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MIKE'S MEMO





ASSEMBLYMEMBER

Mike Fong

DISTRICT 49

Dear neighbor,

Happy July! I'm excited to share with you a brief update of my work in Sacramento and in the San Gabriel Valley. In this issue of Mike's Memo, I'm excited to share highlights from the first six months of 2026.



Throughout this year's legislative session, several of my bills have passed the State Assembly with strong, bipartisan support, demonstrating my commitment to delivering meaningful results. I look forward to working with my legislative colleagues in the Senate for continued feedback and deliberation as we work to get these bills to the Governor's Desk.

Mike Fong
Assemblymember for District 49

JANUARY



ONE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY | ALTADENA & PALISADES FIRE

On the one-year anniversary of the Altadena and Palisades Fires, legislators remembered the lives lost and the resilience of the communities that continue to recover. We are grateful for the firefighters and first responders whose courage helped protect countless families.

Governor Newsom's State of the State Address highlighted California's continued investments in affordability, education, and job creation while emphasizing recovery efforts for communities impacted by the Los Angeles wildfires. The address also reaffirmed California's commitment to protecting democracy and expanding opportunity for all Californians.



STATE OF THE STATE ADDRESS | GOVERNOR NEWSOM



UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA | LEGISLATOR OF THE YEAR

I received the University of California's Legislator of the Year Award in recognition of my work supporting higher education and expanding opportunities for California's students. This recognition reflected our shared commitment to making college more accessible, affordable, and equitable.

FEBRUARY



COMMUNITY COFFEE | EAST PASADENA

Our Community Coffee in East Pasadena brought together neighbors for meaningful conversations about the issues shaping our community and the future of Assembly District 49. Hearing directly from constituents provided valuable insight that continues to inform my work in the Legislature.

As Chair of the California Asian American and Pacific Islander Legislative Caucus, I presented HR 80 recognizing the Lunar New Year. The resolution celebrated the cultural significance of the holiday and reaffirmed our commitment to uplifting California's diverse AAPI communities.



RECOGNIZING LUNAR NEW YEAR | HR 80



CELEBRATING 4 YEAR ANNIVERSARY IN CA ASSEMBLY

Four years ago this month, I was sworn in to represent Assembly District 49. I remain deeply grateful for the trust our community has placed in me and committed to expanding opportunity, improving access to education and essential services, and delivering results for the people I serve.

MARCH



FOOTHILL TRANSIT ROAD-EO

The 2026 Foothill Transit Road-eo was a wonderful opportunity to recognize the operators and staff who provide safe and reliable transportation throughout the San Gabriel Valley. Their commitment helps connect our communities and improve the daily lives of countless residents.

I stood alongside Senator Sasha Renée Pérez, residents and local leaders to advocate for an independent audit of Caltrans' management of former State Route 710 properties. The audit will help ensure greater accountability and protect the health, housing, and well-being of affected residents.



PRESS CONFERENCE | RT 710 CAL TRANS HOMES



I enjoyed speaking with Arcadia High School students during "Civically Strong with Mike Fong" about the importance of civic engagement and public service. It was inspiring to hear their thoughtful questions and see the next generation's passion for shaping the future of our communities.

"CIVICALLY STRONG WITH MIKE FONG" | ARCADIA HIGH

ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 49'S WOMAN OF THE YEAR

CINDY KUO



As the founder of the MP Prajna Buddhist Mission, Cindy Kuo has dedicated decades to humanitarian work—raising funds to build schools and provide food for communities in Southeast Asia while also supporting local efforts like the LA Regional Food Bank. I am proud to celebrate her contributions and positive impact throughout the San Gabriel Valley.

APRIL



Our Tacos & Taxes event in San Gabriel connected residents with free tax preparation services and valuable community resources. Thank you to our partners, Chinese Christian Herald Crusades and Golden State Opportunity, for helping make these essential services more accessible.

TACOS & TAXES 2026 | SAN GABRIEL, CA

Our Women of Impact event celebrated the remarkable women of Assembly District 49 whose leadership, service, and dedication continue to strengthen our communities. It was an honor to recognize these inspiring changemakers and celebrate their lasting contributions.



ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 49'S WOMEN OF IMPACT



I stood alongside Senator Eloise Gomez Reyes in support of SB 1255 and my bill, AB 2374, to expand equity in higher education. Together, these measures recognize colleges and universities that are committed to serving historically underserved students and advancing student success.

PRESS CONFERENCE | RECOGNIZING AANHPI INSTITUTIONS

MAY



During AAPI Heritage Month, I recognized Rotchana Sussman, whose remarkable journey from surviving human trafficking to becoming a successful business owner is an inspiring testament to resilience and perseverance. Her story reflects the strength, courage, and contributions of AAPI communities across California.

AAPI LEGISLATIVE CAUCUS AWARD | ROTCHANA SUSSMAN

UC's first AANHPI Advocacy Day brought together student leaders from across the system to advocate for equity, representation, and stronger support for AANHPI students. I was highlighted my bill AB 2374 and thanked these students for using their voices to strengthen their communities.



UC STUDENT ASSOCIATION | AANHPI ADVOCACY DAY



AAPI EQUITY ALLIANCE | CHANGEMAKER AWARD

I received the 2026 Changemaker Award from AAPI Equity Alliance. This recognition reflects the importance of continuing to advance equity, support AAPI communities, and invest in initiatives that foster safety, inclusion, and belonging for all Californians.

AAPI LEGISLATIVE CAUCUS AWARD

ROTCHANA SUSSMAN



During AAPI Heritage Month, I recognized Rotchana Sussman for her extraordinary resilience and courage. After being lured to the United States under false promises and forced into labor in a garment sweatshop in El Monte, Rotchana survived human trafficking and was rescued alongside 71 other Thai nationals in 1995.

JUNE



I recognized Our Saviour Center as Assembly District 49's 2026 Nonprofit of the Year. For more than 40 years, the organization has strengthened our community by addressing food insecurity, supporting youth, and providing essential services to families across the San Gabriel Valley.

AD 49 NONPROFIT OF THE YEAR | OUR SAVIOUR CENTER

I joined the SEIU Local 99 in recognizing the education workers, whose contributions often happen behind the scenes, that are vital to student success. Their commitment to our schools deserves our gratitude and continued support.



SEIU EDUCATION WORKER RECOGNITION LUNCHEON



HONORING 626 DAY | SGV LEGISLATIVE CAUCUS

The San Gabriel Valley Legislative Caucus Meet and Greet brought together leaders from across the region to collaborate on the issues impacting our communities. Celebrating "626 Day" on June 26 made the event even more meaningful as we recognized everything that makes the San Gabriel Valley a wonderful place to call home.

ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 49'S NONPROFIT OF THE YEAR

OUR SAVIOUR CENTER



Our Saviour Center is a much-needed resource throughout the community; they provided over 1.7 million pounds of food and fed over 100,000 residents in the county last year. The work that Our Saviour Center does is transformative – not only do they provide service for people in need, but they are also creating opportunities for our future generations through all the amazing youth programs that they offer.

2026 BILL PACKAGE & STATUS

AB 467 - CA Center for Climate Change Education
Senate Appropriations

AB 775 - Behested Payments
Senate Appropriations

AB 805 - Career Apprenticeship Bridge Program
Senate Appropriations

AB 1809 - Job Order Contracting Sunset Removal
Senate Floor

AB 1829 - CalWORKs Recipient Education Program
Senate Appropriations

AB 1871 - Dual Enrollment
Senate Appropriations

AB 1928 - Title IX - Advisors & Support Persons
Senate Appropriations

AB 2176 - Student Housing Working Group
Senate Appropriations

AB 2206 - CTE Teaching Credential
Senate Appropriations

BILL PACKAGE & STATUS(CONT'D)

AB 2329 - Caltrans State Route 710 Homes
Senate Appropriations

AB 2341 - Translation Services During Emergencies
Senate Floor

AB 2374 - State-Level AANHPI Designation
Senate Appropriations

AB 2392 - AI Tools Training
Senate Appropriations

AB 2436 - In-State Tuition for Olympic Athletes
Senate Appropriations

AB 2466 - Strong Workforce Program
Senate Appropriations

AB 2523 - CCC/CSU/UC Governing Board Contact Info
Senate Floor

AB 2726 - Surplus Technology in K-12/California CC
Signed!

