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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 County.

This May newsletter, the 29th issue, covers the 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.

For this issue, I am excited to share updates on legislation, what we are doing in the State Legislature to fight back against the Trump administration, our nonprofit of the year, local resources and new district updates. I hope you enjoy and stay tuned!



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BILL UPDATES

Each year, thousands of bills are introduced in the California State Legislature. These bills then travel through their respective policy committees, and are either passed or held in a twice-yearly procedure known as the suspense file hearing. The process releases hundreds of bills to the Assembly and Senate floors, where they can go up for debate and a vote before the entire chamber of lawmakers. Below is an update on which of my bills have passed out of the Assembly Appropriations Committee, including one of my bills that has already passed off the Assembly floor!



AB 1 strengthens the Safer from Wildfires program to offer insurance relief to people taking steps to harden their homes.

Waiting to be heard on the ASSEMBLY FLOOR



AB 540 clarifies and reforms civil procedure to make civil courts more efficient.

Waiting to be heard on the ASSEMBLY FLOOR



AB 846 streamlines wildfire preparedness permitting.

Waiting to be heard on the ASSEMBLY FLOOR



AB 947 enhances the Healthy Soils Program, which incentivizes farming practices that improve soil health.

Waiting to be heard on the ASSEMBLY FLOOR



AB 599 improves local notification of hazardous waste changes.

Waiting to be heard on the ASSEMBLY FLOOR



AB 419 expands awareness of educational and civil rights for immigrant students.

Waiting to be heard on the ASSEMBLY FLOOR



AB 393 protects civil service physicians and psychiatrists working in prisons.

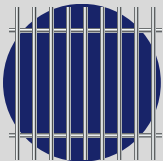
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AB 1177 improves CalFIRE staffing, so they can better respond to emergencies.

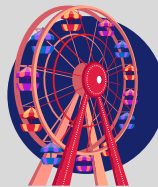
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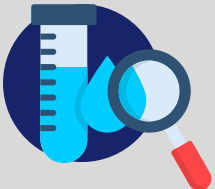
AB 1140 authorizes a pilot program for safety improvements in prisons by utilizing single-occupancy cells.

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AB 258 increases future funding for fairs to improve operation and emergency response.

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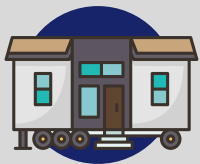
AB 1096 streamlines lead testing in schools.

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AB 754 improves water quality and prevents pollution.

Waiting to be heard on the ASSEMBLY FLOOR



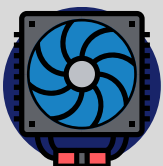
AB 456 protects mobilehome owners when looking to sell their property.

Waiting to be heard on the ASSEMBLY FLOOR



AB 929 protects wetlands and small community water systems.

PASSED off the ASSEMBLY FLOOR



AB 806 requires mobilehome park owners to allow cooling devices.

PASSED off the ASSEMBLY FLOOR





FIGHTING BACK AGAINST THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION

As your proud representative, I am committed to standing up for the values that strengthen our communities and bring us together. The Trump administration's relentless attacks on our democracy, our institutions, and our most vulnerable communities will not go unanswered. The California State Legislature is fighting back against the chaos in Washington D.C. by introducing legislation to enshrine voting rights, protect reproductive freedom, and progress our climate goals. Together, we can defend our California values.



AB 260, authored by Assembly Majority Leader Aguiar-Curry and sponsored by Planned Parenthood Affiliates of California, reaffirms California's commitment to protecting reproductive healthcare. This bill outlines protections for healthcare providers, shielding them from being penalized for providing mifepristone or other reproductive care. The bill enhances prescriber safety, expands access through telehealth services, and eliminates outdated and discriminatory language from state law. AB 260 passed off the Assembly floor this month with 61 "AYE" votes.



