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Assemblymember, District 12

NEWSLETTER

DEAR FRIENDS,

It has been wonderful being full-time back in the North Bay as the State Assembly has concluded its 2023 legislative session.

Now that the dust has settled, I'm proud to report the bills we have officially gotten signed into law by the Governor, and the important work we've been doing in Assembly District 12 and throughout California.

It's been a very productive first year as your Assemblymember and I'm looking forward to sharing those updates and more with you in this month's newsletter.



AD 12 UPDATES

Bills Signed Into Law

Wildfire Insurance Hearing

Budget Wins for the North Bay

The Future of EV Charging

District Updates



BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW

Concluding my first full legislative session as the North Bay's State Assemblymember, I am proud to report that we successfully got five bills officially signed into law by Governor Gavin Newsom. These important laws address the epidemic of gun violence, protect renters, helps keep nicotine out-of-the-hands of teenagers, addresses the teen suicide epidemic, and protects the adoption of residential solar projects. Below are descriptions of each bill. To read more about this legislation, [click here](#).

AB 92: Mass shootings are a growing epidemic in the United States, and shooters are increasingly using body armor to prolong their rampages. AB 92 prescribes that any person prohibited under California law from owning a firearm is also prohibited from purchasing or possessing body armor.

AB 319: Mobile homeowners are subject to inspections in home parks despite potential conflicts of interest. AB 319 addresses inadequacies within the conflict-of-interest code that regulates mobile home inspectors by codifying the State Auditor's recommendations for greater transparency and strengthened ethics.

AB 935: While the sale of most flavored tobacco products was prohibited in [SB 793](#), these dangerous products continue to be available to teenagers in retail locations across the state. AB 935 strengthens enforcement of the flavored tobacco ban.

AB 1132: Permit fees for residential and commercial solar energy systems are limited, but these provisions will be repealed on the first of January 2025. AB 1132, joint authored with Assemblymember Laura Friedman, extends the repeal of these provisions to the first of January 2034.

AB 1109: Sodium nitrite is a chemical compound used in teen suicide, a leading cause of death for America's youth. AB 1109 prohibits online retailers from selling sodium nitrite to minors and places quantity restrictions on adult purchases.



WILDFIRE INSURANCE HEARING

INVESTIGATING HOME INSURANCE CRISIS IN CALIFORNIA

As Chair of the Select Committee on Wildfire Prevention, I was pleased to host an informational hearing in Santa Rosa with the Assembly Insurance Committee to examine the major issues with home insurance in wildfire-prone areas like the North Bay. This hearing looked closely at how wildfire risk is measured, steps being taken in our community to become more resilient, and whether these actions can move the needle on availability of insurance. At the hearing, we heard from leading experts and representatives from UC Berkeley's Department of Environmental Science, Fire Chiefs, the Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority, Insurance providers, Department of Insurance staff, and consumer advocates.

Since the Insurance Commissioner announced the new Sustainable Insurance Strategy in September, I have been engaged with my colleagues to ensure the implementation of this plan benefits North Bay residents, protects consumers, and truly helps stabilize the insurance marketplace.

Through the Wildfire Prevention and Insurance Committees, as well as potential legislation, we are exploring all options to make sure that Californians can access reasonable insurance plans that account for the great wildfire prevention work that many communities are undertaking, like vegetation management and home hardening projects.

This will undoubtedly be my office's top issue next year. If you would like to view a recording of this hearing, [click here](#).



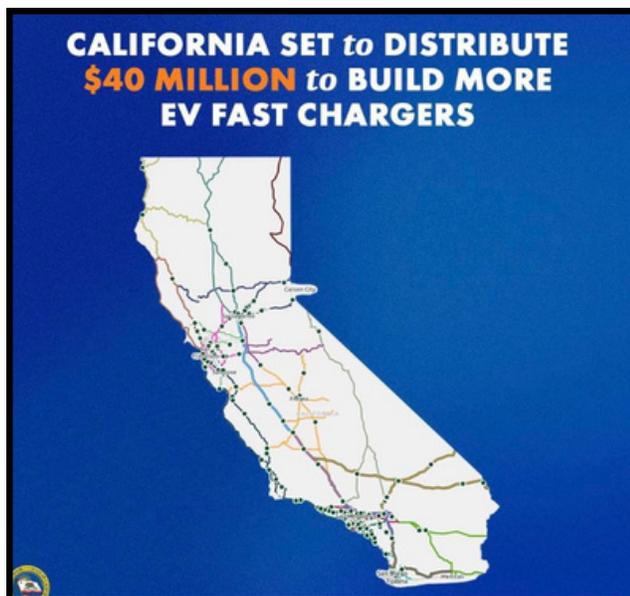


NEW FUNDING FOR THE NORTH BAY

Even though the Legislature is not currently in-session, state grant programs and funding continue to be awarded to great projects and organizations throughout the North Bay. I'm happy to report some of the newest investments secured for Assembly District 12!



The Sonoma County Library & Rohnert Park-Cotati Regional Library has been awarded \$1,117,409 for library facility improvements.



\$40 million dollars allocated to build 270 electric vehicle fast chargers at 26 sites along highways across California.



California has awarded \$192 million dollars for more clean transit. A total of \$5,307,652 dollars has been awarded to projects in the North Bay within Assembly District 12. These funds will be allocated to various clean energy initiatives and projects.

