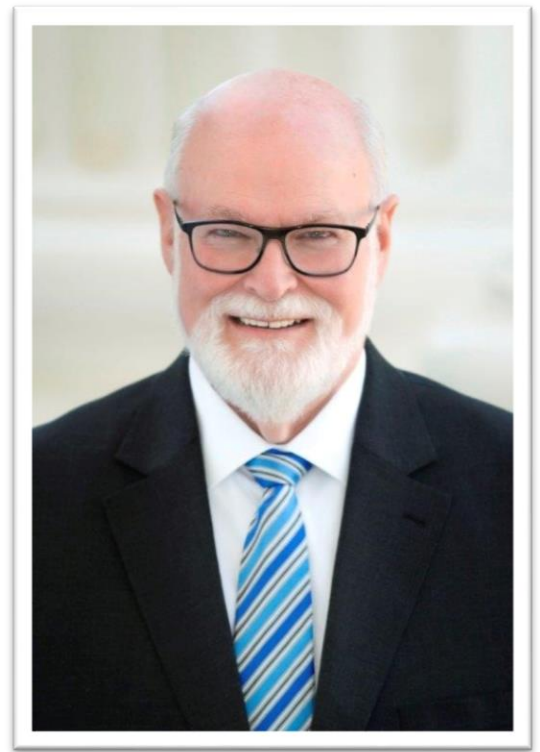


Alum Rock Counseling Center presents 2020 SUPER ROLE MODEL Jim Beall, CA State Senator, District 15

Jim Beall's roots in Santa Clara County run deep. Born in San Jose, he is a lifelong resident of the city. As one of ten children, raised in a loving home where money was tight, Jim learned values like responsibility, hard work, self-reliance and the importance of giving back to the community to improve people's lives. Working in the fields picking crops as a teenager, Jim learned the true value of hard work, a day's labor and the value of every dollar. Having parents who stressed the importance of a quality education, Jim graduated from Bellarmine College Preparatory and then went on to earn his degree in Political Science from San Jose State University.

At the age of 24, Jim served on the San Jose City Planning Commission and, at age 28, he became the youngest person ever to be elected to the San Jose City Council. In three decades of public service – first as a San Jose City Councilman, then as a Santa Clara County Supervisor, and legislator in the Assembly – Senator Beall has left his mark across Silicon Valley and beyond.



His landmark legislation includes:

- The **Children's Health Initiative** which helped to ensure that every child in Santa Clara County could be covered by health insurance, resulting in affordable and comprehensive health coverage for 154,000 low-income children.
- **AB 12** which extended the benefits of eligible foster care youth beyond age 18 to 21, making it possible for thousands to obtain housing and other services, while attending college or job-training programs.
- **Audrie's Law** and **SB 926** which helped ensure justice for victims of sexual abuse by extending the criminal statute of limitations for victims.
- **SB11** and **SB29** which improved mental health/de-escalation training for peace officers in order to reduce violent confrontations with people suffering from mental illnesses.
- **SB10** which established professional standards and certification processes for health providers known as peers, with lived experience in mental illness or substance use disorders, helping to improve mental health outcomes.
- **SB12** which directed the Legislature to establish a series of at least 100 youth drop-in centers statewide to treat the mental health needs of California youth, regardless of insurance or immigration status.

During his 30 years in public office, Jim Beall has been a champion and advocate for underserved youth, low-income families, and people facing mental health challenges. For his years of service to those most in need in our local communities, Alum Rock Counseling Center is proud to present Senator Beall with the agency's 2020 Super Role Model Award.