AJR 3, which I was proud to coauthor alongside Assemblymember Schiavo and 72 of my legislative colleagues, opposes cuts to Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid. This resolution calls on California's Congressional representatives to support legislation to protect and improve these systems to strengthen their protections, and calls on the United States President to honor his campaign promise to neither to cut or defund these programs, and to work with Congress to protect and improve them. AJR 3 passed off the Assembly floor this month with 64 "AYE" votes.



FIGHTING BACK AGAINST THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION

The Legislature is not California's only branch of government making bold strides to stand up to the Trump administration. During Trump's first term, California sued the federal government 123 times, and won more than two out of every three cases. In response to the influx of executive orders in the first 100 days of Trump's second term, California is leading nine multi-state lawsuits, has joined more than eleven lawsuits led by other states, and is the first state to sue the federal government over its tariff policies. A summary of each of the lawsuits California has initiated or joined can be found below:

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|  <p>Opposes executive order to end birthright citizenship
FILED: 1/21/2025</p> |  <p>Opposes freezing federal disaster aid to states
FILED: 2/28/2025</p> |  <p>Opposes Trump's order on new voting restrictions
FILED: 4/3/2025</p> |  <p>Opposes dismantling of AmeriCorps
FILED: 4/29/2025</p> |
|  <p>Opposes federal spending freeze
FILED: 1/28/2025</p> |  <p>Opposes grant cuts for K-12 teacher prep programs
FILED: 3/6/2025</p> |  <p>Opposes terminating health research grants
FILED: 4/3/2025</p> |  <p>Opposes mass HHS layoffs
FILED: 5/5/2025</p> |
|  <p>Opposes DOGE access to personal information
FILED: 2/7/2025</p> |  <p>Opposes mass firing of probationary employees
FILED: 3/6/2025</p> |  <p>Opposes cuts to agencies funding libraries and museums
FILED: 4/4/2025</p> |  <p>Opposes ban on wind energy production
FILED: 5/5/2025</p> |
|  <p>Opposes funding cuts for universities and research institutions
FILED: 2/10/2025</p> |  <p>Opposes mass firings at the Department of Education
FILED: 3/13/2025</p> |  <p>Opposes Trump's tariffs
FILED: 4/16/2025</p> |  <p>Opposes cuts to EV funding
FILED: 5/7/2025</p> |
|  <p>Opposes scope of DOGE
FILED: 2/13/2025</p> |  <p>Opposes HHS cuts to public health funding
FILED: 4/1/2025</p> |  <p>Opposes DEI conditions for funding of K-12 schools
FILED: 4/25/2025</p> |  <p>Opposes tying transportation funding to immigration enforcement
FILED: 5/13/2025</p> |



NONPROFIT OF THE YEAR

On May 21st, I had the honor of recognizing Mount Tamalpais College as the 2025 Nonprofit of the Year for Assembly District 12. Mount Tamalpais College provides a high quality and inclusive Associate of Arts degree program and College Preparatory program to individuals incarcerated at the San Quentin Rehabilitation Center. The program, which is free of charge, aims to expand access to quality higher education for incarcerated people and foster the values of equity, civic engagement, and freedom of expression.

According to the Department of Justice, inmates who participate in correctional education programs have approximately 43 percent lower odds of returning to prison than those who do not, and every dollar spent on prison education saves four to five dollars on the costs of re-incarceration.

Mount Tamalpais College has been a beacon of opportunity and transformation for nearly three decades. Since its founding in 1996 as the Prison University Project, the institution has provided tuition-free Associate of Arts degrees and college preparatory programs to incarcerated students, fostering academic excellence, personal growth, and the tools for meaningful reintegration. In 2022, Mount Tamalpais College achieved a historic milestone by receiving full accreditation from the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, becoming the first fully accredited, independent college based inside a U.S. prison.

I was proud to honor Mount Tamalpais College at the California State Capitol, recognizing their unwavering dedication to expanding access to quality higher education and its role in fostering a more just and equitable society. By expanding access to higher education among incarcerated people in California, we can work to break the cycle of recidivism and provide inmates with the tools they need to success upon their release.



