

Dear Friend,

You sent a message over the last week that really impacted me. It wasn't just that **hundreds of our neighbors** came to our Meet and Greets in Carlsbad and Point Loma (which was amazing!).

It was a reader of this newsletter who has kept me up thinking all night.



A constituent who has recently been experiencing many personal hardships — and doesn't even live in Carlsbad or Point Loma — decided to take the time to drive all the way to one of the Meet and Greets to share a message.

"This gives me hope." That's what he said about this weekly email and the community connections, wins for justice, and calls to action we are spreading online — and are now bringing to life through these in-person meetings.

To this gentleman (who I know is reading this!) — **you give** *me* **hope**. And to all of you reading this email, THANK YOU SO MUCH. We are creating something special here, and I am so excited to be on this journey with you.

Speaking of which...

We Love La Jolla!

You're in luck if you missed the Carlsbad and Point Loma events! Join me on Monday, September 19 at 6 p.m. for our Meet and Greet in La Jolla!



Our children are worth it

For some reason, we have decided that kids, when they turn five years old, are worth investments like public education — but before that they're going to magically grow themselves, in a world where parents need to hold down full time jobs to survive.

As the mother of a toddler, I was so excited to join Congressman Mike Levin to host a roundtable discussion this week on the childcare crisis and early childhood education — how expensive it is, and how there are fewer options these days due to the pandemic.



Early childhood education is a cornerstone of our communities. Without this strong foundation, we are seeing a domino effect that reduces the wages and stunts the

careers of working parents — weakening our workforce, amplifying inequities from day one, and holding our kids back from reaching their full potential.



Click here for a quick news recap of what we discussed:

The County Board of Supervisors will be voting to direct federal American Rescue Plan funding toward childcare this fall. I hope you'll join me when the time comes to urge approval of this package.

Nominate Someone Special

Will you help us with two very important nominations?

1. Assessment Appeals Board

Do you have five years professional experience in California as a public accountant, a licensed real estate broker, an attorney, or a property appraiser?

The County of San Diego has opportunities to serve on the <u>Assessment</u> <u>Appeals Board</u>! You can also consider <u>applying for a seat on one of our Boards</u>, <u>Commissions and Committees</u>. Submit your <u>application</u> to <u>bcc@sdcounty.ca.gov</u> and <u>amanda.berry@sdcounty.ca.gov</u>.

2. San Diego's Most Remarkable Teens

Do you know a young person who deserves special acknowledgement for their determination, sense of purpose, and exemplary effort? <u>Nominate them for the</u> <u>"25 Most Remarkable Teens in San Diego" program</u>!



We are looking for young people 13-19 from your community who are motivated, committed to their community, inspiring in their talents or skills, doing amazing things that merit recognition, or who have shown the courage to confront and overcome adversity.

<u>Click here for the nomination form</u> and instructions for submission. The nomination period closes at the end of business on **Monday, September 12**.

Please share this opportunity with community groups, non-profits, and your neighbors!

Is there something in my teeth?

If there is one thing I've learned in this job, it's this: you all LOVE food — *almost* as much as you love sustainability.

You made this apparent at our Sustainable Food Systems event in Encinitas with our friends at Coastal Roots Farm!



Team Terra had a blast chowing down while promoting greener ways to get our food.

Thanks for your engagement, and thanks for reading. I can't wait to see more of you in person soon.

In Service,

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