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DID YOU KNOW?

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, California leads the nation in non-chocolate confectionary production. Out of the 409 sites that manufacture non-chocolate confections in the U.S., California is home to 45 of them. Have a Happy Halloween!

Kalra Hosts First of Three Assembly Aging and Long-Term Care Committee Informational Hearing



Assemblymember Kalra hosted the very first Assembly Aging and Long-Term Care Committee Informational Hearing here in San José, which was held on Thursday, September 21st in the Santa Clara County Board Chambers. The hearing covered important topics regarding long-term care services, financing, viability and security. This is the first of three informational hearings the Assemblymember will be hosting this year!

At this first hearing, committee members and attendees had the pleasure of hearing from very informative presenters. The first topic covered was Long-Term Care Financing: System Overview, Needs, Costs and Related Efforts which was presented by the SCAN Foundation. The second topic of Long-Term Care Services and Supports: Consumer Advocates and Representatives, consisted of presentations from the CA Health Advocates, CA Long-Term Care Ombudsman Association, CA Advocates for Nursing Home Reform, as well as the Alzheimer's Association. The hearing wrapped up with presentations from several key care providers, including: LeadingAge, Association of CA Life and Health Insurance and National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors. The hearing concluded with public comments. Kalra would like to thank Assemblymembers Todd Gloria and Sabrina Cervantes for attending, as well as Supervisor Dave Cortese who kicked off the event with his opening remarks. The Assemblymember especially would like to thank all of the presenters who made this hearing such a success and of course all of the residents who were able to attend! If you weren't able to make it, you can still check out the video and the presentation by visiting: https://a27.asmdc.org/.

As Chair of the Assembly Aging and Long-Term Care Committee, Assemblymember Kalra has made it a priority to bring together advocates for seniors to improve long-term care financing services, not just for his Assembly District, but throughout the State, to ensure we are hearing from and informing as many seniors as possible.

Assemblymember Kalra will be chairing two other Assembly Information Hearings:

Wednesday, October 25, 2017

Location: San Diego, CA

Topics: Affordable Senior Housing

Hosts: Assemblymembers Ash Kalra & Todd Gloria

Wednesday, November 15, 2017

Location: Los Angeles, CA

Topics: Federal Cuts & Impacts on Seniors

Hosts: Assemblymembers Ash Kalra & Mike Gipson

To stay informed about the upcoming hearings, please visit: http://altc.assembly.ca.gov/hearings.

MESSAGE FROM ASSEMBLYMEMBER ASH KALRA

This has been an extraordinary first year in office as I completed my first legislative session in the State Assembly, and it could not have been possible without the support from the community and residents I represent. With thousands of bills being heard before Assembly and Senate, I am proud to say that ten of seventeen of my bills have passed both floors, and are on the Governor's desk for signature. Governor Brown has until October 15th to sign or veto any bill before him. I am grateful that he has already signed three of my bills and it gives me hope that he will look upon the remaining seven favorably.

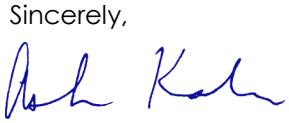
The three bills of mine recently passed by Governor Brown included AB 1398, AB 1440, and AB 1541. AB 1398 enforces consumer protection surrender requirements for annuities. For example, if you suddenly needed to pull cash annuities from your insurer (such as for sudden medical bills or new car purchase), your insurer is required to release the annuities within 45 days, rather than the current standard where they can hold onto it for an indefinite amount of time, mostly for their own financial interest. AB 1440 is a bill that I especially find important in addressing the current climate of fear. Public safety is important, and when our residents live in fear and don't call to report crime, we have a problem. AB 1440 clarifies that federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Agents are not Peace Officers, and thus not allowed to refer to themselves as a police officer under California State Law. Many undocumented residents who are victims or witnesses to crime are afraid to call the police because they fear deportation. This does not help protect our community. We need to make sure that everyone feels safe to call our police for help. AB 1541 is a bill that establishes guidance during voir dire for criminal trials to ensure a fair jury selection process. Basically, it ensures that both sides (public defender/criminal defense attorney and the district attorney) have adequate time to examine prospective jurors in order to gain enough information to determine bias during jury selection.

