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Kalra Capitol Report



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Do you know a high school senior or college student interested in an internship? Do you know a student who wants to learn about local politics?

Contact Stacie Shih with the San José District Office at (408) 277-1220, or email her at stacie.shih@asm.ca.gov for more information on opportunities!

Kalra Named Chair of Aging Long Term Care Committee



After being sworn into office on December 5, 2016, the first month in State Assembly was definitely an exciting one for Assemblymember Ash Kalra. Kalra was named Chair of the Assembly Committee on Aging & Long-Term Care by Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon. He could not be more honored to be serving in this role.

The Committee's primary focus includes: California Department of Aging, long-term supports and services, Older Americans Act, Older Californians Act, senior citizen advocacy activities, the California Senior Legislature, services for seniors in residential and day settings, and the California Commission on Aging.

"I am truly grateful to the Speaker for naming me Chair of the Committee on Aging and Long-Term Care," stated Kalra. "Now, it is more important than ever for those of us in leadership in California to protect our seniors and ensure they continue to have ever-increasing access to quality healthcare and long-term care by protecting Social Security and Medicare, while expanding additional programs for continuing care. I look forward to being a strong advocate for the aging and ensure our Committee is effectively positioned to protect the interests of California seniors."

Community Members Recognized at African American History Month Celebration

On Thursday, February 23rd, in honor of Black History Month, Assemblymember Ash Kalra and African American Community Service Agency (AACSA) collaborated to host the first-ever Black History Month Recognition Celebration Event. The AACSA has been the home of San José's African American leaders since 1978, and an agency Kalra has long supported throughout his years of service, which made the collaboration even more perfect.

It was a very exciting evening, with around fifty people in attendance to honor the many wonderful leaders in the African American community. The event began with a message from AACSA Executive Director Milan Balinton, followed by Angela Tirado who sang the the Negro National Anthem. Assemblymember Kalra then presented State Resolutions for five categories to five amazing community leaders: Linda Alexander for her leadership in Community Advocacy, Fire Chief Curtis Jacobson for his leadership in Public Service, Honorable Judge Sharon Chatman for her leadership in Justice,



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SAVE THE DATE

COMMUNITY TOWN HALL ON IMMIGRATION

HOSTED BY ASSEMBLYMEMBER ASH KALRA

SATURDAY, MAY 13, 2017

10:00 AM—12:00 PM

MAYFAIR COMMUNITY CENTER

(CHAVEZ BANQUET HALL)

2039 KAMMERER AVENUE, SAN JOSE. 95116



Please join Assemblymember Ash Kalra to discuss and share concerns with the implications and impacts of today's administration on immigration policy. This event is free and open to the public, and will also include resource tables from our community partners, and light refreshments. Free parking available.

RSVP's are encouraged. For more information, or to RSVP, please contact the District Office at (408) 277-1220. Thank you and hope to see you there!

District Office Open House Welcomes Constituents to Downtown Location

It was a successful first Open House on March 16th for Assemblymember Kalra, who welcomed over a hundred community members and constituents to his new District Office located off Paseo de San Antonio in downtown San José, a few blocks away from his old office at San José City Hall. It was a wonderful opportunity for residents to learn more about their new State Assembly representative, what services are offered, and it was also a great chance for constituents to meet the staff that are at their service here in the District Office.

The community event included food from amazing downtown businesses, including Pizza My Heart, Tandoori Grill, and Academic Coffee. There were also informational resources, such as books on the California Legislature and the California Constitution, tax information booklets, constituent brochures on State services, and more. The Open House also welcomed many elected officials and leaders, including Vice Mayor Magdalena Carrasco, Councilmember Raul Peralez, and San José Fire Department Chief Curtis Jacobson.

Assemblymember Kalra spent the Open House meeting his constituents and learning about their concerns. He also talked about the multitude of bills he introduced, including AB 21, aimed at protecting undocumented students at all of California's colleges and universities, and AB 20, which asks to divest State pension funds from the Dakota Access Pipeline.

We are so grateful for all who joined us at our first Open House, and hope that we will be able to serve all our constituents to the best of our ability in our new role in State Assembly.





Six Distinguished San José Women Awarded for Women's History Month

Women's History Month is an important opportunity for everyone in our community to recognize all the significant contributions women have made. Whether the impacts are in education, tech, policy, job growth, agriculture, or health, San José has been a prime example of what women can do for the betterment of our community.

On Tuesday, March 28th, in honor of Women's History Month, Assemblymember Ash Kalra wanted to personally recognize amazing women from Assembly District 27. Nearly 100 people came to celebrate six wonderful women being honored with the Assembly District 27 "Women of Distinction" award. Dedicating their lives to supporting so many people in our community, Jane DoBui, Amanda Hawes, Evangeline Sangalang, Jamie Foberg and Myra Nava, it was no surprise they were being honored. These Women stand up for justice, human rights, supporting our homeless population, helping newly arrived Vietnamese refugees, to fighting for Veterans rights, these women are the ground zero ambassadors of goodness. "I never thought I would be honored, but have always wanted to be recognized," says Myra Nava, one of the 5 "Women of Distinction" being honored this evening, as she hugged Ash Kalra for this recognition. Nuria Fernandez, Assembly District 27 "Woman of the Year," really gave a heartfelt message to everyone in the room to end the speeches that ended with "I am honored to be recognized with Jane, Amanda, Jamie, Myra and Angel, we are all doing great work in this community."



