

Byron Sher

Byron Sher was elected to the California State Senate in 1996 in a special election. He was subsequently re-elected to two four-year terms, and served as the first chairman of the Senate Environmental Quality Committee. Mr. Sher served for over 15 years in the State Assembly, where he chaired the Natural Resources Committee and the Criminal Law and Public Safety Committees. He served two terms as Mayor of Palo Alto during his nine years on the City Council. Mr. Sher graduated from Harvard Law School and is Professor of Law Emeritus at Stanford Law School. He held academic teaching positions at the law schools of Harvard, Southern Methodist University and the University of Southern California, as well as Stanford. Mr. Sher currently is a Commissioner on the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws and a board member of the California Sierra Nevada Conservancy.