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Democrat Julie Bornstein aims to unseat Bono Mack

Julie Bornstein, two-year veteran of state Assembly, sets sights on 45th

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A former Coachella Valley assemblywoman announced plans Tuesday to seek the Democratic nomination for the 45th Congressional District seat held by Rep. Mary Bono Mack, R-Palm Springs.

Julie Bornstein, who will begin her campaign today with a pair of news conferences to discuss her bid, served two years in the Assembly and was Assembly Democratic Caucus chair in 1994.

Former Palm Springs Mayor Ron Oden is expected to attend her campaign event, along with former Assemblyman Steve Klute of Moreno Valley.

She also served as chief deputy state controller under Kathleen Connell and was director of Housing and Community Development under Gov. Gray Davis.

Most recently, Bornstein, an attorney and a teacher, headed up the national nonprofit Campaign for Affordable Housing.

Riverside County's 45th Congressional District encompasses the cities of the Coachella Valley east to the Arizona border, including the cities of Coachella, Blythe, Indian Wells, Palm Desert, Palm Springs, Indio, Cathedral City, Desert Hot Springs, La Quinta and Rancho Mirage. The district also includes Moreno Valley, Hemet and parts of Murrieta and Temecula.

The primary election will be held in June, with the regular election scheduled for November. Two other Democrats, Paul Clay and David Hunsicker, are also running for the seat.

Bono Mack has represented the district since 1998.
