

Kalra Capitol Report



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San Jose Veggie Fest Makes a Successful Comeback!

On August 10th, thousands of community members came together to enjoy a day full of live entertainment, delicious vegan food including an all-vegan beer garden, and shop at different locally sourced retail vendors. It has become a fun tradition for Assemblymember Ash Kalra to host his annual San Jose Veggie fest alongside our partner in "thyme" Veggielution to promote and encourage healthy eating habits, plant-based diets, and a sustainable lifestyle. This free community festival took place at the beautiful Martial Cottle Park, one of Santa Clara County's newest parks located in



south San José that promotes open space and agriculture. Martial Cottle was established to preserve and maintain the rich agricultural history of the Valley of Heart's Delight, making it the perfect place to host San Jose Veggie Fest as we bring back the importance of urban farming and sustainability.



Now, let's turn to the amazing food served at Veggie Fest! From mouthwatering vegan tacos to homemade vegan pies, Bay Area residents got to explore a diversity of plant-based foods that took

some visitors by surprise. Several local food trucks and vendors included Vegan Veganos, Cepatli, the Vegetarian House, the Giving Pies, Nirvana Cookies, Jaguar Baker, The California Vegan Company, Juice Alize and many more! In addition to the incredible food lineup, there were countless local vendors selling a variety of products, from hand-painted posters to handmade ceramics and vegan-inspired clothing. The San Jose Veggie Fest was the place to be if you were looking to buy the perfect artisan gift for a loved one. There were also several government and non-profit vendors distributing information on how local residents can embrace a healthier and sustainable way of life.



You can't have a festival without live performances, so we were happy to have cultural performers from across the Bay Area show up to display their talents. Attendees enjoyed performances by various cultural groups that ranged from Aztec dancing by Calpulli Tonalequeh to a traditional Indian dance called Targangini by students from the Targangini School of Karthak Dance. The festival kicked off with Martin with the Green Guitar. Martin wrote all his own catchy, singalong-style music, which taught about protecting the environment and eating healthy. *(continued on pg. 4)*

MESSAGE FROM ASSEMBLYMEMBER ASH KALRA

It has been an eventful legislative year as my colleagues and I had the opportunity to work with the new Governor on various innovative legislation and budget proposals. As the former Chair and current member of the Assembly Aging and Long Term Care Committee, one of the most monumental announcements that Governor Newsom made when he took office that I wholeheartedly support is the creation of California's Master Plan on Aging to ensure we are putting in place measures to protect one of the fastest growing populations in our state. From "No Wrong Door" policies for older adult services to fall prevention requirements for future construction and developments, I look forward to what the Master Plan will bring to our aging and long term care efforts.

In addition, our legislative year wrapped up on September 13th and the Governor had until October 13th to sign or veto any bills that were presented on his desk. Although Governor Newsom did not pass all of my bills, which I plan to reintroduce many of, I am grateful for the following bills that he signed into law:



AB 35: Protecting Workers from Lead Poisoning

This bill would require the California Department of Public Health to report to the California Division of Occupational Safety and Health (Cal/OSHA) any instance where a worker's blood lead level is at or above 25 micrograms per deciliter ($\mu\text{g}/\text{dL}$) and would also require citations and fines imposed by Cal/OSHA to be made public on an annual basis.



AB 59: College Vote Centers

This bill would require the placement of vote centers and satellite elections offices on college and university campuses, as well as amend the California Voter's Choice Act to require consideration of college campuses with at least 10,000 students for vote center locations as part of draft plans.



AB 454: California Migratory Bird Protection

This bill would ensure that existing protections provided under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act in California will remain in effect in the state, regardless of any reinterpretations or rollbacks made by the U.S. Department of the Interior under the current federal administration.



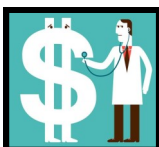
AB 647: Cosmetics Safety Data Sheet Disclosure

This bill would protect workers in the professional salon industry from the risks of being exposed to harsh chemicals on a daily basis by requiring manufacturers of cosmetics to create and distribute an accessible Safety Data Sheet. The bill would also require that the sheets be translated into the most prominent languages spoken by salon professionals including Spanish, Vietnamese, Korean, and Chinese.



AB 707: Santa Clara Valley Water District Minor Public Works Contracting

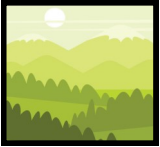
This bill would align Valley Water's minor public works contracting process with other similar public agencies by increasing the cost threshold above which a formal bidding process is required from \$25,000 to \$50,000. This will afford more contracting opportunities for women and minority owned businesses.