As for my other bills awaiting the Governor's approval, I am especially hopeful for the passage of AB 646, which enforces rental unit disclosure on flood hazards. This bill came in response to the devastating flooding along Coyote Creek here in San José back in February. Many of the affected residents I spoke to didn't even know they were in a flood zone. Currently real estate agents are required by the State to let potential home buyers know if they are in a flood hazard zone. That does not apply to renters. The bill will require all tenant lease agreements to contain a notice that the property is located in a special flood hazard area or an area of potential flooding. Another bill I am hopeful for is AB 21. Access to higher education should be offered to every student, no matter their immigration status. Especially for students who are in our DACA program, we must ensure that no matter what potential federal changes occur that our students will still be able to get the education they deserve. AB 21 puts into place protocol that faculty and administrative staff will have knowledge of regarding how to protect these students and their constitutional right to due process and legal representation, and access to their financial aid. Lastly, I am also grateful to have been one of the leading voices in the passage of the housing bills package to help alleviate the housing crisis here in San José and throughout the State of California.

It has been an incredible honor to work with such dedicated Legislators up in the Capitol, but even more of an honor to be able to represent my constituents, and push for legislation that will benefit them. I look forward to my fall recess, which means I get to be in San José and out and about in the community among the people I represent. I love being able to attend neighborhood meetings, festivals, school fundraisers, and events that really showcase how our community members come together to make San José a great place to live. Never hesitate to contact my District Office about upcoming events.

If you would like more information about all my bills that are currently before Governor Brown, or have suggestions or questions about the legislative process in general, please do not hesitate to contact me and my staff. Thank you.

Sincerely,



From Community Activists to Police Chief, Kalra Recognizes Significant Contributors at Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration in San José

Hispanic Heritage Month is nationally recognized from September 15th to October 15th, and all Latin countries celebrate it as a reminder of the day they reclaimed their independence. Assemblymember Ash Kalra was honored to join the celebration by hosting an event recognizing Latino leaders in the Assembly District 27 community. On Sunday, September 24th, Assemblymember Ash Kalra held his first Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration at Mezcal Restaurant in Downtown San José. He had the honor of acknowledging five great Latino leaders who effortlessly give back to the community each day. Assemblymember Kalra proudly recognized the following leaders: SJPD Police Chief Eddie Garcia for the Public Service Award, Executive Director of Latinos United for a New America (LUNA) Salvador (Chava) Bustamante for the Community Advocacy Award, Angelina Ramos with ACE Charter School for the Educational Advocacy Award, Blanca Carbajal with Rocketship Elementary for the Neighborhood Advocacy Award, and former San José Vice Mayor Blanca Alvarado for the Legacy Award. Kalra was honored to recognize these five leading community members for their activism and work because these individuals never ask for the recognition and always help others regardless.

That day, many family and friends, along with elected officials, came out to honor these community leaders. The event attendees included Vice Mayor Magdalena Carrasco and San José City Manager Norberto Duenas, and of course, Assemblymember Kalra's father, who is always celebrating with the community.

It didn't even take a second thought for Assemblymember Kalra to host this celebration for these community contributors. "These are leaders who do the work without seeking recognition," stated Kalra. "They do the work because there are passionate about a cause, which is what makes them great leaders of our community. Not because they always talk about what they do. I don't care about that. It's their actions that matter."



Assembly District 27 Goes BIG for Annual National Night Out

One of Assemblymember Ash Kalra's favorite time of the year is National Night Out where neighbors get to relax, have fun, and create wonderful, lasting relationships with our local law enforcement officers. Although he is no longer at the City of San José and spends most of the week up in Sacramento, this did not stop Kalra from coming down to San José to participate in National Night Out on the evening of Tuesday, August 1st!

