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MONTHLY UPDATE

ASM. RICK CHAVEZ ZBUR'S NEWSLETTER

RETAIL THEFT: TAKING ACTION

After months of meeting with stakeholders across the state, we're taking action to fight organized retail crime. Jointly authored with Speaker Robert Rivas, I proudly announced the California Retail Theft Reduction Act, to address the root of the problem and hold professional criminals accountable, while also providing resources to help people get on their feet.

GOING BIG ON OFFSHORE WIND

Assembly Speaker pro Tem Jim Wood, Assemblymember Josh Lowenthal, and I have jointly authored a bill to place on the ballot a bond of \$1 Billion for offshore wind port infrastructure, a crucial step to reach California's ambitious climate goals and provide good jobs in California.



BILL INTRODUCTIONS

February was a busy month as I introduced my 2024 Bill Package. This year I've introduced AB 2943, The California Retail Theft Reduction Act, which aims to reduce organized retail theft in California. I would like to express my gratitude to joint author Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas, who appointed me as Chair of the Select Committee on Retail Theft, and whose leadership has been instrumental in exploring solutions to this problem. This bill was created with the goal of advancing balanced, effective, and meaningful solutions that address this problem and, at the same time, preserve criminal justice reforms that have been effective at keeping our communities safe.

My legislative package also reflects my other top priorities in office, including housing and homelessness, a clean energy environment free of dirty fossil fuels, and LGBTQ+ and all civil rights. To learn more about all my bills, click on the links below:

- [California Retail Theft Reduction Act](#)
- [Offshore Wind Port Infrastructure Bond Bill](#)
- [Uplifting LGBTQ+ & Vulnerable Communities Bill Package](#)
- [Improving California's Social Safety Net](#)

Additional bills will be announced in the next few weeks.

STANDING COMMITTEES

- Budget
- Business & Professions
- Labor & Employment
- Public Safety
- Utilities & Energy

SELECT COMMITTEES

- Retail Theft (Chair)
- California's Lithium Economy
- Electric Vehicles & Charging Infrastructure
- Fentanyl, Opioid Addiction & Overdose Prevention
- Los Angeles County Homelessness
- Offshore Wind Energy in California
- Racism, Hate & Xenophobia
- Reproductive Health
- Social Determinants of Health

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CALIFORNIA RETAIL THEFT REDUCTION ACT MEDIA ADVISORY

I had the opportunity to introduce the California Retail Theft Reduction Act, jointly authored with Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas, at the State Capitol on Thursday, February 15. Members of the media were invited to learn more about the bill, which we believe will have a meaningful impact on stemming the tide of retail crime. I would also like to thank the criminal justice reform advocates, major retailers, small businesses, grocers, workers' unions, public defenders, district attorneys, police, city attorneys, and more who shared their expertise and perspective over the past few months on what's needed to solve this growing problem in our communities.



Asm. Rick Chavez Zbur, Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas, and Assembly Public Safety Committee Chair Kevin McCarty address press for the introduction of the California Retail Theft Reduction Act.



Asm. Rick Chavez Zbur takes a question from KCRA's Ashley Zavala.



Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas looks on as Asm. Rick Chavez Zbur addresses press.

INTRODUCING THE OFFSHORE WIND PORT INFRASTRUCTURE BOND BILL

I was pleased to announce, alongside joint coauthors Assembly pro Tempore Jim Wood and Assemblymember Josh Lowenthal, the introduction of AB 2208, which is a bill that places on the ballot a general bond of \$1 Billion for seaport infrastructure improvements to facilitate offshore wind energy projects off the coast of California.

We announced the bill on the West Steps of the Capitol bright and early on Thursday, February 8. Our sponsors and supporters also joined us, including Environment California's State Director Laura Deehan, and the California Association of Port Authorities (CAPA)'s Executive Director Martha Miller. Assuring that offshore wind is advanced off the California Coast is one of the crucial things we need to do to meet California's climate change goals. In addition to helping meet our climate goals, offshore wind will bring thousands of high-wage, high-skilled union jobs to California, and we must ensure that these jobs benefit our most vulnerable communities and advance environmental justice goals.



