

Kalra Capitol Report

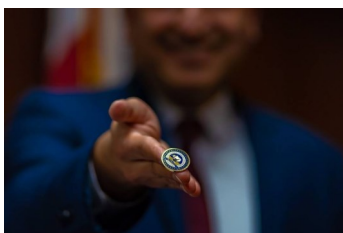


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Assemblymember Kalra Sworn In for Second Term

On Dec. 3, 2018, Assemblymember Kalra was sworn in for a second time to represent the residents of San José. With his father and brother by his side, Kalra renewed his commitment to serving the people of California with the integrity and honesty. In his second term, the Assemblymember will continue to serve as the chair of the Aging and Long-Term Care Committee, a committee that works with various agencies and oversees legislation for senior citizen advocacy activities and long-term support and services.



Getting right back to work, Kalra joined the API Caucus to publicly condemn the Trump Administration's public charge proposal in addition to reintroducing 3 bills: AB 35 Blood Level Reporting, AB 50 Assisted Living Waiver, and AB 59 Election: College Student Access to Voting.

Despite the back to back meetings, Kalra was optimistic and excited to begin his next legislative cycle. After a long day of hard work and reflection, the Assemblymember stated "Thank you to the voters of Assembly District 27 for allowing my team and I, to continue working for you. Representing San José, a community that I love and admire deeply, has been one of the greatest honors of my life."

Kalra Continues Holiday Warm Up Tradition with Friends and Family in Place of Black Friday

The day after Thanksgiving, Assemblymember Kalra hosted his 9th Annual Holiday Warm-Up to break away from the Black Friday buzz that we are constantly bombarded with around the November holiday. In the spirit of giving, folks sang Christmas carols as they divvied up the responsibilities to serve those most in need. One section of volunteers prepared the sandwiches, while another group put together the hygiene kits. With the participation of over twenty community members, hundreds of lunch bags were made in addition to dozens of sanitation kits. Despite the rain, volunteers traveled across the city for several hours distributing food, kits, and warm clothes to our unhoused neighbors. At the end of the day, the Assemblymember stated, "Thank you to everyone who came out, the true holiday spirit lies in giving. This was a much more joyous way to spend Black Friday and I am excited to double our numbers next year!"



MESSAGE FROM ASSEMBLYMEMBER ASH KALRA

As I wrap up my first two-year legislative session, I am happy to announce ten of my twelve bills that made it to the Governor's desk have been signed into law. Throughout the year, I have worked diligently with my colleagues in both the Senate and the Assembly to create legislation that will improve the quality of life for millions of Californians and preserve the planet we all share.

Many of my bills focused on protecting working families, senior citizens and the environment. Some of the bills I authored include:

AB 2775 - Professional Cosmetics Ingredients Labeling

Requires manufacturers to list all ingredients on the labels of professional cosmetic products. This bill is crucial as the predominantly female nail and hair salon workforce regularly and frequently handles nail polish remover, glues, polishes, straighteners, and other beauty care products containing a multitude of chemicals known or suspected to cause cancer, respiratory, neurological, and reproductive harm.

AB 2400 – Alzheimer's Disease Research: Voluntary Tax Check-Off

Extends California's voluntary tax check-off for Alzheimer's disease and related dementias research until January 1, 2025, which is currently set to expire with the 2019 state tax form. Funds from this tax check-off have led to millions in meaningful research in the hopes of a cure.

AB 2215 – Responsible Medical Cannabis for Pets

Allows veterinarians to discuss the use of medicinal cannabis for their animal patients in their licensed practice and requires the Veterinary Medical Board to adopt guidelines for veterinarians to follow in discussing the use of medicinal cannabis on an animal within the veterinarian-client-patient relationship.

AB 2034 – Human Trafficking Awareness Training: Transit Employees Requires transit employees in bus, train, or light-rail operations to undergo human trafficking awareness training by January, 2021.

In addition to the bills I have personally introduced, I have co-authored several bills in the Assembly and Senate that share my same values, these bills include:

SB 1249 – Animal Testing: Cosmetics

Led by Senator Cathleen Galgiani, this bill bans the sale of cosmetics that were tested on animals.

SB 100 - California Renewables Portfolio Standard Program: Emissions of Greenhouse Gases

Led by Senator Kevin De León, this bill aims to make California 100% dependent on clean energy by 2045.

SB 822 - Communications: Broadband Internet Access Service

Led by Senator Scott Wiener and Senator Kevin De León, this bill installs net neutrality requirements that protect and promote the safety of internet users.