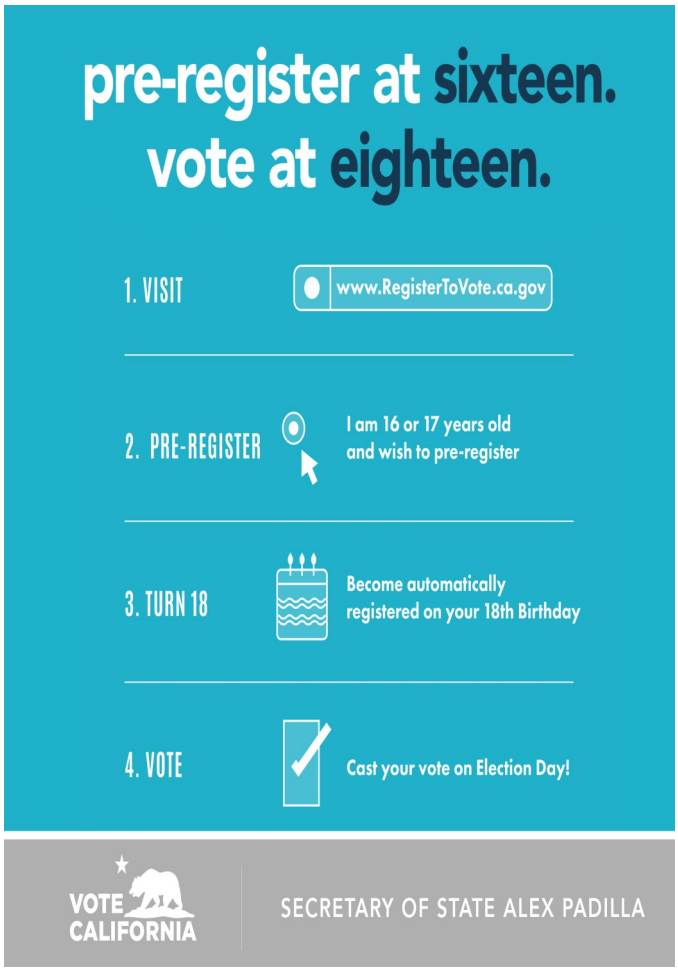
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Coy Garrett for her leadership in Community Service, and Minority Business Consortium for its leadership in Business.

After the presentation, the Honorable Judge Sharon Chatman spoke before the crowd to emphasize the importance of meeting new people to build a stronger community. She then asked attendees to take a moment to get up, say hi to someone they didn't now, and meet new people. It was a great way to end such a remarkable event that acknowledges the importance of community impact.





Legacy of Cesar Chavez Recognized with Various Events in San José

On March 31st, community members and elected officials gathered at several events in San José to honor the late Cesar E. Chavez, who left a lasting imprint in the lives of our communities and cities throughout the nation. The Chavez Family Vision hosted their Annual Breakfast and Scholarship Presentation on Friday morning to recognize various local leaders that have given back to the community, as Cesar once did. Assemblymember Kalra had the honor of attending the breakfast, and presenting a State Resolution to the keynote speaker, Dr. Francisco Jimenez. In addition, the Chavez Family awarded young leaders with scholarship funds they raised to help their way through college. Three young women were awarded the Cesar E. Chavez Family Vision Scholarship award, and all showed gratitude towards receiving this scholarship. In addition, the Chavez Family recognized a leader who has lived the life as Cesar Chavez would by awarding Mickie Luna the Si Se Puede Award. Following these awards, I had the honor of presenting the scholarship recipients and Mickie Luna with Certificates of Recognition for their hard work and dedication and recognizing the Chavez Family with for their contributions to inspiring the generations ahead of them. I was honored to present a Resolution on behalf of the State of California to Dr. Francisco Jimenez, who has gone through migrant challenges and surpassed all the obstacles and achieving his goals. As a community, we continue the work Cesar E. Chavez once did and in various forms.

On April 2nd, Assemblymember Kalra, joined by the Chavez Family and local Labor Unions, held a march to honor Cesar Chavez. Community members and leaders gathered at Roosevelt Park to march to City Hall, symbolizing the spirit and need to come together for social justice, especially in the days to come with the new administration.

"We must not only celebrate Cesar Chavez one day out of the year, but live like him the rest of the year," said Assemblymember Kalra. "It was a great honor to be alongside many great leaders, elected officials and the Chavez family to commemorate his work, life, and passion for helping the community. Que Viva Cesar Chavez! Porque Si Se Puede!"