Assembly District 27 represents all of Downtown San José, portions of South San José, and all of East San José, which means we had the pleasure of visiting so many diverse and wonderful National Night Out celebrations that evening. The events hosted by neighborhood associations, elected officials, and local organizations ranged from festivals to pizza parties to ice cream block parties. In addition, Assemblymember Kalra had resource tables at various sites, including Silver Leaf Park, St. James Park, Hayes Mansion, Emma Prusch Park, and Conxion to Community Day Worker Center. That evening, Assemblymember Kalra stopped by to visit a total of ten sites throughout his Assembly District hosted by amazing residents including the Meadowfair, Seven Trees, Coyote Creek, Alma, Mayfair, and Senter to Monterey Neighborhood Associations.

It was especially a reminiscent experience for Assemblymember Kalra to join in on the fun at the Hayes Neighborhood Association's National Night Out, since that is the neighborhood association he helped to start, and also happens to be one of the biggest celebrations in San José! They had a live band, dancers, a BBQ dinner provided by the Hayes Mansion, and a resource fair. Also, this year, Vice Mayor Magdalena Carrasco hosted her first National Night Out event at Emma Prusch Park, which drew thousands of visitors as they passed out free backpacks to kids, provided rock climbing and other fun activities, including a helicopter visit.

Missed out on National Night Out this year, or want to host one? Don't worry, this event will be back next year on the first Tuesday of the month! As the date nears, you can always sign up to host your own location or to get more information about ones happening in your neighborhood, please visit www.sjpd.org.



Community Members Gather to Celebrate Pride Month by Honoring Assembly District 27 LGBTQ Residents



For years, the LGBTQ community has been actively fighting for equality, and through their hard work, cities across the nation now recognize this community's rights for social justice through celebrations and events. The Assemblymember was honored to help kick off the week of Silicon Valley Pride locally in San José by hosting his first Assembly District 27 Pride Celebration at Continental Lounge on August 25th. As the State Representative for District 27, Kalra believed it was important to recognize leading individuals in his District from the LGBTQ community who have been spearheading the movement in San José. These individuals never ask for recognition, and fight every day for equality, thus, Kalra knew this would be the best opportunity to thank them for their work.

Assemblymember Kalra was honored to recognize five LGBTQ leaders: Wiggsy Siverstsen for the Legacy Award, Gabrielle Antolovich for the Community Service Award, James Gonzales for the Public Service Award, Robert Robledo for the Leadership in Business Award, and Danielle Castro for the Community Advocacy Award. The award recipients were also joined by County Board of Supervisor Ken Yeager, who was one of the first openly-gay elected officials who publicly fought for LGBTQ rights. Many people from the community gathered to celebrate the acknowledgement of the five honorees and to be a part of this first-of-a-kind celebration.

Assemblymember Kalra stated, "at this day and age you would think society would be fully accepting of the LGBTQ community, but the fight for their rights still continue due to fear and prejudice. It takes a lot of courage for these five individuals to fight, support, and encourage others to join the movement to bring acceptance for the LGBTQ community, and that is why I am honored to honor them."

Pride celebration didn't stop there for San José residents! On the morning of August 27th, Assemblymember Ash Kalra joined thousands of community members in the Silicon Valley Pride Parade that led participants down Market Street in downtown San José to the festival taking place at Plaza de Cesar Chavez. Kalra rode in the parade with his team, which was also close by to the San José Police Department, where the SJPD Police Chief Eddie Garcia rode on top of a patrol car to show the department's support for the LGBTQ community. This comes after the department started a new public recruiting campaign to encourage LGBTQ members to apply for SJPD and to show how the community can contribute to the safety and well-being of San José.

"You don't just see colors of the flag here, but also the colors of the diverse community," said Kalra of the parade. "This is what makes our city great, and what makes me proud to represent this wonderful and accepting community."

After the procession, the Assemblymember shared a few words on stage at the festival, alongside Councilmembers Raul Peralez, Sylvia Arenas, Johnny Khamis, County Board of Supervisor Ken Yeager, San Jose Police Officer James Gonzalez, and Franklin McKinley School Board Member Omar Torres.





REAL MEN WEAR PINK!

