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DID YOU KNOW?

Sacramento is actually California's sixth capital since 1854? Other capitols included Vallejo, Benicia, and, of course, San José!

San José was actually the first capitol of California, with the first and second legislative sessions held in 1850 and 1851.

Save $1,000 and Have a Safe and Legal Fourth of July

Fourth of July is fast approaching, and while we enjoy the holiday with our friends and family, let us also please consider the safety of others.

Fireworks are extremely dangerous explosives that contain harmful chemicals. Every year, the city and county must deal with a large amount of injuries and fires caused by fireworks. Thus, the 911 call center is flooded with calls, which puts people with serious injuries at risk. Keep in mind that the fine for firework usage is $1,000. All types of fireworks are prohibited and illegal in San José and most of Santa Clara County. This also includes the fireworks that are labeled "safe and sane." A few examples of fireworks that are NOT permitted include:

- Large bottle rockets
- Roman candles
- Firecrackers
- Sparklers, including the ones used by children

Sparklers are especially dangerous for children as they can reach over 1,000 degrees Fahrenheit and is the cause of a large majority of injuries. In fact, 10% of all firework injuries and 50% of firework injuries among children under the age of five are from the use of sparklers, so please keep everyone safe by refraining from using any type of firework!

However, that does not mean you cannot enjoy fireworks at professional displays in San José!

Here are a few Fourth of July events happening in San José where you can enjoy fireworks with your friends and family, and in a safe and legal manner:

- Rotary Fireworks at Discovery Meadow (http://www.rotaryfireworks.org/)
- San Jose Giants Independence Day Celebration at Municipal Stadium (http://www.milb.com/promotions/index.jsp?sid=t476)
- 4th Annual Family Fun Festival & Fireworks at Almaden Lake (http://www.sjd10.com/4th-of-july-annual-event-.html)

Feel free to visit sanjoseca.gov/fireworks for a full list of firework show locations.

Remember, ALWAYS be aware of the safety of you and others, and report any firework usage through sanjoseca.gov/fireworks or call 311. Please show respect to the people around you and avoid using any form of fireworks as they may cause many injuries and inconveniences.

Fireworks pose great dangers and harms, and we want to make sure that you, your neighbors, family members, and friends all enjoy this wonderful holiday safely.

Thank you, and I hope you have a safe and wonderful Fourth of July!



MESSAGE FROM ASSEMBLYMEMBER ASH KALRA

As I complete the midway point of my first year in State Assembly, I am grateful for the tremendous support my staff and I have received from the community. I am also pleased with the legislative accomplishments so far in my new role here in Sacramento. Of the 16 bills I carried through Assembly Committees, 13 of them were passed by my colleagues on the Assembly floor. They are now making their way through the Senate Committees and I am working hard to garner enough support so they may reach the Governor's desk this year. Here are a few bills, as a highlight, although you can go to my website (www.assembly.ca.gov/Kalra) to learn more about my entire package of bills:

1) **AB 646** was proposed as a result of speaking to victims from the floods in San José. It would require landlords to inform tenants if they live in a flood zone, as well as other information to better inform renters. This is a policy proposal that is coupled with the $5.4 million we got in the state budget for families still without a home (see article below). 2) **AB 830** would eliminate the currently-suspended and outdated California High School Exit Exam, thereby saving the State upwards of $70 million a year. 3) **AB 1179** increases the frequency that hazardous waste facilities are inspected. Currently, some facilities are not inspected for many years or even decades. 4) **AB 1398** protects consumers by ensuring cash surrender benefits from annuities are paid out to the consumer promptly. 5) **AB 1575** requires product labeling for cosmetics and other beauty products used in salons in order to protect workers and customers. 6) **AB 21 & AB 1440** are both bills related to protecting our immigrant community (please see pg. 4 for more info). 7) **AB 1335 & AB 1513** are a package of bills I introduced as it relates to my role as Chair of the Assembly Aging and Long-term Care Committee. AB 1335 increases oversight of nursing homes that have resident fatalities. AB 1513 would offer free or low-cost training to home care aides struggling to make ends meet and provide proper care.

Please do not hesitate to contact my office for more information about these bills or others I have introduced. I am hoping that the package of bills I am pursuing lead to practical and meaningful improvements in the quality of life of my residents and all Californians.