Asm. Rick Chavez Zbur announces the introduction of AB 2208 at the Capitol West Steps.



Environmental activists join the press conference, highlighting the importance of clean energy for future generations.



Asm. Rick Chavez Zbur addresses press and others on the Capitol's West Steps.

UCLA CENTER ON REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH, LAW & POLICY

I was honored to speak UCLA's Center on Reproductive Health, Law and Policy (CRHLP) on Thursday, February 8, especially because I had the opportunity to highlight some of the incredible work done by Senate President pro Tempore Emeritus Toni Atkins. Senator Atkins has long been a staunch champion of reproductive rights and a trailblazer in the LGBTQ+ community.

The event was hosted by the Center's Executive Director Melissa Goodman, and included fellow speaker Celinda Vazquez, the Vice President of Planned Parenthood Los Angeles (PPLA).



Asm. Zbur with Senate President pro Tempore Emeritus Toni Atkins.



Asm. Zbur speaks to a crowded room.



FROM LEFT: Brad Sears, Williams Institute Founding Director; Celina Vazquez, Vice President of Planned Parenthood Los Angeles; Senator Toni Atkins, Senate pro Tempore Emeritus; and Melissa Goodman, Executive Director for UCLA's Center on Reproductive Health, Law and Policy.

INAUGURAL UCLA LUSKIN AT UC CENTER SACRAMENTO BRIEFING

I participated in the UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs symposium on Wednesday, February 12, and shared my perspective on how their research can make a real impact on the lives of Californians. I addressed the housing and homelessness crisis, and discussed my bill, the California Housing Security Act, a pilot program which aims to provide rent subsidies for people at risk of becoming homeless.



Asm. Zbur gives his keynote address to students studying public policy.



Students listen as Asm. Zbur explains how their research can most effectively impact the legislature.

BEVERLY HILLS MEMORIAL FOR VICTIMS OF OCTOBER 7TH ATTACK

I attended a beautiful and sobering art installation in Beverly Hills on Saturday, February 10, which included 1,400 flags representing victims front over 30 nations who died during the terrorist attack by Hamas on October 7, 2023, in Israel. I'd like to thank Beverly Hills Mayor Dr. Julian Gold, and Beverly Hills Police Chief Mark G. Stainbrook for taking time out of their day to join me.



Art Installation in Beverly Hills shows 1,400 flags representing victims of the Hamas terrorist attack on October 7, 2023.



FROM LEFT: Beverly Hills Police Chief Mark G. Stainbrook, Asm. Rick Chavez Zbur, and Beverly Hills Mayor Dr. Julian Gold.

CICLAVIA HOLDS 50TH OPEN STREETS EVENT

It was a gorgeous weekend as I watched people walk and bike the streets in the heart of my district, along Melrose Avenue, and in front of our historic Fairfax High School. CicLAvia held its first open streets event of the year on Sunday, February 25, marking their 50th event since its founding in 2008. My history with this organization, which encourages community planning that supports active transportation, goes a long way back. In fact, I was a lawyer at Latham & Watkins, and worked on the pro bono team that helped found this incredible organization. Fifteen years later, I'm proud to see the incredible work and advocacy this organization does.



Walkers and bicyclists fill Melrose Avenue for CicLAvia's 50th Open Streets Event.



Thank you to AARP, city leaders, and advocates with CicLAvia for making this event possible.

LEGISLATIVE SCORECARDS

I have had the honor of receiving an “A” grade on scorecards from organizations which work in Sacramento. Scorecards track legislators' voting records to let the public know where we stand on big issues that matter to our constituents. Scorecards track legislators' voting records to let the public know where we stand on big issues that matter to our constituents.