MEMORIAL DAY

This Memorial Day, I was honored to join the Marin County Veteran's Office in San Rafael for their annual Memorial Day tribute, honoring the brave individuals who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. We then came together as a community for the Mill Valley Memorial Day Parade, in a solemn reminder of the sacrifices our veterans made for our freedom. I am deeply grateful to our veterans, service members, and their families for their dedication and sacrifice.



LOCAL RESOURCES



NAMI Marin County & NAMI Sonoma County provide resources and advocacy for those struggling with their mental health

Crisis Line: 988

(415) 444-0480

(800) 950-6264



Legal Aid of Marin & Legal Aid of Sonoma provide low income and vulnerable residents with access to high quality, effective legal services.

(628) 253-575

(707) 542-1290



Canal Alliance provides affordable and comprehensive immigration legal services in Marin County.

(415) 306-0437



The Multicultural Center of Marin provides resources to prepare community members to assert their rights.

(415) 526-2486



Marin Housing Authority & Marin Health and Human Services assist residents in finding affordable housing.

(415) 491-2525



Latino Service Providers provides a variety of resources to Latinx residents in Sonoma County.

(707) 837-9577



Center for Domestic Peace provides refuge, resources, and support for those experiencing domestic violence.

(415) 924-6616



Community Action Marin provides services to help residents meet basic needs.

(415) 526-7500



Community Action Partnership Sonoma County provides multi-generational support for families.

(707) 544-6911



Marin Center for Independent Living provides peer-led, person-centered, one-to-one care navigation and other social services.

(415) 459-6245



Enterprise Resource Center is a mental health drop-in center providing immediate assistance to individuals facing mental health challenges.

(415) 457-4554

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](#).



JOINED WINE COUNTRY YOUNG DEMOCRATS AND SONOMA STATE YOUNG DEMOCRATS ON THE SSU CAMPUS



SPOKE WITH THE CLIMATE CENTER IN SONOMA COUNTY



SPOKE AT WILDFIRE PREPAREDNESS WEEK EVENT WITH CALFIRE IN SAN RAFAEL



STOOD WITH COMMUNITY ACTION MARIN IN CELEBRATION OF OPENING THEIR NEW HEADQUARTERS IN NOVATO



JOINED NORTH BAY LEADERSHIP COUNCIL FOR THE LEADERS OF THE NORTH BAY LUNCHEON



JOINED SANTA ROSA JUNIOR COLLEGE FOR CLIMATE ACTION NIGHT

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](#).



**CONNECTED WITH PARENT VOICES
MARIN ON THEIR LOBBY DAY**



**MET WITH MARIN AND SONOMA
PROFESSIONAL FIREFIGHTERS IAFF LOCAL
1775 AND 1401**



**CONNECTED WITH DEL NORTE
COUNTY FAIR FOR FAIRGROUNDS
APPRECIATION MONTH**



**JOINED FOURTH GRADERS FROM
NOVATO ON THEIR STATE CAPITOL
FIELD TRIP**

CAPITOL UPDATES:

SNAPSHOTS



**CONNECTED WITH CALIFORNIA
TEACHERS ASSOCIATION ON THEIR
LOBBY DAY**



**JOINED NORTH COAST FOLKS FOR A
PACIFIC OFFSHORE WIND SUMMIT IN
SACRAMENTO**



**JOINED CALIFORNIA ACADEMY OF CHILD
& ADOLESCENT PSYCHIATRY TO TALK
ABOUT AB 384**



**DISCUSSED SUPPORT OF REPRODUCTIVE
HEALTHCARE WITH REPRODUCTIVE
FREEDOM FOR ALL**



**SPOKE WITH NORTH BAY LABOR
COUNCIL ABOUT SUPPORTING WORKERS
ACROSS THE STATE**



**HOSTED A YOUNG CONSTITUENT, ETHAN,
AT MY CAPITOL OFFICE**

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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