



FEBRUARY 2013

Introducing the Inaugural Class of the Young Senator's Program



I am proud to announce the successful kickoff of the 33rd Senate District Young Senators program! This year's inaugural class is full of talented high school students from throughout our beautiful district. The program is designed to assist with the development of California's next generation of leaders. Focused on exploring the industries, professions, and social innovations that are critical to our state's economy, the program is cultivating a unique educational based experience through monthly learning sessions. The inaugural session on Transportation and Trade successfully commenced on Saturday, January 26, 2013 and included trips to the Port of Long Beach and LAX. Students were able to learn about the movement of goods through a boat tour of the port and experienced an airfield tour and flight simulation. The following sessions will include themes such as health care and law and society allowing students to tour places like the Children's Hospital of Los Angeles and the federal courts. **(Continued)**



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Prioritizing Education, Jobs and Streamlining Government



Senator Lara's Reaction to Governor Brown's State of the State Address

Discussing Policy Priorities, Immigration Reform, and Economy



Interview with Senate Majority Caucus

Honoring the Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



25th Annual Peace and Unity Parade.



It is imperative we invest in our future by helping youth gain access to developmental resources. I would like to recognize Southwest Airlines for their partnership with the Young Senator's Program as well as all of the partners in our community who are helping this first year be so successful. The upcoming session on Education will be held on February 23rd at the University of Southern California (USC) and LA Trade Tech where the Young Senators will learn about higher education's role in our local communities and economy.

Honoring the Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

In honor of Dr. Martin Luther King's contributions to our nation, Senator Lara participated in the 25th annual Martin Luther King Jr. Peace and Unity Parade in Long Beach. He released the statement below:

"Although we dedicate one day out of the year to the remembrance of Dr. King's work, we should carry his spirit and commitment to serving our communities every day of the year. As leaders, we must work to empower communities of every creed and color so that they can have access to health care, a good paying job, and a means to take care of their children, so that these children can rise up to the challenge when it is their time to serve.

Through his service, Dr. King planted seeds of empowerment across this nation. The Civil Rights Movement became his harvest and people such as myself have benefitted from the fruits of his labor, but it must not end here. Forty-five years after his death, his legacy lives on because of its potential to produce change. Today, we honor him and thank him for his service-now we must use his leadership and resilience and be agents of change."



"Everybody can be great...because anybody can serve. You only need a heart full of grace, a soul generated by love." Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



Senator Lara with Senate Majority Caucus Staff, Brian Green

Senate Spotlight: Senator Ricardo Lara

Senator Ricardo Lara of the 33rd Senate district was interviewed by the Senate Majority Caucus to discuss upcoming legislation, immigration reform, California Latino voter turnout and goals for the year.

In case you missed the interview, you can find it by clicking: <http://m.youtube.com/watch?v=mSpC-Hpt0b8>



Celebrating Black History Month

Continuingly inspired by the work and contributions of this nation's African-American community, I am excited to celebrate Black History Month this February. Founded by Dr. Carter G. Woodson, Black History month began as Negro History Week in 1926 and was expanded to the entire month in 1976. This month serves as the perfect time to celebrate the contributions of heroes and giants that have made our communities great. It is important that our state celebrate the value of the different cultures that make California such a diverse and exciting place to live in.

I urge us to remember the spirit of leaders like Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Rosa Parks who were fighting for progress and improvement for our communities. Unity through culture, education and politics will allow our great state to continue to thrive. Enjoy this exciting month of celebration and please join me in Lynwood for our 2nd Annual Gospel Brunch on February 23rd in celebration of the countless contributions of African-Americans to our state and country.

Focusing on Jobs, California's Future and Education: Reaction to Governor Brown's State of the State Address

"After listening to Governor Brown's State of the State Address, I am highly optimistic about this legislative year. The Governor was right- we have overcome the odds. A few years ago we were making national headlines about the state's dismal financial situation. Today, thanks to our Democratic leadership and the voter's desire to secure new revenue, we can plan and prioritize pathways to stabilize our economy, create jobs, reinvest in our education system, and streamline government.

With this rekindled sense of hope, I look forward to getting to work with my colleagues in the legislature and with the Governor's office to make sure that we are creating sensible policy that protects and strengthens critical programs. We must fight our urge to spend money that we do not have and move judiciously to ensure that our economy continues to recover."

To view Senator Lara's reaction following Governor Brown's State of the State, visit:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IPepBP-uOpo>





Community Calendar of Events

2ND ANNUAL GOSPEL BRUNCH IN LYNWOOD (HOSTED BY SENATOR LARA) (9am - Noon)

February 23, 2013

Bateman Hall in the City of Lynwood located at 11331 Ernestine Ave., Lynwood, CA 90262

For more information please call Senator Lara's District Office at: (562) 495-4766 or email Julia.Juarez@sen.ca.gov

MOVIE NIGHT (4:00pm - 6:00pm)

February 22, 2013

Bell Gardens Veterans Park, 6662 Loveland Street, Bell Gardens, 90201

CELEBRATION OF PERSONS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS IN LYNWOOD (10am - 1:00pm)

February 24 2013

Reserve your seat at: (310) 603-0220 ext.: 319

Visit: <http://www.lynwood.ca.us/whats-new/celebration-persons-special-needs>

CITY OF SOUTH GATE STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS (11:30am - 1:30pm)

February 25 2013

Visit: <http://www.sogate.org/calendar/index.cfm/fuseaction/Detail/EventID/414/>

HIGHLIGHTS



Feb 23rd (9am - Noon)

Senator Lara is happy to invite all members of the community to his second annual Gospel Brunch celebrating the work and contributions of African-American community members.

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If you have any questions, would like assistance from my office or would simply like more information on legislation I am working on, please feel free to email my office directly. We will do our best to get back to you as soon as possible.

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