

THE DAWN DIGEST



Assemblymember Dawn Addis, 30th District

HELLO, DISTRICT 30 COMMUNITY

Thank you for reading my first newsletter as an Assemblymember.

I'm honored to represent you in Sacramento, where I'm working hard on behalf of the communities of the Central Coast.

In my first six months as your representative, I've met with many of you about important issues in Assembly District 30 – such as natural disaster response, climate change, education, housing and coastal resiliency.

In Sacramento, I'm focused on making sure the Central Coast voice is heard in the State Legislature. That's why I'm the inaugural Chair of the Central Coast Legislative Caucus and was named chair of the Assembly Select Committee on Offshore Wind Energy in California. The legislation I've introduced focuses on solutions for our region, and addresses needs I have heard about directly from you.

As you read, you will discover more about our team and how we are serving you at home and in the Capitol. I hope this newsletter is informative and look forward to your feedback.

District Snapshots



It's been an honor spending time with community-members from across the Central Coast during my first months in office. A few things I have done include meeting with residents in the aftermath of the unprecedented winter storms, hosting a community coffee in Aptos, honoring Francisca Arroyo Rosales from Monterey County as Assembly District 30 Woman of the Year, connecting with non-profits in Santa Cruz, visiting a Woman-build Month Habitat for Humanity project in Santa Cruz, attending the Cal Poly rodeo with CSU student leaders, and much more!

The legislation I've introduced this session is based on urgent issues affecting the people of the Central Coast. For more information about these and other bills, please go to: leginfo.legislature.ca.gov.

My legislation focuses on:

Ocean Protections & Climate Resiliency

AB 1407: Ocean Life Recovery Act
AB 80: West Coast Offshore Wind Science Entity
AB 720: Conservation Ranching

Disaster Response

AB 877: Good Neighbor Tax Credit

Housing

AB 318: Mobilehomes Residency Law Protection Program
AB 358: California Community College Housing Act
AB 839: Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly

Education

AB 370: Billiteracy Advancement Act
AB 840: California State University Tied-House Exemption Program

Infrastructure

AB 444: Stronger Defense Communities Act

Justice & Well-being

AB 452: Justice for Survivors of Child Sex Abuse
AB 1123: Paid Parental Leave Act
AB 1147: Disability Equity and Accountability Act

In April, I presented Assembly Bill 1407 – the Ocean Life Recovery Act – to an Assembly committee alongside Amy Wolfrum, California Ocean Policy Senior Manager at the Monterey Bay Aquarium. The Aquarium and the Nature Conservancy are co-sponsors of the bill, which establishes a kelp forest and estuary restoration and recovery framework in California. AB 1407 passed its first committee with unanimous and bipartisan support.



COMMITTEES, CAUCUSES, APPOINTMENTS

Committee Member:

- Natural Resources
- Higher Education
- Rules
- Military and Veterans Affairs
- Public Employment and Retirement

Committee Chairperson:

- Joint Committee on Fisheries and Aquaculture, Vice-Chair

- This committee is having an upcoming hearing on Offshore Wind:

"Change is in the Wind; The Future of Fisheries and Offshore Wind Energy in the Golden State"

The hearing will allow our legislators, staff, and the public to learn more about California's developing offshore wind energy industry from agencies and industry leading experts.

May 17, 2023 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

State Capitol, Room 112, Sacramento, CA

Tune in online at: [Senate Events | California State Senate](#)

- Select Committee on Offshore Wind Energy in California, Chair
- Select Committee on Serving Students with Disabilities, Chair

Appointed Member:

- Ocean Protection Council



AD 30 DISTRICT TEAM

SERVING YOU ACROSS SANTA CRUZ, MONTEREY, AND SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTIES

Andrea Chmelik, District Director

Andrea oversees constituent services, community outreach, and building meaningful relationships across the Central Coast from Santa Cruz to Southern San Luis Obispo County. Andrea has a community organizing, communications, and non-profit management background. She is an eternal optimist, loves reading, hiking with her family, and considers chocolate essential. Andrea is English-Slovak bilingual.



Jen Ford, Senior Field Representative

Jen primarily serves San Luis Obispo County. She is also a Morro Bay City Councilmember, and former Planning Commissioner, non-profit co-founder, and PTA President. Jen is a small-business owner who loves problem-solving, connecting with people, and assisting others. Outside her professional and civic duties, she spends time with her family, exploring the coastline's outdoor trails.



Alexis Garcia-Arrazola, Senior Field Representative

Alexis primarily serves Monterey and Santa Cruz counties. He is also a Seaside City Councilmember, a former journalist, and a former Congressional Intern through the Panetta Institute for Public Policy. Alexis is committed to ensuring that underrepresented people are heard and assisted. Alexis enjoys spending his free time along the Monterey Peninsula coast. Alexis is English-Spanish bilingual.



Meet Our Team

AD 30 CAPITOL TEAM

SERVING YOU FROM SACRAMENTO

Jim Evans, Chief of Staff: Jim has worked decades in the State Capitol, including for former Governor Jerry Brown. Jim guides administrative affairs for Dawn's Capitol office. A Californian for four decades, you can find Jim backpacking, walking his border collie or attending one of his sons' sporting events when he's not in the office.

Lauren Robinson, Scheduler: Lauren has worked in the State Capitol for over 20 years and has experience working for multiple coastal districts. Lauren coordinates all scheduling for both the Capitol and District offices. She enjoys spending time with her family, gardening and raising chickens.

Julie Cravotto, Legislative Director: Julie has held multiple positions in the California State Capitol, focusing on the legislative process and state budget. Julie oversees Dawn's legislative package. A native Californian, Julie enjoys state history— especially for Central Coast sites like Hearst Castle and Cannery Row. She is a self-proclaimed cat person. Julie is English-French bilingual.

Jason Dell'Orto, Legislative Aide: Jason has served in multiple offices and capacities in the State Capitol. Jason is responsible for providing legislative support, speech writing, and staffing select policy areas. When not in the office, Jason enjoys golfing, traveling, and watching sports. Jason is English-German bilingual.

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