

CARA's Advocacy & Legislative Focus

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Short Summary

You attended a CARA event where an Assemblymember detailed legislative efforts for seniors and community issues, emphasizing advocacy and relationship building.

Long Summary

You attended a community event hosted by the California Alliance for Retired Americans (CARA), a non-profit dedicated to advocating for seniors and people with disabilities through education and legislative work. An Assemblymember provided comprehensive updates on critical state-level issues, including AI regulation, federal funding cuts impacting homelessness and healthcare, the challenges faced by Sonoma State University, mobile home park regulations, and the potential for California redistricting. The discussion underscored the vital role of community engagement, direct advocacy, and fostering strong relationships with elected officials to address the pressing concerns of Californians.

Introduction to CARA (California Alliance for Retired Americans)

- Bonnie Petty, co-chair of the Sonoma County Chapter, introduced the organization.
- CARA is a non-profit, non-partisan statewide organization that educates and advocates on behalf of seniors and persons with disabilities.
- The local chapters are called CARA Action Teams (CATs).
- The organization was founded in Sonoma County in 2017, shortly before the fires, to ensure seniors were not forgotten during recovery efforts.
- CARA engages in several activities:
 - **Education:** Hosts meetings, public forums, and workshops on topics like hospital rights and advanced directives.
 - **Legislative Work:** Takes positions on bills, lobbies at the capitol, and builds relationships with elected officials.
 - **Community Building:** Aims to bring seniors together, especially through in-person events to counteract the isolation of Zoom meetings during the pandemic.

Assemblymember Chris Rogers' Introduction and Priorities

- Represents the 2nd Assembly District, a large and diverse area covering five counties from Sonoma to the Oregon border.
- Emphasizes the importance of being present in the community, holding town halls, and having a strong staff to address feelings of disenfranchisement.
- His core political priorities are poverty, kids, climate, and health.
- Serves on several key committees, including Budget, Water Parks and Wildlife, and Utilities and Transportation.

Regulating Artificial Intelligence (AI)

- A question was raised about protecting Californians from the negative aspects of AI.
- Rogers highlighted the need to balance innovation with safeguards, ensuring tech companies don't flee the state.
- Key concerns with AI include:
 - Data privacy and security.
 - The environmental impact of data centers.
 - Ensuring AI models are not trained with discriminatory data, which could exacerbate existing inequities in areas like healthcare.
- He advocates for an open-source approach to AI to allow for public scrutiny of how models are programmed.

Federal Policy and Homelessness

- In response to a question about potential federal funding cuts for homeless programs, Rogers described the threats as "bully tactics."
- He stated that California will continue to fight these measures in court, referencing the state's high success rate (70% win rate in 120 lawsuits) against the Trump administration's first term.
- He noted that California is a donor state, contributing \$80 billion more in federal taxes annually than it receives back.

Healthcare and SNAP Benefits

- Addressed concerns about federal cuts to Medi-Cal, calling it the state's "single biggest liability."
- The state is committed to providing healthcare for all residents, regardless of immigration status.
- To fund healthcare without overtaxing residents, the legislature is considering new revenue options:
 - A state-level tax to recapture federal tax breaks given to billionaires and corporations.
 - Changing the "Water's Edge Designation" to tax international corporations similarly to how Texas does, potentially raising \$2 billion.
 - A "McTax" to charge large corporations whose employees rely on Medi-Cal for their healthcare.

Sonoma State University (SSU) Funding

- Rogers expressed his disapproval of the SSU administration, suggesting the president was brought in to make cuts.
- He explained that the state legislature intervened with funding to prevent the closure of key programs and amenities.
- The goal is to make SSU a more attractive and viable institution by investing in on-campus life and programs with strong job prospects (e.g., geology).

Mobile Home Park Regulations

- A question was asked about improving accessibility in mobile home parks, which is governed by the Mobile Home Residency Law (MRL).
- Rogers mentioned his support for two bills by Assemblymember David Connolly to amend the MRL.
 - One bill to require air conditioning in senior parks did not pass but may be reintroduced.
 - Another bill making it easier for residents to sell their mobile homes was signed into law.
- He offered to have his staff investigate the specific accessibility issue raised.

California Redistricting

- Rogers expressed strong support ("hell yes") for a potential special election to redraw California's congressional districts.
- This is a direct response to partisan gerrymandering in red states like Texas.
- The proposal includes a "dead man's switch": the new California map would only take effect if Texas and other states proceed with their gerrymandering.
- The new map would adhere to the California Voting Rights Act to avoid disenfranchising minority voters.
- He is also pushing for a U.S. constitutional amendment to ban all partisan gerrymandering nationwide.

Senior Care Facility Safety (Beth's Bill)

- The bill would have required senior care facilities to have generators with a 72-hour capacity for disaster situations.
- It passed the Senate but was held in an Assembly committee, likely because the governor indicated he would not sign it.
- Rogers called it "Beth's Bill" after a local advocate and vowed to continue fighting for it, suggesting it could be a priority for the next governor.

