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Dear Friends,

It’s been a hectic month in the Capitol with hundreds of bills making their way through the Appropriations Committee covering every topic imaginable. You can also find updates inside this newsletter on the progress with our own legislation, including efforts to reduce the costs of basic necessities for working families, improve public safety, enhance workplace safety protections, reduce human trafficking, expand voting rights and more.

In between all our work in Sacramento, I was happy to join representatives from Facebook for an exciting small business event here in the district, where I honored outstanding small businesses with hundreds of local business leaders. I was also fortunate to join students and faculty from our 2016 80th Assembly District adopted school as they received a $5,000 grant to support their health initiatives in City Heights. Check out information on our small business honorees, details about the great work at our adopted school, and many of our other recent community events inside.

This month, we’re also welcoming our 2016 group of local interns from High Tech High in Chula Vista. We always have a great time with local young people, who are passionate about the legislative process and are already growing into effective future leader for the community. It’s wonderful to add these students to our team!

Please stay in touch. I hope to see you soon.

Sincerely,

LORENA GONZALEZ
Assemblywoman, 80th District
Passed Senate Committee:

AB 492: Diapers – Offers a monthly $50 supplement per child age 2 or younger to parents enrolled in CalWORKs who also qualify for the childcare benefit.

AB 717: Tax Exemption for Diapers – Exempts diapers for infants and toddlers from sales or use taxes, saving families $100 per child each year.

AB 813: Post-conviction Relief – Provides immigrants with an opportunity to challenge the legality of some previous convictions.

AB 898: Parole Notification – Requires that fire departments be notified when an arsonist who killed a firefighter is eligible for parole.

Passed by full Assembly and awaiting Senate Action:

AB 67: Double Pay on the Holiday Act – Guarantees that employees at big retailers who give up their Thanksgiving to work are paid at least double the regular rate for giving up their holiday.


AB 491: English Learner Reclassification – Requires the Department of Education to establish best practices for the reclassification of English Learners by 2022.

AB 1921: Expanded Vote-by-Mail Balloting – Reduces barriers to voters for returning completed ballots by allowing designated third parties to return ballots.

AB 2053: Streamlined Expansion of Health Clinics – Helps community health clinics expand services by eliminating unnecessary red tape and redundant bureaucracy.

AB 2159: Immigrant Damages – Ensures all Californians receive fair compensation for future income loss or future medical cost, regardless of their immigration status.

Passed Assembly Committee:

AB 1643: Gender Bias in Workers' Comp – Ensures conditions that mostly or only impact women cannot be used to reduce support from workers’ compensation.

AB 1708: Human Trafficking – Treats trafficked minors as victims, increasing penalties for purchasing sex and for trafficking in or near schools.

AB 1727: Workers’ Rights in Gig Economy – Ensures that workers in the evolving ‘gig economy’ have the right to organize and bargain collectively.

AB 1978: Property Service Workers Protection Act – Establishes specific materials and procedures to address sexual violence and harassment on the job for janitors.

AB 2025: Nail Salon Worker Protections – Improve labor law education and compliance standards for salon owners and workers.

AB 2097: Student Privacy Protection – Joint-authored with Assemblymembers Melendez and Gatto, this bill enacts new student privacy protections to ensure that students’ personal information like Social Security Numbers aren’t solicited or collected by school districts unless required by federal law.

AB 2121: Drunk Driving Prevention – To reduce drunk driving deaths, requires Responsible Interventions for Beverage Servers training for all bartenders and waiters serving alcohol.

AB 2185: Coastal Access for All – Protects existing low-cost accommodations for visitors to our coastal areas and encourages development of additional affordable hotels, hostels and campgrounds.

AB 2470: Expanded Water Service – Ensures reliable water access for Indian tribes from adjacent water districts.


AB 2757: Overtime for Farmworkers – For the first time, establishes overtime pay for farmworkers after a standard 8-hour workday and 40-hour workweek.

