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LORENA’S LEGISLATION LAUNCHED!

The Legislature is back in session, and things are moving quickly in Sacramento. Be sure to read this month’s BILLboard to find out about some of the legislation my team and I will be working on this year.

We have much work to do this year—from ensuring kids are safe from lead in their drinking water at school to making it a little easier for parents to take their children to the beach, to protecting immigrant tenants from being evicted from their home. My team and I are hard at work to improve the quality of life for Californians.

We are proud to continue fighting for all of our district residents and working families throughout California. We hope you will stay connected with us and share your legislative ideas, community events, needs and concerns.

Sincerely,

LORENA GONZALEZ FLETCHER
Assemblywoman, 80th Assembly District
Assemblywoman Lorena Gonzalez Fletcher Bill Requires Schools to Test Water for Lead

Late last year, contractors working on a project at La Mirada Elementary School in San Ysidro alerted school officials that the school should have its water tested for contamination. After testing the water, the school found out that the contractors were right—the water contained lead, potentially threatening the health and safety of every student, teacher and staff person who works at the school. Even though lead testing is widely available and very inexpensive, most schools don’t test their water for lead contamination. But soon that may change, thanks to new legislation by Lorena Gonzalez Fletcher. AB 746 will require every school in California to test its water for lead—and immediately stop using any water that’s found to be contaminated.

“Lead has real consequences and it’s unacceptable that children and teachers could be poisoned by simply drinking from the water fountains at school,” Assemblywoman Gonzalez Fletcher said. “This is a problem for rural and urban students alike, and we need to make sure we’re not putting our kids in danger of lead poisoning.”

Assemblywoman Lorena Gonzalez Fletcher Joins Immigrant Tenant Protection Act of 2017

In 2016, the Assembly Housing Committee began compiling reports it had received from undocumented Californians throughout the state. These reports detailed a disturbing pattern of abusive practices by landlords who were exploiting the immigration status of their tenants. Numerous undocumented Californians came forward with their stories of being evicted after asking for legally required repairs like fixing exposed electrical wiring. Other people reported that landlords had threatened to report them to immigration unless they vacated a property that the landlord wished to raise rents on in gentrifying neighborhoods or sell the property outright.

These reports prompted Assemblywoman Lorena Gonzalez Fletcher and her colleagues, Assemblymen David Chiu (D-San Francisco) and Rob Bonta (D-Oakland), to jointly introduce AB 291, known as the Immigrant Tenant Protection Act of 2017. If signed into law, this bill will make sure that sensitive information about tenants is not misused by landlords. It will also take away one potential method the Trump Administration could use to deport our immigrant neighbors.

“Every member of our community deserves the dignity of a home that is free from harassment or threats, no matter their immigration status. Just because a resident was born in a different country doesn’t mean they don’t deserve the safety and stability of a home,” Assemblywoman Gonzalez Fletcher said. AB 291 was introduced on Friday, February 3 and will be eligible to be heard in committee after March 5.

Assemblywoman Gonzalez Fletcher Pushes For More Affordable Options for Families to Travel to the Coast

Assemblywoman Gonzalez Fletcher grew up by the ocean, and that experience helped shape her into a passionate advocate for the coastline and California’s other natural areas. That’s an experience shared by many of the people who grew up in the Golden State, whether they lived by the beach or not. But in recent years, visiting the coast has become so expensive that lower income and even middle class families simply can’t afford a vacation, or even a weekend trip, to the ocean. That’s why Assemblywoman Lorena Gonzalez Fletcher has introduced AB 250, which directs the state to inventory state lands to create more campgrounds, cabins and other low-cost accommodations along the coast, while also working with private land owners to encourage partnerships to develop other low-cost facilities that Californians of all income levels can take advantage of.

“This is part of the California experience, and we’re shortchanging ourselves by making beaches too expensive for families and working people to visit,” said Assemblywoman Gonzalez Fletcher. “This isn’t just about protecting access to the coastline for everyone, it’s about giving the next generation the same experiences we had so they will protect and treasure the coastline in the future.” AB 250 was introduced on January 30. It will be eligible to be taken up for consideration by policy committee beginning in March.
Assemblywoman Gonzalez Fletcher joined residents from the Greater Logan Heights area to discuss issues such as affordable housing, displacement and gentrification.

Asm. Gonzalez Fletcher celebrated Lunar New Year with members and leaders of San Diego’s Asian community.

The Assemblywoman showed her support for our community’s refugee and immigrant families at the United City Heights cultural festival and resource fair.

Lorena welcomed Southern California educators to the California Teachers Association’s Conference held in San Diego.

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SAVE THE DATE

2017 Women & Girls of the Year Awards

Friday, March 24, 6:30 p.m.
Tygett Performing Arts Center—Chula Vista High School
820 4th Ave., Chula Vista, CA 91911 (Entrance on K St.)

In celebration of Women’s History Month, Assemblywoman Gonzalez Fletcher will host her 4th Annual Women & Girls of the Year Awards to honor women and girls from the 80th Assembly District who exemplify courage, strength and vision and are passionate about empowering our community.

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