AB 731: California Health Insurance Rate Review

This bill would extend rate review and determination of unjustified or unreasonable rates to the employer large group market, as well as require specific disclosures by health plans and insurers. Improving and building upon rate review will help obtain information to control skyrocketing premium, co-pay, and deductible increases, and promote value-based health care for all purchasers.

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MESSAGE FROM ASSEMBLYMEMBER ASH KALRA (CONTINUED)**AB 948: Coyote Valley Conservation Program**

This bill would allow the Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority to create a Coyote Valley Conservation Program (Program) that would undertake projects to conserve, protect, and restore the natural and working land aspects of Coyote Valley.

**AB 1162: Small Plastic Personal Care Bottles: Lodging Establishment**

This bill would prohibit a lodging establishment from providing small plastic bottles containing personal care products to a guest in a sleeping accommodation. The goal of this bill is to reduce the devastating impact plastic waste is having on the environment.

**AB 1600: Pitchess Motion Procedures**

This bill would make two changes to existing Pitchess Motion procedures to ensure greater access to due process and the right to a speedy trial for persons charged with crimes and ensure that evidence of police misconduct is brought to light when it is relevant to a defendant's case.

**AB 1745: Emergency Bridge Housing Communities**

This bill would extend the authority for the City of San José to build Emergency Bridge Housing Communities to from January 1, 2022 to January 1, 2025. This additional time will allow the City to adequately evaluate the program and account for the longer than anticipated time in building Bridge Housing Communities in San José.

Now that session is on recess, I look forward to being back in my district and participating in fall activities and events. Just last weekend, my team had a resource table at Councilmember Sylvia Arenas' Fall Family Festival where thousands of families and children came out for games, a pumpkin patch, and various resources. I had so much fun visiting the various booths and meeting my constituents. I also look forward to Halloween night where I will be joining the Healthier Kids Foundation again this year by passing out glow necklaces to promote pedestrian safety for our trick-or-treaters through the Safe From the Start Program. As November creeps around the corner, I also look forward to hosting my Holiday Warm Up again on the Friday after Thanksgiving to help put together bagged lunches and warm clothing with my friends and family for our unhoused neighbors in San José. I hope to see you at some of these events, and I hope you will invite me to any events you or your community will be hosting!

For more information on upcoming events, or information on what bills were signed into law, please contact my District Office at (408) 277-1220, or visit my website at <https://a27.asmdc.org/>.

Sincerely,



Ash

The San Jose Veggie Fest Makes a Successful Comeback! *(continued from pg. 1)*



Other performers throughout the day included Be The Change Yoga, Zumba with Marissa Hemstreet, Team M-Taekwondo, Los Lupeños Juvenil, Los Panaderos, and Fast Times Band. Veggie Fest then ended with a

colorful bang with a performance by the Buu Kim Tu Lion Dance Troupe. All of the performances highlighted the thriving cultural diversity in San José and had a little something for everyone.

At the end of the event, the Assemblymember thanked all the sponsors that made the event possible and thanked the elected officials who joined in the celebration including: Congresswoman Anna Eshoo, Supervisor Susan Ellenberg, Councilmember Raul Perez and Councilmember Johnny Khamis. Kalra ended the event by sharing his gratitude to everyone who attended. "Because of you this has been the largest Veggie Fest to date! Especially today, it is more important than ever that we collectively understand the positive impact we can have on our planet if we all lived a sustainable lifestyle and that path starts with eating healthy. I cannot wait to bring this festival back next year!"

Of course San Jose Veggie Fest would not have been as huge of a success without our incredible community and elected partners as well who sponsored the event. Thank you to Supervisor Dave Cortese, the Silicon Valley Commu-

nity Foundation, Local 393, the Knight Foundation, Santa Clara Family Health Plan, Valley Water, Zanker Recycling, the San Jose Water Company, Kaiser, the Open Space Authority, UFCW, and VR Squad for believing in our mis-

sion to promote healthy eating, healthy living, and the Valley or Heart's Delight to our community.



OPEN ENROLLMENTS HAS BEGUN!

Having health insurance is the best plan, and starting October 15th, consumers can sign up for coverage for 2020. Covered California is the state's health insurance marketplace where consumers on the individual market can shop for and compare plans, see if they qualify for financial help with their health insurance costs, and enroll into affordable, high-quality health insurance.