Awaiting consideration by Assembly committee:

ACA 7: Vote @ 16 – A Constitutional Amendment to permit 16- and 17- year olds to vote in local school board and community college governing board elections.
LORENA IN ACTION

Small Business Month Event with Facebook
For the third year in a row, Assemblywoman Gonzalez kicked off Small Business Month with a special event to connect small business owners to important resources. Facebook representatives shared social media insights, best practices, and Facebook’s most up-to-date tools to help take small businesses to the next level online. Assemblywoman Gonzalez honored some of the outstanding small businesses that make a positive impact in our community and treat their neighbors and customers as valued partners. This year’s honorees (pictured here with Assemblywoman Gonzalez from left to right) included Daisy Mirador, Owner of Nestle Toll House Café in Chula Vista; Gary Tanashian, UCO Operations Manager for New Leaf Biofuel in Barrio Logan; and Luisa McCarthy, Manager of La Vista Memorial Park & Mortuary in National City.

Adopted School Grant Presentation
Every year, Assemblywoman Gonzalez adopts a school in AD80, and we work to assist this school in as many ways as possible. When Assemblywoman Gonzalez heard that Joyner Elementary in City Heights was working hard to get healthy and wanted to redevelop its garden to promote good nutrition and build community spirit, she connected the school with experts at the Resource Conservation District and showed support for the school’s application for the Barona Education Grant Program. This month, Barona Band of Mission Indians Chairman Clifford M. LaChappa delivered a generous $5,000 check to help bring Joyner Elementary School’s garden back to life.

CSEA Unsung Heroes Awards
Assemblywoman Gonzalez helped the Classified School Employees Association in San Diego honor the work that their ‘unsung hero’ members do across San Diego and California to advance educational opportunities for all students. Held at Southwestern College, the event also provided the opportunity to recognize the invaluable efforts of longtime paraeducator Jane Bausa, who recently retired after a 36 year career for the San Diego Unified School District.

46th Chicano Park Day Celebration
Established in 1970, Barrio Logan’s annual Chicano Park Day unites tens of thousands of people from all over the country for a celebration that highlights the anniversary of the park and the community’s sense of perseverance, history and cultural pride. Team Lorena was honored to be a part of this amazing event again this year. With the theme “Empowering Our Youth, Ensuring Our Traditions Live On,” the festival featured traditional music, art and dance, including indigenous Aztec dance and Ballet Folklórico.

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I was honored to stand in solidarity with our Janitors today, saying “¡Ya Basta!” to Sexual Assault at work.
AD80 Internship Program

Assemblywoman Gonzalez and our team believe it’s important to mentor our community’s youth – our next generation of leaders. We enjoy welcoming students who are passionate about the legislative process and public service into our district office for real world work experience. Our interns receive a wide range of hands-on assignments that help advance opportunities for our AD80 families. We love helping each intern fulfill their greatest potential, developing the skills and confidence necessary to successfully pursue their academic and professional goals.

Pictured from left to right, AD80 Interns from High Tech High Chula Vista – Carolina Fragoso, Alexander Gavrilovich, Alexis Iturralde, Vallery Wilson, Veronica Martinez, Millicent Navarro and Melissa Concepcion.

Team Lorena Community Booths

Come say hello to Team Lorena by visiting our booths at upcoming community events, fairs and festivals across AD80. Learn how our office can help you and get to know our team members. We look forward to seeing you in the community! Our next booth will be at:

6th Annual Filipino American Community Event

Saturday, June 11, 2016
10:00am to 4:00pm
Kimball Park
12th St. & D Ave.
National City, CA 91950

INTERNSHIPS

Our AD80 Team is always looking for individuals who are passionate about community empowerment and interested in learning about the legislative process.

To apply, contact Marco Briones at Marco.Briones@asm.ca.gov or (619) 338-8090.

Proudly representing the communities of Barrio Logan, Bonita, Chollas View, City Heights, Egger Highlands, Golden Hill, Grant Hill, Logan Heights, Mountain View, Nestor, Ocean View Hills, Otay Mesa, Paradise Hills, Rancho Del Rey, Ridgeview, San Ysidro, Shelltown, Sherman Heights, Southcrest, Stockton and Webster.

WE’RE HERE TO HELP YOU!

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