Royce West has dedicated his life to providing and protecting basic rights and opportunities for all Texans.

Senator West advocated with parents and teachers to achieve world-class education for students, championed criminal justice reform, supported workers seeking fair wages, and advocated for common-sense gun legislation like banning assault weapons and having universal background checks. Royce promoted and defended women's reproductive rights, stood with immigrant rights communities for comprehensive immigration reform, and marched with students seeking fair voting rights. He also championed expansion of healthcare opportunities for Texans and provided subsidized foster care alternatives to grandparents, as well as other family members.

As a Texas State Senator, Royce has represented the 23rd Senatorial District on behalf of the citizens of Dallas County. During his tenure, Senator West was named by Texas Monthly as one of the “Ten Best Legislators in Texas”, and received countless awards from community and business organizations for his leadership. Senator West serves as the Vice Chair of the Senate Higher Education Committee and is a member of Senate committees on Education, Finance and Transportation.

As a Democrat, Senator West has helped elect numerous individuals to office up and down the ticket and across the state. He has served the Texas Democratic Party as Convention Chair and he represents Texas on the Democratic National Committee and its’ Executive Committee.

Royce has fought for inclusiveness of women and all racial and ethnic minorities in the procurement practices of state agencies and promoted Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUBs).

As a graduate of both the University of Texas at Arlington (B.A., M.A.) and the University of Houston (J.D.), he gained an understanding of the importance of education. While serving in various capacities on the higher education committee (currently Vice Chairman), Senator West fought to provide additional funding to public colleges and universities to ensure higher education is affordable for all students. He recognized the importance of access to higher education and demonstrated it by authoring or sponsoring legislation for the creation of public universities in the cities of San Antonio, Killeen and Dallas. In addition, Royce has provided thousands of internship opportunities for college students while reducing college costs to families.

Outside of his community and legislative work, Senator West is the managing partner in the law firm of West & Associates, L.L.P. The firm employs numerous individuals.

Senator West's most important accomplishment is the support and encouragement from his wife of 32 years, Carol R. West, retired CPA, and their family.