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NEWSLETTER

DEAR FRIENDS,

I want to extend my gratitude for your continued support and engagement with my office in both Marin and Sonoma Counties.

This April newsletter, the 16th issue, covers this past month serving as the North Bay's State Assemblymember. This opportunity is the privilege of a lifetime and I look forward to the work we will accomplish together moving forward.

For this issue, I want to recap what I have been up to both in the district and out at the Capitol. I hope you enjoy and stay tuned for announcements on plans for this new legislative session!



AD 12 UPDATES

Bill Updates

Insurance Crisis Update

Title IX Legislative Package

ACA 16 Press Conference

**Climate Budget Defense
Coalition Press Conference**

Equality California Awards

Envirovoters Climate Summit

District Updates

Capitol Updates

BILL UPDATES



AB 3107 enables electricity to be shared across a right of way

UTILITIES AND ENERGY

PASSED



AB 2196 codifies and expands the Beaver Restoration Program

WATER, PARKS & WILDLIFE

NOW TO:
APPROPRIATIONS

PASSED



AB 2416 expands the Safer From Wildfires Program

INSURANCE

NOW TO:
APPROPRIATIONS

PASSED



AB 2734 expands the Healthy Soils Program

AGRICULTURE

NOW TO:
APPROPRIATIONS

PASSED



AB 2143 moves code sections dealing with fairs to Food and Agriculture Code

AGRICULTURE

NOW TO:
APPROPRIATIONS

PASSED



AB 1864 strengthens the regulations for pesticide use near schools

ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY &
TOXIC MATERIALS

NOW TO:
APPROPRIATIONS

PASSED



AB 1790 strengthens sexual harassment protections at CSU campuses

HIGHER EDUCATION

NOW TO:
APPROPRIATIONS

PASSED



AB 99 restricts the use of RoundUp on state highways

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS

PASSED



AB 1778 prohibits individuals under 16 from riding a class 2 e-bike

TRANSPORTATION

NOW TO: ASSEMBLY FLOOR

PASSED

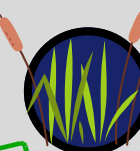


AB 2968 requires improvements to defensible space and evacuation protocols in schools

EDUCATION
NATURAL RESOURCES

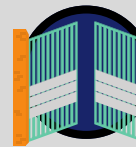
NOW TO:
APPROPRIATIONS

PASSED



AB 828 protects endangered wetlands and access to clean drinking water

SENATE RULES



AB 2149, also known as Alex's Law, establishes specific standards for large vehicular gates

JUDICIARY

NOW TO:
APPROPRIATIONS

PASSED



AB 2332 creates a pilot program for opioid treatment services at San Quentin State Prison.

PUBLIC SAFETY

NOW TO:
APPROPRIATIONS

PASSED



AB 2897 expands the definition of a Community Land Trust

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

NOW TO: REVENUE & TAXATION

PASSED



AB 1926 expands healthcare coverage for metabolic disorders

HEALTH

NOW TO:
APPROPRIATIONS

PASSED



AB 2539 gives mobile home residents the opportunity to purchase their park if it's being sold