I look forward to seeing many of you during July 4th celebrations in San José (see pg. 1 for locations). Please remember that ALL fireworks are illegal in San José and enforcement is increased during the holiday. I also want to encourage you to participate in a couple of charitable events I am hosting. From July 10th to July 23rd, I am hosting a school supply drive for children of farmworkers (see pg. 3). And, I m excited to host "Paws for a Cause", a free animal adoption event from July 22nd to August 6th (see pg. 5). For more information about upcoming events, or if you would like to invite me to one, please call my District Office at (408)277-1220. Have a wonderful Fourth of July!

$5.4 Million Approved by Governor Brown for San José Flood Recovery

In May, Assemblymember Ash Kalra presented a request on behalf of members of San José's Legislative Delegation; Senators Jim Beall and Bob Wieckowski, and Assemblymembers Evan Low and Kansen Chu.

The Legislative Delegation worked very closely with the City of San José, the County of Santa Clara, the Santa Clara Valley Water District, and with various local community groups and charities to develop the budget request, which would ensure that we are doing everything we can for the many families who have been left with nothing but the generosity of the community and the support of federal, state and local agencies.

The February flood caused 14,000 to be evacuated, displacing 800 households and resulting in 200 individuals living in shelters. As of June 9th, 154 households are in permanent housing, but 141 are still in temporary housing.

On Monday, June 19th, Assemblymember Kalra hosted a press conference at Rock Springs Park to announce that the Budget Conference Committee approved the $5.4 million budget request, which will be a critical step forward in San José's recovery from the flood. The next step would be to wait for the Governor's final approval.

The $5.4 million appropriated will provide direct case management assistance for residents, which would include rent subsidies, transportation assistance, and relocation assistance.

Elected officials who also joined the press conference included Mayor Sam Liccardo, Senator Jim Beall, Senator Bob Wieckowski, Assemblymember Evan Low, Assemblymember Kansen Chu, and Chair John Varela from the Board of Directors of the Santa Clara Valley Water District.

On June 27th, when Governor Brown released his Budget Act of 2017, he also included his approval for the $5.4 million budget appropriation for flood recovery efforts in San José.



Residents Gather for a Cup of Coffee with Kalra in Japantown



On the morning of Saturday, June 10th, Assembly District 27 residents gathered at Roy's Station in Japantown to have a coffee and conversation with Assemblymember Kalra. Very informative topics and concerns were discussed by the residents. Topics included High Speed Rail, housing cost, road repair, education, and homelessness. This was a great opportunity for the Assemblymember to hear what residents were concerned about, and give his input on what the Legislature is working on and how his office can help.

If you missed out on Coffee with Kalra, don't worry! This will be a reoccurring event. To stay apprised of upcoming events and meetings hosted by Assemblymember Kalra, please email Stacie Shih at stacie.shih@asm.ca.gov to get on our distribution list.

Join Assemblymember Ash Kalra in Helping Children Receive the Best Education Possible!

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

Please join the Food Empowerment Project (FEP), State Assemblymember Ash Kalra, and the City of San José in collecting school supplies for children of farm workers this summer from July 10th until July 23rd! Working in collaboration with the non-profit organization, we are able to include two drop-off locations in Assembly District 27, along with many other locations throughout the Bay Area. Let us work together to help these kids be successful. Thank you in advance for your support!

Village Square Branch Library
4001 Evergreen Village Square
San José, CA 95135
Phone Number: (408) 808-3093
Hours:
Monday: 1:00 pm – 7:00 pm
T–Th: 10:00 am – 7:00 pm
Friday: 12 noon – 6:00 pm
Saturday: 10:00 am – 6:00 pm

San José City Hall
200 East Santa Clara Street
San José, CA 95113
Phone Number: (408) 535-3500
Hours:
M-F: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Saturday, Sunday: Closed

NEW SUPPLIES NEEDED:

- Backpacks (no red or bright blue backpacks, violence or military such as camo, promotional logos)
- Calculators
- Crayons and colored markers
- Erasers
- Lined notebook paper
- Pencils and pens
- Pencil boxes or zip bags that fit into 3-hole notebooks
- Pencil sharpeners
- Plain, blank, notebook paper with 3 holes to fit into notebooks
- Plastic notebooks, spiral notebooks
- Rulers
- Safety scissors