In 2020, there are two important changes to health insurance coverage consumers should be aware of:

1.) New State Financial Help is Available

Under the Affordable Care Act, qualifying consumers can receive federal financial assistance to help them pay their health insurance premiums. However, starting in 2020, for the first time ever, the State of California will provide additional financial help to lower the monthly cost of health insurance. California is also the first state in the nation to provide financial help to middle income consumers who do not qualify for federal premium assistance.

2.) Having Affordable Coverage is the Law

A new law requires California residents to have health insurance coverage starting in 2020 that meets state requirements. Fortunately, with additional state financial help available, you may find it easier to meet the requirements of the new state law.

You have until January 31st to sign up for coverage in 2020, and there are key enrollment deadlines within open enrollment to remember:

December 15, 2019: Deadline to sign up for coverage starting January 1, 2020

January 31, 2020: Final deadline to enroll

Enrolling is easy.

Covered California partners with thousands of certified insurance agents and enrollers in communities throughout the state who provide free and confidential in-person help in a variety of languages. You can visit Covered California's Find Help page to find the nearest certified enroller or use Covered California's Help on Demand tool to have a certified enroller contact you. You can also sign up online at

CoveredCA.com



Celebrating Silicon Valley Pride Week with Our Community



In San José, Silicon Valley Pride Week is celebrated in August and this year was the 44th anniversary of the Silicon Valley Pride Parade. The celebration kicked off with Assembly-

member Kalra's 3rd annual Pride Celebration, which honors LGBTQ+ leaders and organizations in the district that are doing impactful work in the community. This year's celebration took place at Splash Video Dance Bar in downtown San José, which was decorated to the nines in honor of Silicon Valley Pride Week.

Event attendees were welcomed by Assemblymember Kalra and former Supervisor Ken Yeager, who was also our 2018 Legacy Award honoree. Seven inspiring members of San José were recognized for their dedication, sacrifice, and leadership through their work representing the LGBTQ+ community. This year's honorees were: Judy Rickard and Karin Bogliolo for the Legacy Award, San José Fire Chief Angela Jacobs for the Public Service Award, LGBTQ Youth Space for the Community Service Award, Sera Fernando for the Community Advocacy Award, Silicon Valley Pride for the Community Leadership Award, and Splash Video Dance Bar for the Leadership in Business Award.

The seven honorees received recognitions from Assemblymember Kalra for the work they do to ensure that all San José residents are treated fairly and equally. This year's honorees exemplified the progress that has been



made in the LGBTQ+ movement and highlighted struggles that our LGBTQ+ residents continue to face to be visible and to be respected in today's society. Kalra ended the

event by thanking all the honorees for their advocacy work and reminding the attendees that, "the work continues and now is the time for us to use our voice to fight for equality and justice for everyone in our community."

Pride celebrations continued through the rest of the weekend with many events being hosted around San Jose celebrating equality, progress, and diversity. The Trans & Friends Rally took place that Saturday, and showcased local and national talent from all communities. Pride Week culminated with the 44th annual Silicon Valley Pride Parade on Sunday, August 25th, where streets were lined with floats, dancers, activists, and community members as everyone came out to celebrate and show solidarity for the LGBTQ+ community.

Music, glitter, and rainbow confetti filled the air as Assemblymember Kalra, accompanied by Assembly District 27 staff and community members, came out in their rainbow-best to celebrate San José's diversity at its finest, to show that we are allies and here to stay. Each year the Pride parade grows to include more residents and this year serves as a reminder of how San José will continue to be a strong advocate and ally for our LGBTQ+ friends and family.

High Schoolers Take Lead in Demanding Action on Climate Emergency

On Friday, September 20th, thousands of high school students and allies filled the streets of downtown San José to demand one thing from the federal government: Take action now because the climate emergency is real. This wasn't just a local effort here in San José, but worldwide as millions of people marched in 2,500 events scheduled in over 163 countries on all seven continents. That's pretty impressive to have the entire world condone the inaction of many countries in dealing with climate change. But unfortunately even after this well-attended youth-led effort to put climate change concerns on the radar, we continue to see refineries explode, wildfires tear through our towns, and the Amazon rainforest continue to burn at the highest rate ever recorded. Back in San José, thousands of folks marched from Diridon Station to San José City Hall, which was followed by motivational speeches from both students and elected officials. High school students used their future as their platform, reiterating that there may not be much left for them if the world continued to ignore climate change. Assemblymember Ash Kalra also spoke at the rally at City Hall, demanding our youth to continue the fight from San José to Sacramento, and even to Washington D.C.





