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**From:** H <hrod17@clintonemail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 10, 2010 3:19 PM  
**To:** 'abedinh@state.gov'  
**Subject:** Re: Diane Watson to retire

I'd like to call her.

But right now I'm fighting w the WH operator who doesn't believe I am who I say and wants my direct office line even tho I'm not there and I just have him my home # and the State Dept # and I told him I had no idea what my direct office # was since I didn't call myself and I just hung up and am calling thru Ops like a proper and properly dependent Secretary of State--no independent dialing allowed.

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**From:** Abedin, Huma <AbedinH@state.gov>  
**To:** H  
**Sent:** Wed Feb 10 15:11:17 2010  
**Subject:** Fw: Diane Watson to retire

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**From:** Dan Schwerin [redacted]  
**To:** Balderston, Kris M; Abedin, Huma  
**Sent:** Wed Feb 10 14:49:29 2010  
**Subject:** Diane Watson to retire

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Rep. Watson to retire

By Aaron Blake - 02/10/10 11:51 AM ET

Rep. Diane Watson (D-Calif.) is set to announce her retirement, according to Democratic sources.

Watson's central Los Angeles district isn't expected to be competitive in the general election, as it carries a distinct Democratic advantage as a majority-minority district. President Barack Obama won it 87-12 in 2008.

Former California State Assembly Speaker Karen Bass is thought to be an early front-runner to replace Watson.

Watson, 76, has served in Congress since 2001. Prior to that, President Bill Clinton appointed her ambassador to Micronesia.

Source:  
<http://thehill.com/blogs/blog-briefing-room/news/80575-watson-to-retire>