FOOD EMPOWERMENT PROJECT
Become your food choices can change the world

ASSEMBLYMEMBER Ash Kalra DISTRICT 27

CITY OF SAN JOSE CAPITAL OF SILICON VALLEY

For more information, please contact Stacie Shih at (408) 277-1220, or email stacie.shih@asm.ca.gov

Kalra Hosts First Community Town Hall Addressing Immigration Issues

On Saturday, May 13th, Assemblymember Ash Kalra hosted his first Community Town Hall at Mayfair Community Center to address immigration issues and related legislation. The Town Hall included an informative panel discussion comprised of key leaders in San José. Panel speakers included Asian Law Alliance Staff Attorney Beatrice Ann M. Pangilnan, SIREN Policy Director Priya Murthy, Father Jon Pedigo from PACT, San José Police Department Assistant Chief Dave Knopf. We were also joined by organizations, and Assemblymember Kalra. The panel discussion was moderated by San Jose Unified School Board member Teresa Castellanos .

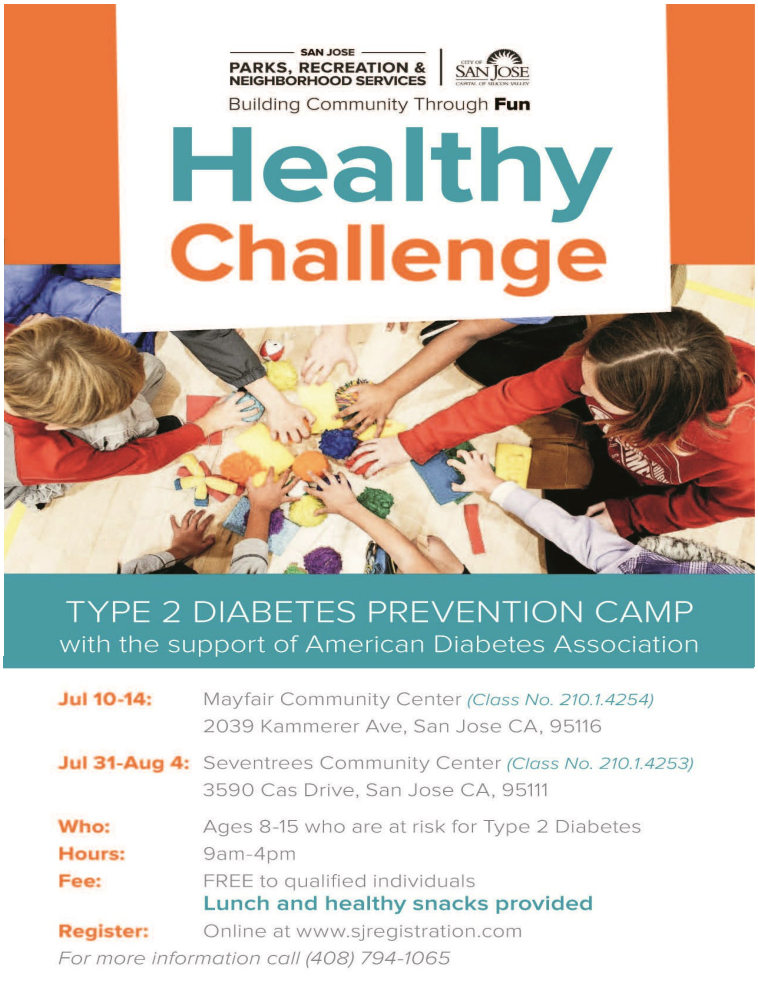
The meeting also included resource tables provided by Sacred Heart Community Services, SIREN, Amigos de Guadalupe, Center for Employment Training, the Office of the Mexican Consulate General, and the Santa Clara County Office of Immigrant Relations. The Community Town Hall was important for Assemblymember Kalra to host since there has been an increase in fear and uncertainty about immigration rights, especially from our immigrant community in San José.

The Assemblymember knew how important it was to inform his constituents about the current policies coming out of the Capitol that could impact their communities. Some of the bills he discussed were bills he authored. AB 21 guarantees the right to education for immigrant students, and that if federal agents step on campus of a post secondary school to detain or arrest a student or faculty, they must have a warrant. Another bill Kalra authored was AB1440, 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.

"I think it is important for us as elected representatives to be able to get the word out on how we are shaping our legislation to protect all our residents, no matter your citizenship status," stated Assemblymember Kalra. "We need to protect the constitutional rights for all our constituents, and it gives me hope to know that we have so many organizations out there to support us."