While our journey for a more just and equitable world is still not over, I'm proud of the progress my colleagues and I have made in the state of California. I will continue to fight for values of justice and equality and remain eternally grateful to be able represent the constituents of Assembly District 27. If you would like more information on these bills or any other state issue, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,



Ash

Community Building Tradition Continues with 35th Annual National Night Out

August 7th marked the 35th Anniversary of National Night Out, one of the biggest events in San José and across the nation to celebrate police and community partnerships. As one of Assemblymember Kalra's favorite events to attend, he made sure to drive down from Sacramento that Tuesday evening to check out the celebrations being held by the thousands of residents in San José. Ranging from ice cream socials, to block parties, to park festivals; National Night Out really showcased the community's willingness to bring neighbors together to build stronger relationships with our law enforcement agencies, which result in stronger and safer communities. That evening, Assemblymember Kalra visited around ten different locations in Assembly District 27.



One of these National Night Out events was held by the San José Downtown Residents Association in the heart of Downtown San José at St. James Park. Residents enjoyed live performances and a resource fair with government and nonprofit agencies participating. Free giveaways were handed out, mostly to children who were able to walk away with free books, toys, educational resources, and more. It was a heartwarming night to see families enjoy

National Night Out together. Over in East San José, there were various, equally wonderful, celebrations taking place, including San José Vice Mayor Magdalena Carasco's National Night Out at Emma Prusch Park. This event featured many great activities for all ages to enjoy, including free backpacks, a bike raffle, resource booths, free BBQ food, kids activities, and the biggest attraction of all—zip lining! This event brought around two thousand guests.



Moving into Southeast San José, Assemblymember Kalra visited a few more locations, including the Santee Neighborhood Association's National Night Out. This was followed by another event at the beautiful Seven Trees Community Center right next to the Seven Trees public library. It had an open field with a large playground for the children of this community. There were over a thousand attendees who joined us and the other public servants. As a united community, we watched performances from different ethnic backgrounds, including Hawaiian Luau dancers and Mexican Aztec dancers. It was a very successful community event to engage and connect our San José District 7 community.

Kalra Joins San José Fire Department in Promoting a Safe Halloween



As children made their way through the neighborhoods knocking on doors, they stopped by local fire stations to pick up their FREE glow necklaces!

This year, Assemblymember Ash Kalra partnered up with the San José Fire Department to help promote pedestrian safety for our little trick-or-treaters. Halloween is one of the Assemblymembers favorite holidays and throughout the night he made a few surprise visits to our Fire Stations. These kids received a variety of cool treats. Along with the glow necklaces, firefighters also handed out candy, stickers, and hats too!

Pedestrian safety is important to Assemblymember Kalra, which is why there was no hesitation when asked to join the San José Fire Department in handing out glow necklaces.

As Assemblymember Kalra visited the fire stations, he was happy to greet all the little ghost and ghouls as they came by to get their treats. Assemblymember Kalra stated, "pedestrian safety is important, especially on this busy holiday. Therefore, handing out glow neck-



laces helps our trick-or-treaters be more visible to our drivers as they cross the streets and walk through the neighborhoods. Plus, the kids love glow necklaces."

Native American Leaders honored by Assemblymember Kalra

The month of November is recognized nationally as a time to celebrate and acknowledge the first people of the Americas. On November 8th, Assemblymember Ash Kalra hosted his second annual Native American Heritage Month Celebration with San Jose State University's Native American Student Organization (NASO). The event was hosted on campus to shed light on some of the issues native students face and to help bridge the urban indigenous community with one of California's best public universities.

The event began with a traditional welcoming from Chairwoman Charlene Nijmeh and Vice-chair Monica Arellano from the Muwekma Ohlone Nation, the original stewards of the San



Francisco Bay area. Shortly after, Assemblymember Kalra began the awards presentation. The Seven Generations Award was presented to Anecita Hernández from the Bitterwater Clan of the Diné Nation for her work in empowering native youth through traditional ways. The leadership in Community Service Award went to Kelly Gamboa of the Mescalero Apache, Yokut, and Mexica

Nations for her 25 years of working with the indigenous community in areas of parenting, domestic violence, and mental health. The leadership in Advocacy Award



was given to Chairwoman Louise J. Miranda Ramirez of the Esselen Nation for her tireless work in preserving and reclaiming the Esselen language. Last, Father Phillip "Hank" LeBeau from the Cheyenne River Sioux Nation was recognized for his 40 years of service at the Indian health Center as a Drug and Alcohol counselor.

After the awards ceremony, the Indian Health Center presented an honor song and a Jingle Dress dance. During the ceremony, guests were invited to participate in a round dance, a traditional dance of unity and kinship. To end the event, Calpulli Tonalehqueh performed a beautiful closing ceremony. At the end of the night Kalra stated, "In order for our nation to heal from the deep wounds of colonialism we must honor and recognize the first people of this continent which is why hosting the Native American Heritage Month Celebration is particularly close to my heart."