JUDICIARY

NOW TO:
APPROPRIATIONS

PASSED



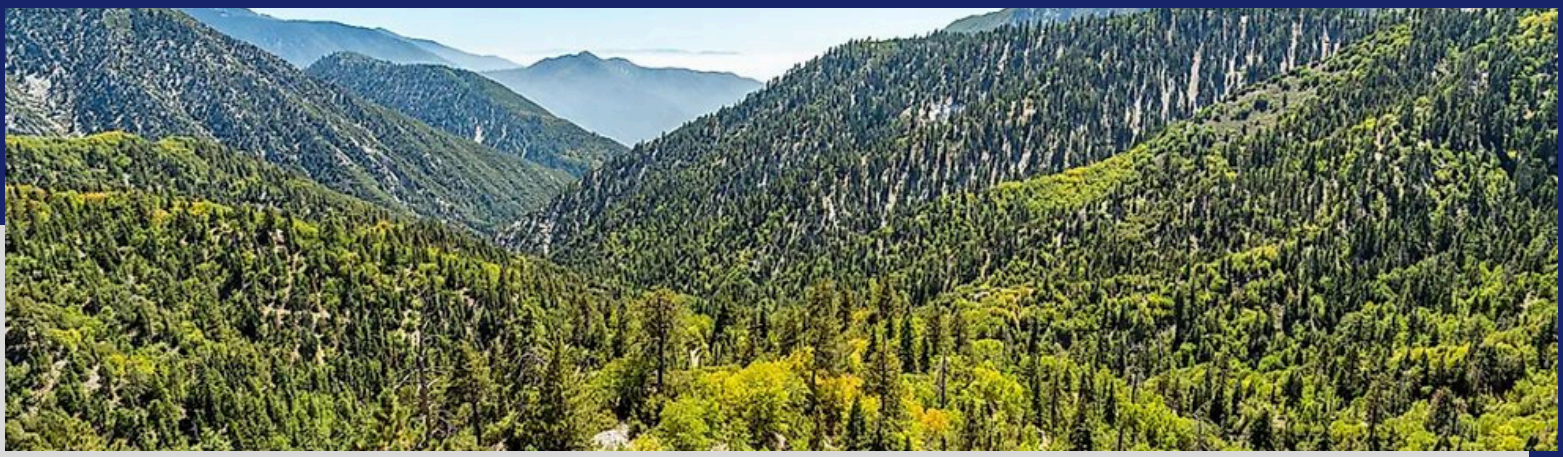
AB 2251 authorizes school districts to exempt students with absences related to physical or mental health from additional graduation requirements

EDUCATION
ASSEMBLY FLOOR

NOW TO: SENATE
POLICY COMMITTEE

PASSED





INSURANCE CRISIS UPDATE

This month, another insurance company, State Farm, announced that it would discontinue coverage for certain residents in California - a decision that has directly impacted our community in the North Bay. I have received many calls about the insurance crisis and have been asked by many of you to provide an update on the current situation. While the Department of Insurance is still in the process of adopting new regulations like catastrophic modeling, which are aimed at stabilizing and reducing rates in the state, we are being proactive on this issue and cannot delay.

Legislation

My colleagues and I are pushing back on the insurance industry and authoring bills that are consumer-focused, despite fierce pushback from insurance companies. I wanted to highlight my bill, Assembly Bill (AB) 2416, which strengthens the Safer from Wildfires program. AB 2416 will provide homeowners and communities with cost-effective wildfire prevention efforts and incentivize both property-wide and community-wide wildfire mitigation efforts. This bill also pushes insurers to provide coverage for homes and businesses by requiring the Department of Insurance to periodically review and update the Safer from Wildfire regulations. AB 2416 passed out of the Assembly Insurance Committee on April 18, despite concerted opposition from insurance industry lobbyists.

Another bill I wanted to mention is Senate Bill (SB) 1060 authored by my colleague from the Bay Area, Senator Josh Becker. This bill would force insurance companies to consider the billions of dollars the state has spent on wildfire mitigation and the work homeowners have done to protect their homes from wildfires such as creating defensible space around their property. I am supporting this legislation and look forward to voting for it in the Assembly.

Resources

The Department of Insurance has provided the following resources and contact information for anyone who needs help. Additionally, my office stands ready to assist you and cut through red tape. Our door is always open and I encourage anyone needing help to reach out directly to my district offices in Marin and Sonoma.

Homeowners Insurance

- [Help Finding Residential Insurance](#)
- [Information on Premium Discounts for Home Hardening](#)
- [Information on the Safer From Wildfires Program](#)

Department of Insurance Contacts:

- Telephone: (916) 492-2545
- Email: ombudsman@insurance.ca.gov



TITLE IX LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE PRESS CONFERENCE

I was proud to join eight of my colleagues in presenting a Title IX legislative package and a call to action to ensure that California's higher education institutions are adequately addressing sex discrimination and sexual harassment. Included in this legislative package is my bill AB 1790, which will require the California State University system to strengthen protections against sexual harassment and update their policies on sexual harassment complaints and allegations. By passing this critical legislative package, we can fight sex discrimination and sexual harassment in California higher education. AB 1790 passed through the Assembly Higher Education Committee with bipartisan support!