CALIFORNIANS FOR JUSTICE AND ASSEMBLYMEMBER ASH KALRA PRESENT STATE OF THE YOUTH!



On October 25th, Californians for Justice and Assemblymember Ash Kalra are hosting a State of the Youth event in San Jose to bring together stakeholders to dialogue and learn from young people as they share their lived experiences in education, housing, and immigration, and the work they are engaged in to transform their communities.

State of the Youth

Friday, October 25th, 5:30-7:30 pm

Roosevelt Community Center: 901 E. Santa Clara St. San Jose

5:30pm Doors Open

Live art with Z from Silicon Valley De-Bug &

DJ Sonido Clash

Food and refreshments

6:00pm Program

Youth Keynotes: Megan Lane and Viridiana Galvez, Californians for Justice

Adult Keynote: Tony Thurmond, State Superintendent of Public Instruction

Youth Power Building Awards

Gender & Sexualities Alliance Network (GSAN), Statewide Services Immigrant Rights, and Education Network (SIREN), San Jose

SOMOS Mayfair, San Jose

Radical Dreams:

Youth-led stations to engage our collective imagination around solutions to issues in housing, immigration, education, and intersectional identity.

Call to Action:

Full funding for schools and communities to build the future all young people need and deserve

RSVP at: <https://cfj-state-of-the-youth.eventbrite.com>



**Californians
for Justice**



ASSEMBLYMEMBER
Ash Kalra
DISTRICT 27

Californians for Justice believes that young people are the leaders that we need to create the healthy, just and vibrant schools all of our communities deserve. We ensure that students have the opportunity to grow as leaders, and work with them to win campaign so that every school and community can thrive.

Reach us at caljustice.org or 408-272-0236

Kalra Recognizes September as Latino Heritage Month with Special Event

Every year in the month of September, Assemblymember Kalra hosts his annual Latino Heritage Month Celebration to honor and recognize the countless contributions of the Latino community.



This year, the event was hosted at Mezcal Restaurant where the venue was quickly filled with family, friends and delicious food enjoyed by all! In addition to the many community members, the celebration was joined by Mexican Consul General Alexandra Bologna, County Supervisor Dave Cortese, San Jose Unified School District Trustees Teresa Castellanos and Jose Magana, and Jonathan Perez from Senator Jim Beall's office.

This year, Kalra recognized five amazing honorees. Adolfo Gomez, owner of Mezcal Restaurant, received the Leadership in Business Award for his restaurant that has hosted hundreds of community events. The Recipient for the Leadership in Education Award was presented to Principal Christina Castro who has worked for San Jose Unified School District for over 30 years. For Leadership in Service, the award went to Trustee Mayra Cruz for serving on the San José Evergreen Community College District Board of Trustees since 2009. The Leadership in Advocacy Award was presented to Judge Katherine Lucero, the Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Division for Santa Clara County Superior Court, for her unwavering

commitment to seeking justice for hundreds of children facing abuse and neglect.

Last but not least, Dan Morales received the Latino Legacy Award. Dan migrated to California with his family and started working in the fields at age eight. In the mid-1960's he organized with the Young Christian Workers Movement, the United Farm Workers Union and labor leader, Cesar Chavez. In 1966, Dan joined the march from Delano to Sacramento to demand workers' rights. He and his family also helped organize the grape boycott in San José and from 1970-2014, Dan worked for the Center for Employment Training.

After all the awards were presented, the Assemblymember stated, "It is an incredible honor to recognize the men and women who inspire me daily. Though our fight for justice is not over, I am filled



with hope to witness the dedication of these community leaders in creating a better world than what they were given. Here and around the nation, the contributions of Latinos are immeasurable." Shortly after, the students of Lincoln High School's Mariachi Ensemble performed crowd favorites to close out the event. With heads held high, guests left the event feeling inspired and proud of who they are and where they came from.

SAVE THE DATE

ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 27 NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH CELEBRATION

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2019

1:30 PM to 3:30 PM

Location: TBA

For more information, please contact Teresa Gomez at teresa.gomez@asm.ca.gov or call (408) 277-1220.

BE HALLOWEEN Safe

Halloween is a fun, and spooky, time of year for kids. Make trick-or-treating safe for your little monsters with a few easy safety tips.