Assemblymember Kalra is officially one of the "Real Men Who Wear Pink" in Silicon Valley! The Assemblymember has joined a distinguished group of community leaders who believe in the power of pink to fight breast cancer. Breast cancer doesn't just affect women, thousands of men are diagnosed with the disease every year- and so are more than 240,000 of their daughters, wives, mothers, sisters and friends. Assemblymember Kalra needs your help in raising funds for the American Cancer Society's Making Strides Against Breast Cancer of Silicon Valley.

You can donate by visiting his page at: http://main.acsevents.org. The Assemblymember will also be wearing pink for the entire month of October and challenges you to do the same. Please donate, purchase some pink "attire" and let's work together to help raise awareness!

Attorney General Becerra Continues Efforts to Address Equifax Data Breach, Urges Consumers to Take Action to Protect Against Identity Theft

California Attorney General Xavier Becerra reiterated his call for consumers to take action to protect their identities in light of the recent Equifax data breach. As Attorney General Becerra and his team at the California Department of Justice continue to work with Equifax to get to the bottom of this unacceptable breach of consumers' trust, he urges all Californians to heed the following guidance. To find out if you have been impacted by the Equifax data breach, please visit: https://www.equifaxsecurity2017.com/potential-impact/. If using Wi-Fi, ensure a secure Wi-Fi connection before submitting personal information. If you have been impacted, you can take the following steps to protect your personal information:

1. Put a fraud alert on your credit file.
A fraud alert helps protect you against the possibility of someone opening new credit accounts in your name. A fraud alert lasts 90 days and can be renewed. To post a fraud alert on your credit file, you must contact one of the three major credit reporting agencies below. If you contact any one of the three major credit reporting agencies, fraud alerts will be automatically added by the other two agencies as well.

Experian 1-888-397-3742	TransUnion 1-800-680-7289	Equifax 1-888-766-0008
experian.com/fraud/center.html	transunion.com/fraud	alerts.equifax.com

2. Review your credit reports. Look through each one carefully.
Check your credit reports from Experian, TransUnion, and Equifax — for free — by visiting annualcreditreport.com. Accounts or activity that you don't recognize could indicate identity theft, especially accounts opened recently.

3. If you find items you don't understand on your report, call the credit bureau at the number on the report.
Credit bureau staff will review your report with you. If the information can't be explained, then you will need to call the creditors involved and report the crime to your local police or sheriff's office. If you think that you have been a victim of identity theft, more information on next steps is available on our Identity Theft Victim Checklist: www.oag.ca.gov/idtheft/information-sheets.

4. Consider placing a "freeze" on your credit file.
A security freeze prevents your information from being shared with potential creditors and is the strongest form of protection. A freeze costs a one-time fee of $10 (but may cost additional fees to lift or renew). You need to request a security freeze from each of the three reporting agencies. Equifax has waived the $10 fee, but the other two companies, TransUnion and Experian, have not. The Attorney General's Office does not have the authority to require the companies to waive their fees.
Experian's credit freeze: https://www.experian.com/freeze/center.html
TransUnion's credit freeze: https://freeze.transunion.com/sf/securityFreeze/landingPage.jsp
Equifax's credit freeze: https://www.freeze.equifax.com/Freeze/jsp/SFF_PersonalIDInfo.jsp

Attorney General Becerra reminds all Californians to watch out for scams. Do not give anyone your personal information over the phone – nobody is calling to "verify" your account information – unless you have initiated the call and know the number is correct. Do not click on links in emails, as they may be phishing attempts, and be careful that you are on the correct, secured website when you are entering personal information online.

Meet a New Friend at the San José Animal Care Center, and Make a Best Friend for Life!



