

Matthew Harper has represented California's 74th Assembly District since 2014. He began his career in public service in 1998 when he was elected to the Huntington Beach Union High School District Board of Trustees. After 12 years on the school board he was elected to the Huntington Beach City Council, where he served for one term before being elected Mayor of Huntington Beach. Matthew attended Orange Coast College before transferring to the University of Southern California, where he earned a bachelor's degree in public policy and management. Matthew is a real estate broker in Huntington Beach, where he lives with his wife Elizabeth.

Assemblyman Matthew Harper has always been passionate about developing public service excellence by building consensus for community vision with all stakeholders. Before joining the Huntington Beach City Council, Mayor Matthew Harper was elected to the Huntington Beach Union High School District (HBUHSD) Board of Trustees in 1998, there completing three full terms through 2010. Mayor Harper also serves on the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) Board of Directors and additionally as a representative to the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Regional Council. Matthew Harper's priorities as Mayor include public safety, infrastructure, economic development, administrative & fiscal accountability, property rights and personal freedom.

A graduate of Huntington Beach High School, Matthew Harper is a member of the HBHS Alumni Association. After transferring from Orange Coast College in Costa Mesa, Harper earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Public Policy and Management at the University of Southern California.

Matthew Harper is a long-term member of the Orange County Republican Party Central Committee and has served in many Republican leadership roles for over 20 years, including two years as state chairman for the Young Republican Federation of California.

Since winning election to the California State Assembly in 2014 to represent the 74th District that includes Huntington Beach, Costa Mesa, Newport Beach, Irvine, Laguna Woods and Laguna Beach, Harper has been a strong voice for conservative priorities and protecting taxpayers. He is running for re-election in 2018.