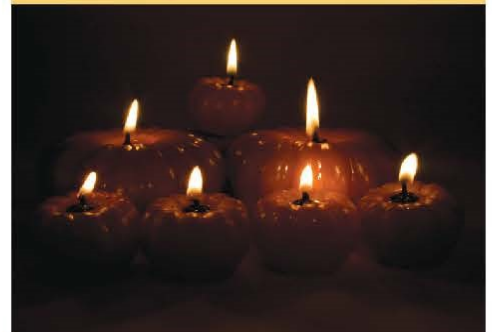
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HALLOWEEN FIRE SAFETY TIPS

- »» **When choosing a costume**, stay away from long trailing fabric. If your child is wearing a mask, make sure the eye holes are large enough so he or she can see out.
- »» **Provide children** with flashlights to carry for lighting or glow sticks as part of their costume.
- »» Dried flowers, cornstalks and crepe paper catch fire easily. **Keep all decorations** away from open flames and other heat sources like light bulbs and heaters.
- »» **Use a battery-operated** candle or glow-stick in jack-o-lanterns. If you use a real candle, use extreme caution. Make sure children are watched at all times when candles are lit. When lighting candles inside jack-o-lanterns, use long, fireplace-style matches or a utility lighter. Be sure to place lit pumpkins well away from anything that can burn and far enough out of the way of trick-or-treaters, doorsteps, walkways and yards.
- »» **Remember** to keep exits clear of decorations, so nothing blocks escape routes.
- »» **Make sure** all smoke alarms in the home are working.
- »» **Tell children** to stay away from open flames including jack-o-lanterns with candles in them. Be sure they know how to stop, drop and roll if their clothing catches fire. (Have them practice, stopping immediately, dropping to the ground, covering their face with hands, and rolling over and over to put the flames out.)

If your children are going to **Halloween parties** at others' homes, have them look for ways out of the home and plan how they would get out in an emergency.

Did you know?



Decorations are the first thing to ignite in 900 reported home fires each year. Two of every five of these fires were started by a candle.



Your Source for SAFETY Information

NFPA Public Education Division • 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02169



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DISTRICT 27



JOBS AVAILABLE

Help us be counted.

The US Census Bureau is now hiring locally for the 2020 Census.


Wages start at \$20 per hour and are available statewide.

Recruiting bi-lingual community members will help educate and inform neighbors that responding to the Census is **easy, safe and cannot be used for immigration enforcement.**

These are excellent jobs for those that speak multiple languages. Field Representatives start at \$20 per hour and include options to work from home.

Apply online today: www.2020census.gov/jobs.

Get Ready to Shake Out



www.ShakeOut.org

California is at a higher risk for an earthquake occurrence compared to other states. You could be anywhere when an earthquake strikes: at home, at school, vacation, anywhere. And even recently as we have been feeling earthquakes here in San José, it is important that you and your family stay prepared in the event of a major disaster.

The Great California Shakeout is an annual opportunity to practice how to be safer during big earthquakes. It takes place on the third Thursday of October every year.

Sign up for the 2019 ShakeOut drill and visit shakeout.org/california. Participating is a great way for your family or organization to be prepared to survive and recover quickly from big earthquakes—wherever you live, work, or travel.

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

October Feature: Willie - ID#A1142787



My name is Willie and I am a neutered male, black and white domestic medium hair. The shelter staff think I am about 6 years old, and I have been at the shelter since August 14, 2019.

Found at a gas station in an extremely high traffic area, Willie was ready for some peace and quiet - on his terms. Will likes some lap time - but he comes to you. Manly cats don't get picked up or carried! People-friendly, but let's keep it quiet and low-key. No confinement! Will likes his freedom and ability to explore his space - inside. Other cats? Maybe, if it leaves him alone. And wet food! Biscuits are meh. Sound like your kind of cat? C'mon in! Let's chat.

Want to learn more about Willie, 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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Aging	(916) 419-7500
Alcoholic Beverage Control	(916) 419-2500
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 Master Plan on Aging

Recognizing that California's over-65 population is projected to grow to 8.6 million by 2030, Governor Gavin Newsom issued an Executive Order calling for the creation of a Master Plan for Aging to be developed by October 1, 2020. The Master Plan will serve as a blueprint that can be used by state government, local communities, private organizations and philanthropy to build environments that promote an age friendly California. **Master Plan for Aging Stakeholder Advisory Committee:** The Stakeholder Advisory Committee is a diverse group of 34 stakeholders who will help develop components of the Master Plan, and will advise the California Health and Human Services Agency and the Cabinet-level Workgroup on Aging in the development. Meetings of the Committee are open to the public. For more information, please email EngAGE@aging.ca.gov or visit <https://www.chhs.ca.gov/home/master-plan-for-aging/>