STAY CONNECTED!

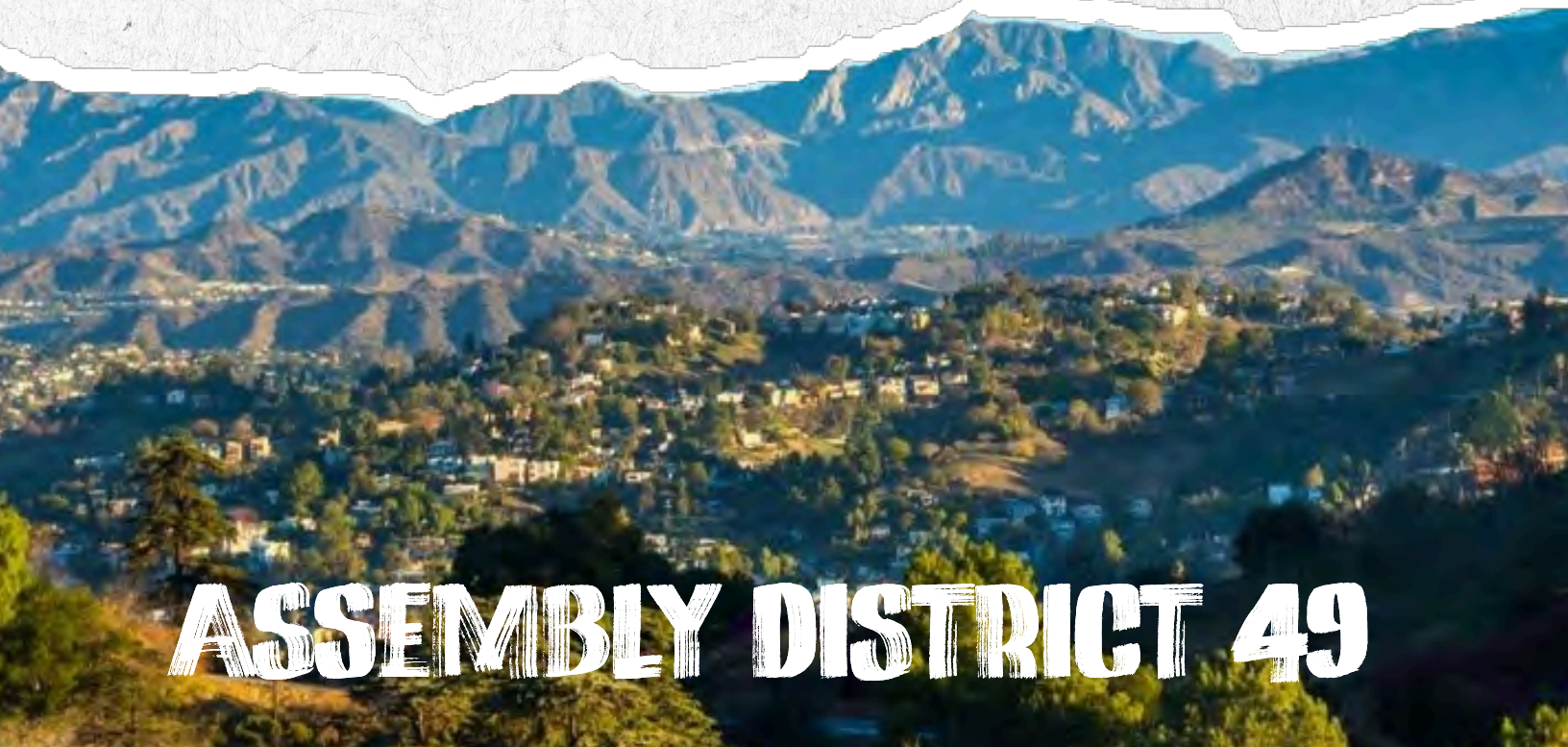
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