



DAMON CONNOLLY
Assemblymember, District 12

NEWSLETTER

DEAR FRIENDS,

I want to extend my gratitude for your continued support and engagement with my office in both Marin and Sonoma Counties. It has been a busy month in the district, especially with the holidays approaching! I've continued to meet with local residents, work on legislation for next year, and participate in community events.

As always, I have been holding meetings, hearing from constituents, and spending time in our beautiful district. It has been an absolute pleasure to focus my work in the North Bay and spend more time with all of you.

I am excited to share these updates with you!



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ELECTION DAY 2024

A big thank you to our AD12 community for showing up on Election Day! I am gratified to have received nearly 76% of the vote in our Assembly District, and I am looking forward to serving my second term as the North Bay's Assemblymember. It is my honor to be your representative in Sacramento, and I am thankful to every constituent.

I am proud to have authored thirteen bills that were signed into law by the Governor in my first session as an Assemblymember, and I look forward to more progress in the session to come. In addition to our local issues, I intend to prioritize the homeowners crisis around wildfire insurance, the high cost of utilities in the state, and making sure California continues to meet its clean energy goals in the upcoming session.

I am incredibly proud of everything we were able to accomplish as a community in my first legislative session as the North Bay's Assemblymember, and I look forward to working together in the legislative session to come.

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Candidate		Damon Connolly (Party Preference: DEM)
Votes		184,350
Percent	<div style="width: 75.7%;"></div>	75.7%
Candidate		Andy Podshadley (Party Preference: REP)
Votes		59,159
Percent	<div style="width: 24.3%;"></div>	24.3%



LOOKING FORWARD

On the heels of the federal election results, it is more important than ever that we recommit ourselves to protecting California's progress and values. It is vital that we continue the push for progressive climate action, reproductive freedom for all, and our transition to a sustainable, clean energy future. In this upcoming legislative session as your California State Assemblymember, I pledge to keep fighting for that vision and working alongside each of you to tackle the issues that impact California and each of our diverse communities.

We are already preparing for these potential scenarios by convening a special session on December 2nd, where we will bolster our legal resources to fight back against federal policies that threaten immigrant families in our community or reverse our progress on important issues like climate change. My office is also working to bolster collaboration with our local nonprofits, legal aid organizations, and advocates to best determine how we can help our neighbors and community members who are uncertain about the future.

As a representative of the North Bay, I'll continue to fight for protecting our values and victories, while continuing to work on the issues that are most important to our community, like wildfire insurance, utility rates, the expansion of local clean energy resources, reducing barriers to healthcare, expanding active transportation options like bike paths, climate change, and securing funding through the Climate Bond for projects in our district.

Alongside my colleagues in the Legislature, I am preparing to fight hard for California's progress, and the issues most salient to our communities in the North Bay.



SAFER FROM WILDFIRES LEGISLATION

On day one of next year's legislative session, I plan on reintroducing my wildfire insurance bill, AB 2416. This bill would have required the California Department of Insurance to review the Safer from Wildfires regulations every five years, and consider if additional building hardening measures and community level wildfire mitigation programs should be included in the program.

The current state of the insurance market is leaving thousands of families without coverage and causing rates to rise even in areas that are low risk for wildfires and natural disasters. The Safer from Wildfires program is the only avenue open to consumers to receive direct insurance discounts for hardening their homes and neighborhoods.

Currently, there is no requirement for the California Department of Insurance to open up the regulations for evaluation. As new and safer building materials come to market and wildfire prevention methods evolve, it is important that we periodically revisit the regulations and ensure that as much relief as possible is being offered to residents who are doing the right thing.

This bill will help consumers save money on their insurance bills while simultaneously reducing the risk of disaster for vulnerable communities. This past session, the bill passed with bipartisan support but unfortunately did not receive a vote in the Senate. I plan on getting a new, stronger version of this bill passed and signed into law by the Governor in the new year, helping our California homeowners that are taking the initiative to harden their communities against wildfires.



AD12 STORM RESOURCES

As we head into storm season, let's make sure we are preparing for emergencies and taking care of our neighbors. Make an emergency plan, prepare for power outages, sign up for emergency alerts, and make sure you are familiar with our available community resources.

AlertMarin.org

Sign up to receive emergency alerts. Emergency officials use the AlertMarin Emergency Notification System to provide you with critical information and potentially life-saving instruction. Those registered will receive the notification if they have been determined to be within the precise geographic area(s) affected. An AlertMarin notification will provide timely, clear, and accurate instruction in the form of a call, text, or email. Sign up [here](#).

Marin County Emergency Portal

During an emergency, the Marin County Emergency Portal will provide you with the latest information regarding significant incidents or events along with resources and/or actions for community members. Find information and resources [here](#).

Sonoma Emergency Readiness

Find information and resources to prepare yourself and your family for emergencies, the latest information during an emergency, and available resources and assistance [here](#).

AVOID SCAMS THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

Learn how to prevent fraud and scams this holiday season! The California Department of Financial Protection & Innovation, in partnership with A Place 2 Live, is offering a virtual session on December 6th that will provide expert advice on how to protect yourself from scams, fraud, and deceptive sales practices, especially during the holiday season. Don't miss this opportunity to learn how to stay secure and make informed decisions in today's digital world.

Register for free [here!](#)



AP2L
A PLACE-2-LIVE, INC.

STAY SAFE, STAY SMART

Fraud Prevention Workshop

🕒 11:30 PM - 1:00 PM

📅 6 DECEMBER 2024

📍 ZOOM MEETING

OVERVIEW:

Learn how to **prevent fraud and scams** this holiday season!

The DFPI protects California consumers by licensing and regulating a multitude of financial services and provides information about how you can protect yourself from fraud, common scams, and unscrupulous sales practices.

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PROTECTION & INNOVATION

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VETERANS DAY

On Veterans Day, I was glad to join our community in honoring our nation's veterans for their service to our country. I joined the Marin County United Veterans Council for their annual Veterans Day ceremony in San Rafael, and participated in the Veterans Day Parade in Petaluma in the afternoon. I am always proud to honor and thank our veterans for their sacrifice.



DISTRICT UPDATES: SNAPSHOTS

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](#).



**CONNECTED WITH MARIN OFFICIALS AT
CSAC ANNUAL CONVENTION IN PASADENA**



**JOINED THE FIRST MISSIONARY BAPTIST
CHURCH IN MARIN CITY TO CELEBRATE
THEIR 80TH ANNIVERSARY**



**TOURED FOOD FOR THOUGHT FOOD BANK
IN FORESTVILLE**



**JOINED THE AMERICAN COUNCIL OF
ENGINEERING COMPANIES FOR DINNER**

DISTRICT UPDATES: CONTINUED



**JOINED NORTH BAY JOBS WITH JUSTICE
FOR A BLOCK PARTY**



**ENJOYED A FARM TOUR AND FORUM WITH
COMMUNITY ALLIANCE WITH FAMILY
FARMERS**



**JOINED AFSCME LOCAL 3299 AT THEIR
PICKET LINE IN BERKELEY**



**DISCUSSED FOOD PRODUCTION AND
SUSTAINABILITY OF SMALL LOCAL FARMS
WITH CAFF**

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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