

SUMMER NEWSLETTER



ASSEMBLY MEMBER
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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

As we settle into the warm days of summer, I wanted to take a moment to address the difficult situation and unrest we are witnessing not only in LA, but also here in our home communities of Livermore, Dublin, and in neighboring cities like Concord. As your Assemblymember, I will fight for due process and justice for all our residents.

As the daughter of Holocaust survivors and immigrants to this country, I deeply respect the courage, perseverance, and commitment it takes to come to America to build a better life. The path to citizenship is not easy, and navigating a legal process while facing the threat of deportation is an unimaginable burden that goes against American values as I have known them. I want to share my support for my constituents who find themselves in this terrible deportation predicament. Know that I stand with you and believe in your right to fairness, dignity, and the opportunity to contribute to the communities you call home. Your dreams, your families, and your hard work matter.

In spite of these worrying concerns, I've continued our important work in Sacramento on behalf our district. These past few months have been incredibly productive, and I'm pleased to tell you about the progress we've made together on issues that matter the most to our community.

I'm proud to share that **13 of our bills have successfully advanced through the Assembly and are now making their way in the Senate**—a testament to the hard work of our team and the strong support from colleagues on both sides of the aisle. From protecting our children online to ensuring healthcare equity for women going through menopause, these bills reflect our shared values and commitment to building a safer, more equitable California.

One piece of legislation I'm particularly excited about is **AB 290, our FAIR Plan Modernization bill**, which addresses a challenge so many of you have raised with me: the struggles with homeowners' insurance during our increasingly intense wildfire seasons. This bill will require automatic payment systems and provide crucial grace periods to prevent families from accidentally losing coverage when they need it most. It's exactly the kind of practical, common-sense solution that comes from listening to your experiences and concerns.

Your feedback on bills before me. I always take the views of my constituents seriously when I decide how to cast my votes. For instance, I heard you loud and clear when you contacted me about a bill specific to solar, AB 942 and I want you to know that I opposed that bill throughout the process. It did pass the Assembly and is now making its way through the Senate. Thank you to everyone who reached out to express their concerns; I encourage you to keep up the fight and contact the state Senate as they take up this bill in the coming weeks.

State Budget Update. A few weeks ago, the Legislature passed a \$325 billion state budget that prioritizes protecting our most vulnerable residents while navigating a challenging \$12 billion deficit, made significantly worse by anticipated federal funding cuts and clawbacks that have added enormous financial pressure to our state. Rather than accepting deep cuts to Medi-Cal, public transit, higher education, and essential services that our communities depend on, we chose a more measured approach that gives us time to find sustainable solutions without balancing the budget on the backs of those who need help most. I voted for this budget because it maintains funding for family planning clinics, restores cuts to student financial aid, includes over \$900 million for affordable housing construction, and makes critical investments in public safety and emergency preparedness. This includes \$221 million for CalFire's budget, \$175 million to transition 3,000 seasonal firefighters to permanent full-time staff, emergency relief funding for local governments dealing with wildfire impacts, and loans to Bay Area transit agencies facing their own budget challenges. While we will continue negotiations with the governor in the coming weeks, I remain committed to ensuring California's budget reflects our values of compassion and opportunity for all, even as we face unprecedented federal hostility toward our state.

As we dive deeper into summer, our office has also welcomed a wonderful group of bright, passionate interns who are already making meaningful contributions to our work. Their energy and fresh perspectives remind me daily of why this work matters. We're not just passing legislation, we're building the foundation for the California our next generation will inherit.

I hope you'll take a few minutes to read through this newsletter to learn more about each of these important initiatives and how they'll benefit our community. As always, please don't hesitate to reach out with your thoughts, questions, or concerns— your input makes all the difference in the work we do together.

Warmly,



Rebecca Bauer-Kahan



Our Wonderful Summer Interns!

UPDATE FROM THE CAPITOL

Following the successful passage in the California State Assembly, a comprehensive package of 13 bills authored by Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer-Kahan has advanced to the California Senate for consideration. The legislation ranges from artificial intelligence safety and automated decision-making transparency to healthcare access, digital privacy protection, menopause coverage, and energy accountability.

AB 56 - SOCIAL MEDIA MENTAL HEALTH WARNING LABELS

Responding to U.S. Surgeon General Vivek Murthy's call for safety warnings on social media platforms, this bill requires platforms to display mental health warning labels to users, particularly addressing the mental health crisis among young people who spend excessive time on social media.

AB 412 - AI COPYRIGHT TRANSPARENCY ACT

This legislation increases transparency around generative AI development by requiring developers to disclose to copyright owners when their copyrighted materials have been used to train AI systems, ensuring creators can exercise their rights over their intellectual property.