ASSEMBLY LEGISLATIVE CHAMPION

It was an honor to receive the Assembly Legislative Champion Award from the California Association of Local Conservation Corps. Thank you to the California Local Corps members and staff for all of your work in carrying out vital conservation projects and making a positive impact on the environment and our communities. I am proud to have fought against proposed budget cuts to ensure that our local conservation corps have the resources they need to protect our community's natural resources. Let us continue our journey toward a more sustainable and equitable future for all.





ACA 16 PRESS CONFERENCE

On April 9 I stood with my colleagues & advocates including the Sunrise Movement in support of ACA 16 to reaffirm that all Californians deserve clean air, clean water, and a healthy environment. These basic necessities are critical to public health and wellness, they are what Californians deserve, and they are not negotiable. I will continue to fight to ensure that California remains a healthy place to live for generations to come.

CLIMATE BUDGET DEFENSE COALITION PRESS CONFERENCE

At the Climate Budget Defense Coalition's press conference I spoke in support of California's continued investment in fighting climate change and calling for the end of the wasteful oil and gas subsidies that cost the state billions. We need to continue investing in clean air through the budget and a climate bond to ensure that California continues to take decisive action in the fight against climate change. I will continue to advocate to end subsidies for our biggest polluters and bring new funding to combat climate change for our great state.





EQUALITY CALIFORNIA'S SAN FRANCISCO EQUALITY AWARDS

I had a great time celebrating Equality California's San Francisco Equality Awards and presenting a resolution with my colleagues honoring Equality California's 25th anniversary. Congratulations to Equality California and their honorees for their tireless work in advancing LGBTQ+ rights!

ENVIROVOTERS LEGISLATIVE SUMMIT

On April 12 I had the pleasure of attending the Envirovoters Education Fund Legislator Climate Summit with colleagues, California Natural Resources Agency Secretary Wade Crowfoot, and California Environmental Protection Agency Secretary Yana Garcia. We discussed California's clean energy future and navigating the path forward on sustainable development.



DISTRICT UPDATES:

SNAPSHOTS

Even though I'm staying busy up in Sacramento during the week, I greatly value my time at home connecting with constituents in AD12. I have had many 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 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](#).



BUTTER AND EGG DAYS PARADE IN PETALUMA



TOURING MCDOWELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND CASA GRANDE HIGH SCHOOL IN PETALUMA



MEETING WITH LEADERS FROM PARENT VOICES MARIN TO DISCUSS THEIR LOCAL AND STATE PRIORITIES



MEETING WITH CAPTAIN CARLTON, THE NEW CHP CAPTAIN SERVING MARIN



MEETING WITH MOMS DEMAND TO DISCUSS PUBLIC SAFETY MEASURES THAT CAN FIGHT GUN VIOLENCE



TOURING CASA GRANDE HIGH SCHOOL'S INNOVATIVE FISH HATCHERY

CAPITOL UPDATES

SNAPSHOTS

It's especially exciting when I have the opportunity to meet with constituents from AD12 lobbying out in Sacramento! Here are some snapshots of some of the meetings and events my Capitol office 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](#).



DISCUSSING LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES
WITH CALIFORNIA STATE COUNCIL OF
LABORERS



DISCUSSING REPRODUCTIVE
HEALTHCARE ACCESS IN CALIFORNIA
WITH PLANNED PARENTHOOD



MEETING WITH AD 12 HEALTH CENTERS
AND ALIADOS HEALTH



DISCUSSING LEGISLATION WITH ANIMAL
ADVOCATES ON ANIMAL ADVOCACY DAY



CONNECTING WITH AD 12 LEADERS ON
LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY DAYS



DISCUSSING LEGISLATION WITH CASA
GRANDE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

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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