



Chairwoman Jessica Millan Patterson

Jessica Millan Patterson is a wife, mother, and the first female and first Latina Chairwoman in the history of the California Republican Party (CRP). She is known for her get-things-done, no-nonsense style. Chairwoman Patterson's visionary leadership, grassroots success, experience as a political strategist, communicator, and fundraising ability earned her the endorsement of an overwhelming majority of Republican leaders at the national, state and local levels.

Before her election as chairwoman, Patterson was C.E.O., and co-founder, of California Trailblazers, an organization that recruits, trains and helps elect Republican candidates to state legislative offices. Modeled after the national Young Guns program, Trailblazers has supported over 160 candidates and helped facilitate over \$6 million in independent expenditures to those candidates.

Chairwoman Patterson grew up in the Hacienda Heights and Montebello neighborhoods of East Los Angeles County, where she first started in politics as a high school volunteer for former Governor Pete Wilson. She gained valuable organizing and operational experience volunteering at the Los Angeles County Republican Party headquarters in Hacienda Heights, which set the initial foundation for her election as CRP Chairwoman.

After her internship with the Los Angeles County Republican Party, Chairwoman Patterson served as an intern for California State Assemblyman Robert Pacheco, and then with the CRP. Following her CRP internship, Chairwoman Patterson was appointed as the Executive Director of the Ventura County Republican Party. In her position as executive director, Chairwoman Patterson served a vital part in helping President George W. Bush win Ventura County in the 2004 U.S. Presidential Election. Her efforts, in partnership with the Ventura County Central Committee, played a crucial role in the CRP honoring Ventura County as the "Best Overall County Party" in 2004.

In 2006, Chairwoman Patterson was a Regional Political Director for Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger's landslide re-election effort. She was the Nevada Victory Director, in 2008, for John McCain for President. After the McCain Presidential Campaign, Patterson served as the CRP's California Victory Director in 2010, and subsequently served in that role again during the 2012 period.

Chairwoman Patterson is a graduate and member of the Board of Directors for the Marian Bergeson Series, a training program designed to recruit and train the next generation of Republican women in California politics. She is married to Wes Patterson, a non-profit fundraiser. They live with their daughters in the shadow of the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in Simi Valley, where they cast their vote each election day.