When to call 9-1-1

Did you know? In Santa Clara County, more than 10,000 emergency medical calls to 9-1-1 are processed every month – but around 35% of those calls are "cancellation calls." This means that the police, fire, or emergency medical responders were not needed. Cancellation calls tie up lifesaving resources with no help given.



The County of Santa Clara Emergency Medical Services Department is conducting a public awareness campaign on the importance of knowing when to call 9-1-1 emergency services. The primary goal of this campaign is to help educate the public on the appropriate use of the 9-1-1 emergency number. The campaign, which launches in early December on various social media channels will help to us to focus our resources on those calls that are true emergencies.

Learn more at www.sccgov.org/whentocall911

Kalra and Veggielution Partner Up to Celebrate the Valley of Heart's Delight



Here in San José we are fortunate to be surrounded by so many cultures and so much history, especially that of our agricultural achievements. As the Valley of Heart's delight, it only seems fitting to honor and recognize our valley's rich agricultural and multicultural history. On July 28th, Assemblymember Ash Kalra did just that as he hosted the 2018 San José Veggie Fest at Martial Cottle Park, with the wonderful partnership of the San José-based non-profit, Veggielution. Veggie Fest was free and open to the public, providing a wonderful opportunity for families to eat delicious plant-based food, shop from various local vendors, enjoy live entertainment, and receive free resources from community-based and government organizations.

Throughout the day, thousands of people from around the Bay Area stopped by to check out the festival. Among the crowd was Councilmember Don Rocha and San Jose's be-

loved mascot, Sharkie. Even our new favorite mascot, Edgar the Eggplant, visited children to encourage them to eat more vegetables (except for eggplants). Veggie Fest was also filled with performances, with a lineup of dancing, juggling, and exercise classes. The event kicked off with a presentation of colors by the Oak Grove High School JROTC, which was then followed by a couple of classes, including Zumba by the Indian Health Center and yoga taught by Be the Change. Later on in the day, there were several beautiful and colorful performances by the Tarangini School of Kathak, the Dragon and Lion Dance Group, Calpulli Tonalahqueh and Los Panaderos, and a suspenseful performance by juggler, Michael Pearce, who at one point, juggled vegetables.

While families gathered to watch the performances, they also stopped by the several resource booths to learn more about how they could adopt healthier eating habits and live a more sustainable life. Some booths even had worms and bees to teach children the importance of taking care of our shared ecosystem! From local artisans to delicious homemade pies, the San Jose Veggie Fest was hit for those that love to shop locally. Dozens of vendors and food trucks sold out of their plant based products

before the event was even over. This event would not have been possible without our generous sponsors that were excited to share our same passion for the Valley of Heart's Delight. Our major sponsors this year were the Knight Foundation, Silicon Valley Community Foundation, the Health Trust, San Jose Earthquakes, Santa Clara Family Health Plan, Zanker Recycling, Peninsula Open Space Trust, California Endowment, and Local 393.

As the Assemblymember made his closing remarks he stated that "hosting this event was important for me because it really reflects San José by embracing the multicultural diversity of Silicon Valley and its agricultural history as the Valley of Hearts Delight. Also, Veggie Fest provided an opportunity for us to teach our younger generations the importance of protecting and preserving our planet, and the importance of a healthy and active lifestyle."



Happy Holidays from
Assemblymember Ash Kalra
and the AD27 Team

Silicon Valley Pride Week

On a beautiful evening on the rooftop of the Silicon Valley Capital Club in Downtown San José, LGBTQ community members, friends, and allies gathered together to celebrate Assemblymember Ash Kalra's



2nd Annual Pride Celebration, honoring five community leaders making a difference for the LGBTQ community. However, this year he did something special as he partnered with Silicon Valley Pride, Silicon Valley Business Journal, and Silicon Valley Capital Club to host a multifaceted Pride celebration to commemorate Silicon Valley Pride Week in San José. Kalra was joined by special guests from all levels of elected office, from local to federal, which really goes to show how important the LGBTQ community really is in shaping our policies, communities, and relationships. This year, the Assemblymember recognized five remarkable members of San José who illustrated leadership, courage, and perseverance while representing the LGBTQ community. The 2018 honorees were:

Santa Clara County Supervisor Ken Yeager for the Legacy Award, Omar Torres for the Public Service Award, Bonnie Sugiyama for the Community Service Award, Maribel Martinez for the Community Advocacy Award, and Rainbow Chamber of Commerce for the Leadership in Business Award. The five honorees received recognitions not only from Assemblymember Kalra, but also from San José Vice Mayor Carrasco, who surprised them with proclamations. This wonderful event was a great way to kick off Silicon Valley Pride Week, with more celebrations to come.