October Feature: JJ - ID#A0761598

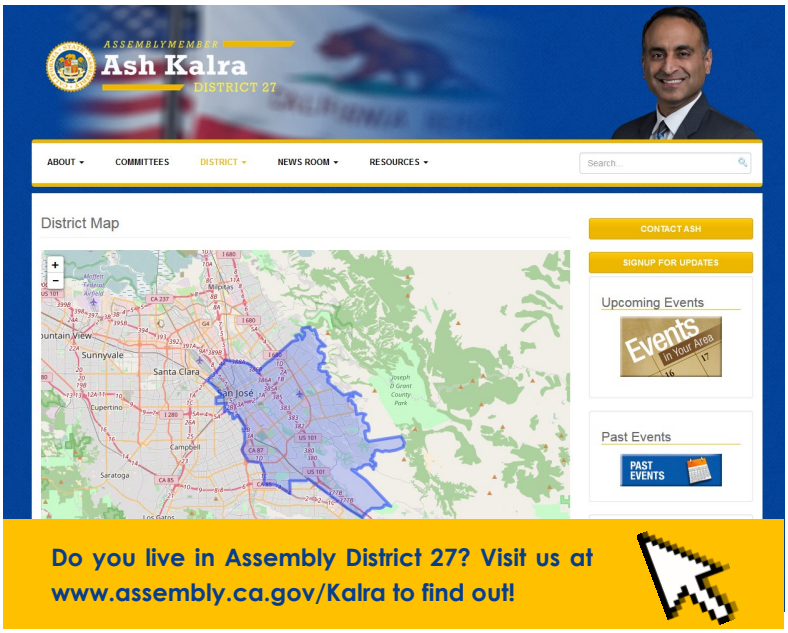
I am a neutered male, white and black Shorthaired Rabbit. My age is unknown and I have been at the shelter since September 22, 2017.

Hi, I'm JJ and I'm a happy and adventurous bunny. I leap in the air for joy! I'm just an all-around upbeat kind of guy who loves life. Everything delights me. I love to play. I'll be a little bit mischievous in that I knocked over some blocks in the play area just the other day. Boy was it fun and the volunteer sure laughed at me! I love to run around and check things out. I will sniff to make sure I understand my surroundings. I'm quite handsome too. So, just think....if you adopt me you'll get a good looking, sweet, playful, fun loving happy hoppy guy. What more can you want? How about coming to see me today?

Want to learn more about JJ, or make yourself a new best friend for life? Then please visit the San José Animal Care Center located at 2750 Monterey Road, San José, 95111, or call (408) 794-PAWS (7297) or visit www.sanjoseanimals.com. Hours of operation are on Tuesday to Saturday from 11:00 am—7:00 pm, and on Sun-day from 11:00 am—5:00 pm.

Contact Us!

Want to sign up for the newsletter? Please email Stacie Shih at stacie.shih@asm.ca.gov.



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Alcoholic Beverage Control	(916) 419-2500
Board of Equalization	(800) 400-7115
Bureau of Automotive Repair	(800) 952-5210
California Courts	(415) 865-4200
California Highway Patrol	(800) 835-5247
Caltrans	(916) 654-2852
Child Supportive Services	(866) 901-3212
Consumer Affairs	(800) 952-5210
Controller's Office	(916) 445-3028
Developmental Services	(916) 654-1690
Employment Development	(800) 300-5616
Fair Employment & Housing	(800) 884-1684
Fair Political Practices Commission	(916) 322-5660
Fish & Wildlife	(916) 445-0411
Food & Agriculture	(916) 654-0466
Health Care Services	(916) 445-1248
High Speed Rail Authority	(916) 324-1541
Insurance	(800) 927-4357
Motor Vehicles	(800) 777-0133
Parks & Recreation	(800) 777-0369
Public Health	(916) 558-1784
Rehabilitation	(916) 324-1313
Secretary of State	(916) 653-6814
Social Services	(916) 651-8848
Toxic Substances Control	(800) 728-6942
Veterans Affairs	(800) 952-5626
Water Resources	(916) 653-5791

Save the Date and Receive FREE Glow Necklaces During Our Safe from the Start Halloween Program!

On Halloween night, Assemblymember Ash Kalra will once again be partnering with Healthier Kids Foundation to distribute free glow necklaces to our trick-or-treaters to promote pedestrian safety. We will have various locations throughout Assembly District 27, so keep an eye out for more information as the date nears. Let's make sure our kids have a safe and fun Halloween night!

ASSEMBLYMEMBER
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