2017 Photo Contest: California Through My Eyes

How do you envision California? We invite high school students to step behind the lens and capture their quintessential California. The photo can be of a person, place, or thing – the sky is the limit! Just submit the following:

Contest Rules

1. The photo must be your own, original work. ONE entry per student.
2. Each photo must have an accompanying 150-word essay and signed permission form*.
3. Single photos only - no collages allowed.
4. If your photo features another person, and their face is visible, you must obtain their permission to use the photo by having them sign the photo release form*.

Enter the contest online at: csus.edu/calst/contests.html **All forms can be found on our website*

Eligibility

Limited to current California high school students including 2016 graduates.

Prizes

The first-place winner will receive $150 and four runners-up will receive $100 each. All entries will remain the property of LegiSchool for the purpose of display. We cannot return any photographs to entrants.

The LegiSchool Project
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ENTER NOW!

POSTMARK DEADLINE MAY 7, 2017

SACRAMENTO STATE

Spreading the Word about California's Paid Family Leave Program

California was the first state in the nation to offer Paid Family Leave (PFL) in 2004, but there are still many people who don't know about the program even though they contribute to it through their State Disability Insurance payroll deductions. Beginning this month, you'll learn more about PFL as the California Employment Development Department launches "Moments Matter," a statewide public education campaign designed to spread the word about this beneficial program.

"Moments Matter" is an appropriate name for this campaign since PFL helps Californians make the most of the important moments in life. California's Paid Family Leave (PFL) is a state-administered program that can provide some needed financial support to help employees take time away from work during important moments in their lives. This family-friendly program is available when you need the time to bond with a new child or to care for an ill family member. Eligible workers can receive up to 55% of their normal weekly pay – from $50 up to $1,173 in weekly benefits – for up to six weeks within any 12-month period.

Hundreds of thousands of Californians have benefited from Paid Family Leave over the last 12 years. That's a good start. The "Moments Matter" public education campaign will help spread the message to an audience of millions, reaching out to those who would benefit from precious time with family members.



For more information on the program, please visit www.CaliforniaPaidFamilyLeave.com

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



April Feature: Cuzco - ID#A1007266

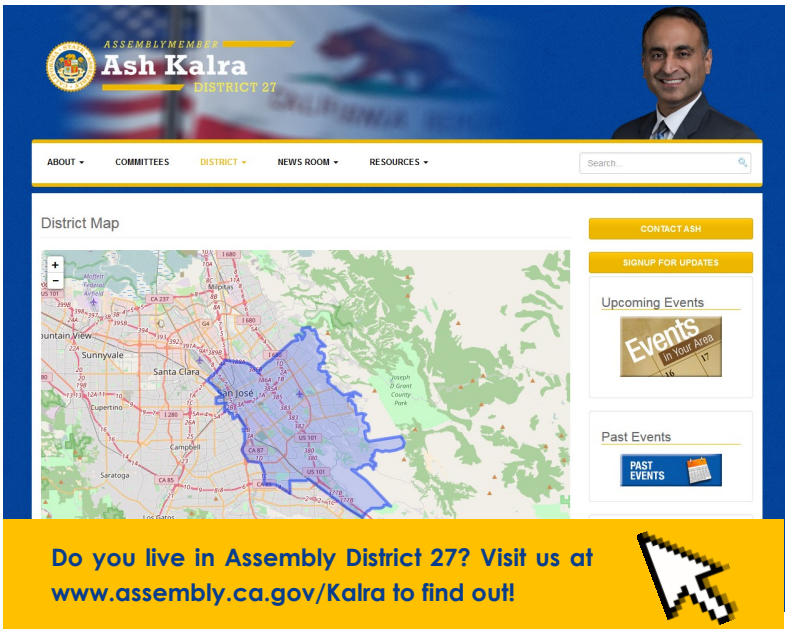
My name is Cuzco, and I am a neutered male, tan Pit Bull Terrier mix. I am about 3 years old, and was found by someone on March 3, 2017.

I am perfectly house trained, and have never gone inside the house, not once! I do really well both inside and outside the house, and although I love to sit on the couch, I am told not to, and will listen well and obey. I am also crate-trained, and have no issues with the kennel. I even go inside as I please and will lie there and sleep there comfortably. I love walking perfectly on the leash and staying in line with my person. I never pull on the leash, and I also never bark at other dogs while walking. When it comes to tricks, I've been learning them fast with tricks, and know how to stay, sit, and lie down. I heard I am a sweetheart, and I am loving (I love to push against my person and lick their face!), so I hope you'll visit me and give me a chance!

Want to learn more about Cuzco, 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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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

CALIFORNIA High-Speed Rail Authority

San Jose to Merced Project Section Community Open House Meeting

SAN JOSE
Thursday, April 20, 2017
5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
(Presentation at 6:00 p.m.)
Southside Community Center
5585 Cottle Rd. San Jose, CA 95123
Free Parking

The Authority invites you to come and learn about the project and the range of alternatives being studied and get an update on environmental clearance, expected to be complete in 2018. This is an opportunity to ask questions and provide input regarding effects to the environment including biological resources, cultural resources, air quality, noise, community impacts, environmental justice and more. Your feedback regarding potential environmental issues is important and allows us to take your concerns into account as part of the project decision-making process.

