March/April 2018

Dear friends,

We’ve had such a productive few months!

In Sacramento, I’ve introduced legislation that will make life easier for working families and protect our most vulnerable residents. See Page 2 for a list of some of my new bills.

In the 80th Assembly District, my staff and I have spent the first part of 2018 meeting with constituents of all ages, from folks at the Senior Information and Appreciation Day in Chula Vista to a class of sixth graders at Olivewood Elementary in National City.

I was proud to stand with so many of you at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church in San Ysidro on March 13, the day Trump came to town. We sent him a clear message: He and his hate-filled plan for a useless border wall aren’t welcome here.

I was equally proud to host my 5th Annual Women and Girls of the Year awards ceremony on March 24. We recognized 37 women and girls whose courage, leadership, energy and creativity have made our district an even better place. (See back page for more information.)

As always, I am honored to represent all of you. I am so lucky to live in a community filled with people of such diversity and generosity of spirit.

Sincerely

LORENA GONZALEZ FLETCHER
Assemblywoman,
80th Assembly District
Lorena’s legislative plans for 2018 include:

**Increasing Paid Sick Leave** — Lorena introduced a bill enabling California workers to earn a minimum of five paid sick days a year. The bill expands on her landmark 2014 bill mandating three earned paid sick days.

**Preventing Sexual Harassment** — Lorena introduced a bill that will prevent workers from being forced to sign arbitration agreements that stack the deck in favor of employers in sexual harassment litigation.

**Protecting the Rights of Minors** — Lorena has authored a bill that will set strict guidelines for when police can and can’t take DNA samples from minors who haven’t been arrested or charged with a crime.

**Reducing Gun Violence** — Lorena has introduced a bill that would prohibit public agencies, during gun buy-back events, from handing out taxpayer-funded vouchers to any store that sells firearms or ammunition.

**Helping Victims of Human Trafficking** — Lorena authored a bill making it easier for victims of human trafficking to receive compensation for any income they lost while working as modern-day slaves.

**Helping Breast Cancer Survivors Get Fair Workers’ Comp** — Lorena has authored a bill making sure breast cancer survivors don’t have to jump through unnecessary hoops to receive fair workers’ comp.

**Making Sure Dreamers Can Get Diplomas** — Lorena’s bill would allow schools to grant diplomas to high school seniors in good standing who are deported before they are able to graduate.

**Reducing the Threat of Wildfires** — Lorena introduced a bill that would help reduce the risk of wildfires by creating an action plan to mitigate the damage caused by beetles that kill trees and turn them into kindling.

**Bills authored by Lorena that take effect in 2018:**

**AB 250: Low-Cost Coastal Accommodations** – Promotes more low-cost lodging options on California’s coast.

**AB 480: Diaper Program** – Makes diapers more affordable by allowing CalWORKs to reimburse low-income families for diapers. California becomes the first state in the nation to adopt such a program.

**AB 746: Lead Testing in School Drinking Water** – Protects health of students by requiring schools test for lead in drinking water and notify parents of their children’s healthcare options if elevated lead levels are discovered.

**AB 805: SANDAG Reform** – Makes San Diego transportation planning more accountable, transparent and responsive to community needs by reforming SANDAG and other local transit agencies.

Plus numerous other bills that will reduce drunk driving, protect sexual assault survivors, and increase the number of trees in urban areas.

Share your legislative ideas, community events and concerns with us at: Assemblymember.Gonzalez@assembly.ca.gov
Lorena in the Community

Lorena visited the San Diego Bay National Wildlife Refuge to speak with students from Olivewood Elementary School, who are learning about migratory marine life and keeping the refuge clean.

On March 25, Lorena was honored by the California Federation of Teachers as Legislator of the Year.

Lorena joined other state legislators at a Feb. 26 press conference urging Congress to take action against gun violence.

On March 13, Lorena joined other speakers at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church in San Ysidro to send a message to Donald Trump: You and your wall aren’t welcome here.

On March 24, Lorena was honored in San Francisco by Help A Mother Out for her work to make diapers more affordable for low-income families.

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Dear @RealDonald Trump: We don’t want your waste-of-money wall. We want immigration reform and a Clean Dream Act.
AD 80 All-Stars

80th Assembly District’s 2018 Women and Girls of the Year

On March 24th, Assemblywoman Gonzalez Fletcher celebrated Women’s History Month by hosting her 5th Annual Women & Girls of the Year Awards. Hundreds of community members attended the ceremony held at National City’s Historic Olivewood Clubhouse, built in honor of women’s rights activist, Flora Kimball. The Assemblywoman presented this year’s Women & Girls of the Year with their awards on the same stage where Susan B. Anthony once spoke.


Bottom row (left to right): Michelle Orozco, Yailin Chavez, Marielle Tellez-Castro, Aracely Duarte, Yarely Duarte, Sue Miller, Regina Gonzalez, Isabel Garcia, Elsa Vazquez, Arianna Alvarado, Elena Medina, Melanie Jimenez, Christina Sotelo Benson, Dr. Karen Janney

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