AB 432 – MENOPAUSE CARE EQUITY ACT

Passed with strong bipartisan support, this bill requires health plans to cover evaluation and treatment for perimenopause and menopause without utilization management restrictions. It also mandates continuing medical education for healthcare providers and ensures access to clinical care recommendations.

AB 621 - AI-GENERATED NON-CONSENSUAL IMAGES

Passed unanimously, this legislation strengthens civil enforcement mechanisms against websites that use AI to create deep-fake nude images without consent, addressing a growing threat to privacy and safety, particularly for women and girls.

UPDATE FROM THE CAPITOL (CONTINUED)

AB 1018 - AUTOMATED DECISIONS SAFETY ACT

This comprehensive bill establishes necessary guardrails for automated decision systems (ADS) used in consequential decisions affecting housing, employment, healthcare, and criminal justice. AB 1018 requires pre-deployment testing, consumer notification, and appeals processes to prevent discriminatory outcomes and ensure transparency.

AB 1064 – LEADING ETHICAL AI DEVELOPMENT FOR KIDS

This groundbreaking legislation takes urgent action to protect children from dangerous AI applications, including emotionally manipulative "companion" chatbots. AB 1064 prohibits harmful AI products that target children and ensures transparency and consent when children's data is used to train AI systems.

AB 222 - DATA CENTER ENERGY ACCOUNTABILITY

Creates transparency around energy use by AI data centers and prevents grid development costs from being passed onto ratepayers, protecting Californians from bearing the additional costs of AI development.

AB 290 - FAIR PLAN MODERNIZATION

Passed with strong bipartisan support, AB 290 requires the California FAIR Plan to establish automatic payment systems and provide grace periods to prevent unintentional coverage lapses during increasingly severe wildfire seasons.

Other advancing bills include: **AB 45, AB 302, AB 578, AB 774, and AB 1405.**

All bills will now be considered by the California Senate, where they will undergo committee review and floor votes before potentially reaching the Governor's desk.

To stay updated on my legislation, [please visit this link.](#)

IN THE DISTRICT



At the end of April, we hosted a powerful community event on microplastics in Dublin that brought together local residents and environmental experts to address this urgent threat to our health and ecosystems. The evening featured a screening of "We're All Plastic People Now" followed by an engaging panel with Allison Chan from Save The Bay, Andria Ventura from Clean Water Action, and Nick Lapis from Californians Against Waste.

Together, we explored how microplastics impact everything from our local waterways to global marine life, discussed the critical role of proactive legislation like California's plastic bag ban and highlighted innovative preventative solutions that prioritize reducing plastic production over cleanup efforts. The event reinforced that meaningful change requires collaboration at every level – from individual action to corporate accountability to smart policy solutions. If you missed it, [you can find the link to watch the full event here.](#)

988 SIGNS OF HOPE

In May, I had the honor of speaking at the 988 Sign of Hope event in San Ramon Central Park, organized by the Leadership San Ramon Class to raise awareness about the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline. It was deeply meaningful to share the story behind my Miles Hall Lifeline Act, which established California's 988 crisis hotline, and to stand alongside community leaders, students, and families committed to addressing our mental health crisis with compassion and care.



ASSEMBLY MEMBER BAUER-KAHAN PICTURED WITH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 16'S WOMAN OF THE YEAR, AMIT ELOR (LEFT), AND NONPROFIT OF THE YEAR, THE ALAN HU FOUNDATION (RIGHT). BELOW, THE LEGISLATIVE WOMEN'S CAUCUS VISITED LAWRENCE LIVERMORE NATIONAL LABORATORY.



WHAT WE'RE READING

New York Times:
[A.I. Is Poised to Rewrite History. Literally.](#)

TIME Magazine:
[A Psychiatrist Posed As a Teen With Therapy Chatbots. The Conversations Were Alarming](#)

Livermore Vine:
[A County Fair like No Other](#)

SUMMERTIME FUN



Last, as we enjoy these beautiful summer days, I want to make sure you and your families stay safe and cool during the warmer months ahead. With temperatures rising, it's important to know where you can find relief when you need it. If you live in Contra Costa County, you can find [cooling centers and heat safety tips](#), and Alameda County residents can access their [cooling center locations](#) through their emergency dashboard. Whether you're planning to splash in the ocean or explore our gorgeous local rivers, please take a moment to review [California State Parks' swimming safety guide](#) to ensure your adventures are both fun and safe. Don't forget that you can access California's beautiful state parks for free with a [California State Library Parks Pass](#)—just check one out from your local library! For comprehensive tips on staying cool that are tailored for seniors, pregnant individuals, children, people with disabilities, and everyone in between, visit heatready.ca.gov. For kids who want to get out of the heat and enjoy some creative time in the shade, check out [free multilingual coloring books](#) where they can learn about California's wonderful marine protected areas while staying cool. Summer should be a time of joy and relaxation, and with a little preparation, we can all make the most of this beautiful season safely.



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