THE FUTURE OF ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING & INFRASTRUCTURE

SELECT COMMITTEE HEARING & EV TRANSIT TOUR

As a member of the Assembly Select Committee on Electric Vehicles and Charging Infrastructure, I joined my colleague and Chair Assemblymember Pilar Shiavo in the San Fernando Valley to help host an informational hearing at California State University, Northridge. This hearing focused a discussion with a variety of experts on how charging innovation can allow communities to fully benefit from the electric vehicle transition and what policies in the Legislature may pave the way to help accomplish a more sustainable future.

We also had the opportunity to tour the Antelope Valley Transit Authority's 100 percent electric bus fleet conversion project, as well as the BYD Global electric truck and manufacturing facility. BYD and the ATVA's commitment to clean energy is a major environmental initiative, and it was a pleasure to tour their facilities. Investing in clean air infrastructure is essential to improving energy accessibility and building a healthier planet.

To watch the full hearing recording of the hearing, [click here](#).



DISTRICT UPDATES: SNAPSHOTS

During the legislative recess, we are back in the district full time, which has created great opportunities to attend events, tours, and productive meetings with constituents throughout the North Bay in both Marin and Sonoma Counties. Here are some snapshots of some of the meetings and events my office has participated in over the past month. As always, our door is open, if you want to schedule a meeting or send an event invite, please reach out through our website by clicking [here](#).



MEETING WITH CALIFORNIA CLIMATE HEALTH



MARIN ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS, CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION WITH SENATOR MCGUIRE



RECEIVING MARIN CLEAN ENERGY "CLIMATE ACTION LEADERSHIP" AWARD



ADDRESSING CALIFORNIA WATER ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE



MARIN PRIDE FESTIVAL



AGRICULTURAL INSTITUTE OF MARIN 40 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

DISTRICT UPDATES: CONTINUED

THANK YOU!

*With your help, we raised \$25,015
to keep our award-winning
Climate Action program free of charge.*



**RESILIENT NEIGHBORHOOD PARTY TO
SUPPORT CLIMATE ACTION PROGRAMS**



**SPEAKING WITH MARIN COUNTY COUNCIL OF
MAYORS & COUNCILMEMBERS**



SONOMA VALLEY ROTARY CLUB MEETING



SAN PEDRO ELEMENTARY OPEN HOUSE



**SAUSALITO FLOATING HOMES "DAY IN
THE PARK"**



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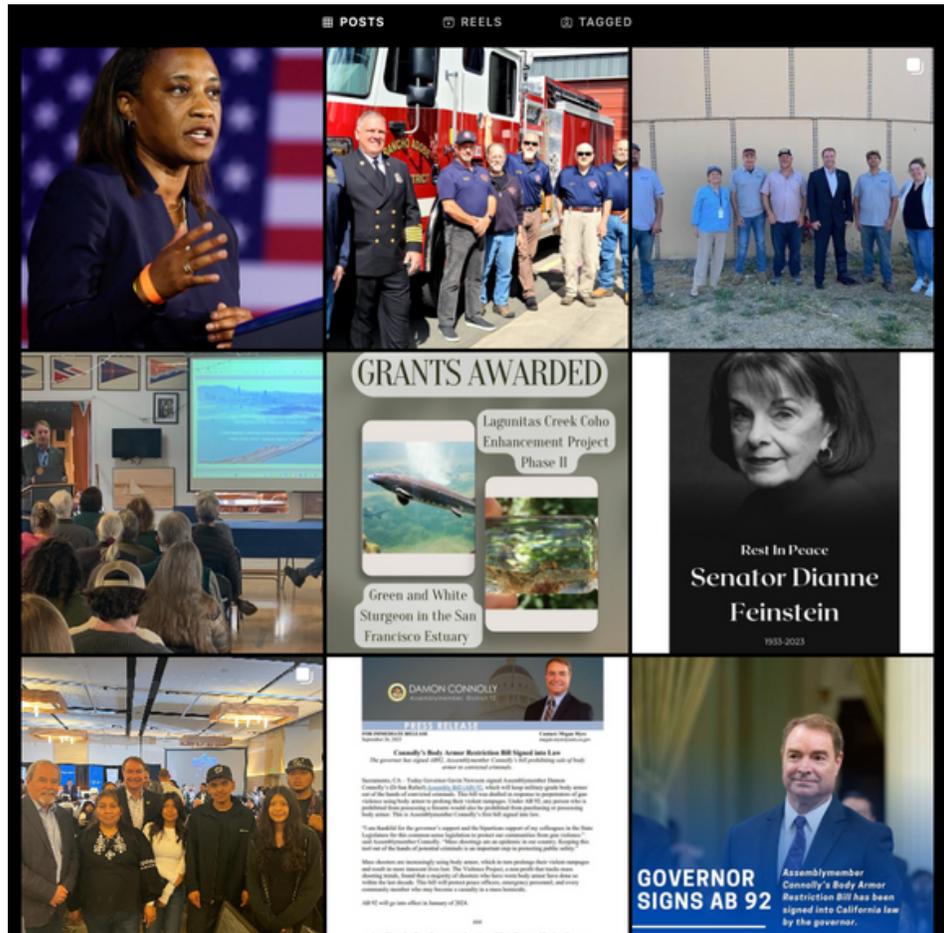
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I'm excited to share with you my newest social media page on Instagram! This is an official account that will include important updates and information about the North Bay and my work in Sacramento.

If you are interested in following my official Instagram page, [click here!](#)



As always, my door is open and my staff are available to assist you. Feel free to contact me through my website, or by calling one of my offices.

With gratitude,

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