

Kyrsten Sinema (D-AZ)



Kyrsten Sinema entered Congress with the 2012 elections as an Arizona Democrat for the new 9th District.1

Background

Kyrsten Sinema was born in Tucson, Arizona in 1976 and was raised in the Dobson Ranch area, in a conservative Mormon family.

At age 16, Sinema graduated as her high school's valedictorian and went on to earn a Bachelor's Degree in social work from Brigham Young University.²

While advocating for "marginalized and oppressed communities in the state," she earned her Master's Degree in Social Work and later went on to graduate Cum Laude with her Juris Doctorate from Arizona State University. In addition, she was hired as an adjunct professor in the School of Social Work at ASU at the age of 26 to teach Master's level courses in fundraising and political and social policy. Kyrsten Sinema was elected to the House of Representatives in 2004, after nearly a decade of professional practice as a social worker and "social justice" advocate.³