In addition to Kalra's recognition event, for the 41st year in a row, hundreds of residents gathered in the streets of Downtown San José for the annual Silicon Valley Pride Parade on Sunday, August 26th. Organizations filled the streets with dancers, floats, music, colors, and wonderful spirit as they marched together to show support for the LGBTQ community. Kalra had the honor of participating in the Pride Parade as well, accompanied by Assembly District 27 staff and community members. Just seeing all the spirit and rainbow flags from the hundreds of residents, of all ages, lined up along the streets really demonstrates how San José has always been a strong advocate and ally for our LGBTQ friends.

Celebrating the 10th Annual Indian Flag Raising at San José City Hall

To celebrate India's independence day, Assemblymember Kalra co-hosted an Indian Flag Raising with Councilmember Sylvia Arenas on August 16th, 2018. With hundreds of people in attendance, families and community members gathered to honor India's prosperous and resilient history. Among the crowd were representatives of several City Councilmembers, Assemblymembers, Congressmembers and even Bollywood actresses. The event began with a beautiful rendition of both the Indian and American National Anthems. As a symbol of unity and respect between entities, the American, Indian, Californian and City of San Jose flag were flown side by side. Shortly after the hoisting of the flag, the communal celebration began.

The event program consisted of traditional Indian dancing from the northern, southern, and western regions. In addition to the cultural performances, food was served and distributed to every participant. For many, it was a wonderful night to rejoice and celebrate the beautiful traditions and culture of India. At the end of the day Kalra stated, "Co-hosting this event is critical to nourishing the relationship between India, the City of San Jose and the State of California. As the first Indian American Assemblymember, I carry the traditions and the history of my ancestors with great pride and I am aware that I have a distinct obligation in ensuring that the Indian community is seen and represented, here in San Jose and throughout the State. Thank you Councilmember Arenas for continuing this beautiful flag raising ceremony and I look forward to many more collaborations that celebrate and honor Indian heritage."



Five Remarkable Community Leaders Recognized by the Assemblymember

In honor of Latino Heritage Month for the month of September, Assemblymember Ash Kalra hosted his 2nd Annual Latino Heritage Month Celebration to honor five remarkable leaders in the



Assembly District 27 community. On this day, community members, elected officials, family and friends gathered at Mezcal Restaurant in Downtown San José to celebrate the hard work and dedication the honorees illustrated throughout their career and day-to-day work.

This year, Assemblymember Kalra honored the following leaders: Center for Employment Training President and CEO Hermelinda Sapien for the Legacy Award, Tax Technician for California Department of Tax and Fee Administration Gloria V. Quiroz for the Public Service Award, San Jose High School Principal Gloria Marchant for the Educational Advocacy Award, Amigos de Guadalupe Program Director Ruby H. Ramirez for the Neighborhood Advocacy Award, and the District 9 Representative for Communications Workers of America Union Louie Rocha Jr. for the Community Advocacy Award. In addition to the State Assembly Resolutions, the honorees also received recognitions from State Senator Jim Beall and County Board of Supervisor Dave Cortese. Congratulations to the five wonderful 2018 honorees!

Honoring our Veterans at the Veterans Day Parade

On November 12th, Assemblymember Kalra joined special guest and elected officials to celebrate and commemorate our veterans in the Annual San Jose Veterans Day Parade. The streets of Downtown San Jose were lined with people who came out to honor the brave men and women who dedicated themselves to serving our country. This was a special event—honoring the 100th year anniversary of Armistice Day.

With hundreds of people gathered in the audience to celebrate Veterans Day and joined by city, county, and federal elected officials, Assemblymembers Ash Kalra and Kansen Chu presented a State Assembly Resolution in recognition of the 100th year of Armistice Day.



Assemblymember Kalra was honored to be a part of these special celebrations. As Assemblymember Kalra stated in his remarks, "Thank you to our veterans for your courage to serve our country. I am honored to stand here today to honor and commemorate this momentous occasion."

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

December Feature: Bryant - ID#A1109663



Hi! My name is Bryant, I am a neutered male, white and black Border Terrier and Welsh Corgi-Cardigan mix. The shelter staff think I am about 1 year and 7 months old, and I have been at the shelter since Nov. 27, 2018.

I was wandering around Robert Kennedy Elementary School until a kind person brought me into the shelter to stay warm, meet new friends, and find my forever home. I am an energetic and friendly pup to be around and can make a great pal playing fetch and going out on adventures. I hope you can come by to visit and bring me home to be a part of your

family.

Want to learn more about him 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.



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Assemblymember Kalra wants to make sure you have a safe Merry Christmas this year!

Here are a few tips from Santa Clara County Fire Department to keep your family safe this holiday:



- Before placing the tree in the stand, cut 2" from the base of the trunk
- Keep your tree away from heating vents or other heat sources
- Add water to your tree stand and be sure to add water daily
- Use lights labeled for tree decorating or indoor use

To learn more , log onto www.sccfd.org