ASH'S PAWS FOR A CAUSE ADOPTION EVENT

SATURDAY 7/22 THROUGH SUNDAY 8/6

2750 MONTEREY ROAD, SAN JOSÉ, 95111

ALL ADULT CAT AND DOG ADOPTION FEES WAIVED!

Thanks to Assemblymember Ash Kalra, all adoption fees for adult dogs (6 months & older) and adult cats (4 months & older) will be waived, so come on down to the San José Animal Care Center to adopt your new best friend and family member!

For more information about the adoption event, please contact Stacie Shih at (408) 277-1220, or email stacie.shih@asm.ca.gov. For more information about the San José Animal Care Center, please call (408) 794-7297 or visit www.sanjoseanimals.com.

Ash Kalra







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



July Feature: Vaida - ID#A1036891

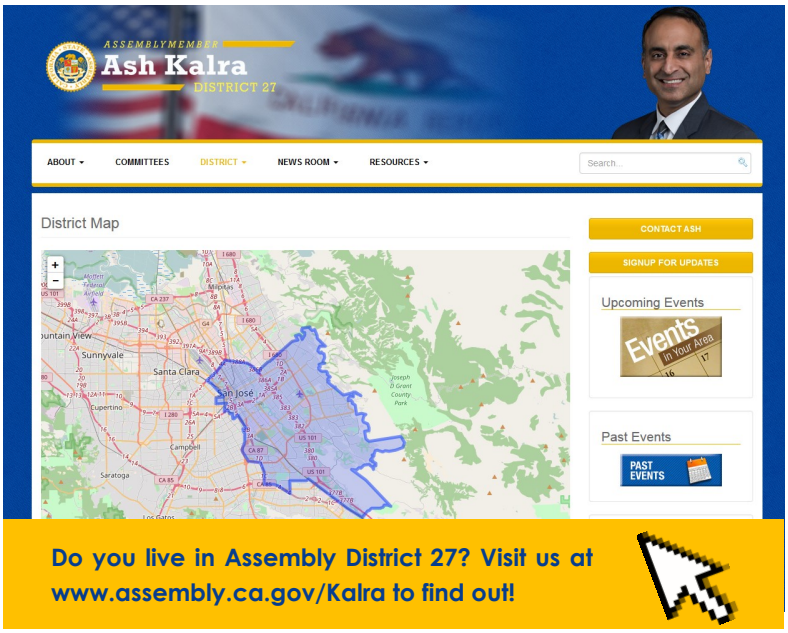
My name is Vaida, and I am a spayed female, black and white Domestic Shorthair. The shelter staff think I am about 14 weeks old, and I have been at the shelter since May 15, 2017.

Hi, I'm Vaida and I am lucky to say I got to meet Koko the Gorilla while I was being fostered! I'm also enjoy the company of dogs, so I would enjoy going to a home with a dog. When I scream for milk, sometimes you can calm me down by petting me with more pressure, and I will usually start kneading on my favorite pink fleece blanket when you do that. Although I am not fully litter trained, I am getting there! If you put the litter box close to my area, I will use it if I can see it. I enjoy hanging out in large pockets and hoods of sweatshirts, and I especially love going for walks. I also know my name with you call me! I would love to hear you call my name, so please take me home.

Want to learn more about Vaida, 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 Sunday 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.



Do you live in Assembly District 27? Visit us at www.assembly.ca.gov/Kalra to find out!

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State Agencies Contact Information

Administrative Law	(916) 323-6225
Aging	(916) 419-7500
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

HOW DOES THE HEALTHY CA ACT (SB 562) IMPACT SENIORS and PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES?

JOIN SENATOR JIM BEALL & ASSEMBLYMEMBER ASH KALRA



THURSDAY, JULY 27th/ 12 NOON
SOUTH BAY LABOR CENTER
CARPENTERS HALL A
2102 ALMADEN ROAD, SAN JOSE

FREE BAG LUNCH FOR ALL – RSVP REQUIRED!
CALL GREG AT (408) 254-3311
OR CAROL AT (408) 472-6218

Come to this presentation to learn how the Healthy CA Act (SB 562) will impact seniors and people with disabilities. What will the costs be? What will the benefits be? Bring your questions and concerns. You must rsvp to attend. For additional information, call Cara at (510) 663-4086.