Planned Parenthood Affiliates of California

100%
PPAC Legislative Scorecard 2023

RICK CHAVEZ ZBUR
Assemblymember, AD51

Thank you for protecting and expanding reproductive health care and abortion access in California.

Planned Parenthood
Add the million to all

Health Access California

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HEALTH ACCESS CALIFORNIA

2023 LEGISLATIVE SCORECARD

I Stand 100%
with CA Health Care Consumers

RICK CHAVEZ ZBUR
DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS CHAIR, DISTRICT 51

Courage California

ALL STAR

Rick Chavez Zbur
State Assembly
Democratic Caucus Chair

A+

DISTRICT	PARTY	SCORE
AD-51	Democrat	100

Map showing District 51 (Glendale, Los Angeles, Santa Monica)

California Environmental Voters

2023 CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL SCORECARD

CLIMATE ACTION CAUCUS

Clean Energy Champion

Rick Chavez ZBUR
Assemblymember (D-51)

- Authored California Offshore Wind Energy & Jobs Act (AB 3)
- Authored the Local Electrification Planning Act (AB 1176)
- Was instrumental to the passage of Climate Corporate Leadership and Accountability Act (SB 253)

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL VOTERS
www.envirovoters.org/scorecard

Sierra Club California

SIERRA CLUB CALIFORNIA

2023 Report Card
100%ers

Thank you to all of the Assemblymembers who voted with the environment 100% of the time this year!

California School Employees Association

Rick Chavez Zbur
STATE ASSEMBLY
District 51 (D)

Proud to stand
100%
with California's classified school employees!

California School Employees Association

Streets for All

2023 Mobility Report Card

Score 103.57%

Extraordinary
Los Angeles
AD 51

Assemblymember
Rick Zbur

GET INVOLVED WITH AN INTERNSHIP



DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS CHAIR
RICK CHAVEZ ZBUR
ASSEMBLYMEMBER, DISTRICT 51

2024 Assembly Internship Opportunity

Want to get involved and make an impact in your community? Join our Internship Team! Students and recent graduates are encouraged to apply.



The Office of California State Assemblymember Rick Chavez Zbur seeks bright, self-motivated, energetic individuals with a passion for public service. Our goal is to support the next generation of public servants and community leaders eager to learn more about state government and the dynamics of working in a legislative district office.

Desired Qualifications:

- Applicants must be able to work 12 hours per week minimum. Office hours are M-F, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. with some optional events during the evening and weekends.
- Must have an interest in public policy, community organizing, political science, economics, English, communications, public relations or a similar area of study or career path.

Benefits:

- Interns work directly with elected officials, community leaders and local residents on issues and events related to the 51st Assembly District.
- Interns may also qualify for internship credit from their university or school, as well as a letter of recommendation from the Assemblymember upon completion of the internship program.

Applicants who have questions may contact Joshua Marin-Mora at (323) 436-5183 or via an email to Joshua.MarinM@asm.ca.gov.



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REACH OUT

Our office is always here to serve our constituents. My district staff can help you with state-related matters such as DMV, foreclosure prevention programs, consumer complaints, veterans' benefits, unemployment and disability insurance, state taxes, Medi-Cal and Covered California.

PLEASE REACH OUT TO MY OFFICE FOR ASSISTANCE AT:

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COMMUNITY FUN FACT

The iconic Hollywood sign, unveiled in 1923, was initially an advertisement for a local real estate development named "Hollywoodland." It wasn't until 1949 that the last four letters were dropped, and the sign became a landmark for the entire district.

UNTIL NEXT TIME



I hope these legislative and community updates provide some insight into the work we're doing in District 51. I value your feedback and encourage you to reach out with any questions, suggestions, or concerns by calling my district office. It is a privilege to serve you, and I look forward to continuing our work to improve the lives of all Californians.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rick C. Zbur". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a large, faint watermark of the California State Seal.

RICK CHAVEZ ZBUR

*Democratic Caucus Chair
California State Assembly
Assemblymember, 51s District*