Sutter Health Labor Action

- An announcement was made about an informational picket by SEIU-UHW workers at Sutter Santa Rosa to protest working conditions and advocate for improved patient care.
- When asked if he would attend, Rogers confirmed he would be there to support the workers' right to organize.

Transcriptions

Yep.

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Oh my gosh, I'm talking into your recording.

user - Aug 08, 2025 13:46:23

So everybody who isn't here can learn what it is, what happened here.

A - Aug 08, 2025 13:46:25

I know you want to record this.

user - Aug 08, 2025 13:46:25

You're talking into my recording. This little device, Fieldie, is pick- (crunching) it's picking up everything. It's the microphone.

A - Aug 08, 2025 13:46:27

Oh.

user - Aug 08, 2025 13:46:27

... to start selling off the, the parcels or let us use them for free but-

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... see all of you. I was panicked about a week ago, thinking, "Uh, that b- that by the time I got done with this, it'd be the same six people who all set out to be here." (laughs) So I appreciate all of you being here, so...

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T- and it's gonna happen to anybody that puts together an event, I'm sure, so... (laughs)

C - Aug 08, 2025 13:46:49

Yep.

A - Aug 08, 2025 13:46:50

So, (clears throat) anyway, so, um, uh, Assembly Member Rogers has got his on a tight time schedule. (blows raspberry) Big surprise. Um, so he just arrived, um, and then he needs to leave here at 3:00. And I said to his people, I said, "You know, he's very well-loved. It will be very hard to get him out of here, but just so you know." (laughs) Um, so what we're going to d- do, our agenda is basically this. I'm gonna start right now, um, literally, and I'm gonna tell you, I got some housekeeping things to do, and I'm gonna tell you about CARA, because part of what we're, why we're here is to learn-

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... what CARA and WACARA is doing, and why we are having this event today. And then, um, and that'll take about 15 minutes, maybe a little less or something right in there. And then I'll turn it over to Kris and he will outscore, and he will talk to you as long as he wants, and then we'll have questions. So there are cards on your chairs with pencils in case you didn't bring writing implements. If you have questions for him, we want you to put the questions on those cards. We will collect them and then we will ask, ask the questions, um, at the end after he's done with his talk. So-

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All right, so. (microphone thuds)

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Just so everybody knows, some of you actually might not know me but I know a lot of you. Um, it's great to see so many people here that I know from- from so many organizations too, um, like shocked (laughs) . Um, so- my name is Bonnie Petty and I am the co-chair of- of the Sonoma County Chapter of CARA, that's the California Alliance for Retired Americans. My co-chair is Linda, she's back there where the raffle tickets are, back there, looking brave. She's my helper.

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You're not alone.

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Yes, so if you got your raffle ticket, make sure you take-- cut it out and put half in your bank.

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(laughs)

C - Aug 08, 2025 13:48:45

So um, so, so we call our chapters CATs because it stands for CARA Action Team because what we do is we take action, um, and we work on, um, events, um, and sort of like this, but mostly what we do-

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... do is we, um, we educate and advocate on behalf of seniors and persons with disabilities. Um, and that's what we, that's what we do.

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Um, and we are the host of this event, and I'm really glad you guys are all here. Um, so I'm gonna just start with a couple of housekeeping things. For those of you who don't know, the bathrooms are down the hall, like, just past where you signed in. There's a little hallway down there to get to the bathrooms there. There are refreshments. There's, um, water and some juice. We decided not to make coffee. It was a little warm, so (laughs) we didn't make coffee. Um, so there's refreshments back there. Um, and then there is a...

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Yes.

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Table that has several really nice bottles of wine. There are three or, um, three \$25 gift certificates to a couple of places and a book by Katie Porter and then a nice little package of-

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Um, recess.

C - Aug 08, 2025 13:49:58

Items back there. So we'll be raffling those off. When you came in, you should have each gotten a, a raffle ticket. You tear it in half, put one half in there and keep the other half. And if you would like more chances to win, we will... Okay, so we can't sell raffle tickets.

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We can't.

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But if you want to donate-

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(laughs)

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... donate a dollar, you'll get an extra ticket. If you donate \$5, you'll get six tickets and put them in there. So, um, for the-

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... for, for the drawing of, of the... We're going to call them door prizes.

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But you can't take them to the door.

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(laughs)

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(laughs)

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Mm-hmm.

C - Aug 08, 2025 13:50:27

Um, so I just want to remind everybody. So everything is right here in the same room. I just ask people to kind of have some, you know, respect for each other, um, to be... You know, help yourself to the food and go back and look at the raffle things and find more raffle tickets. But please be really conscious that other people are here and they want to listen and they want to hear. So if you have conversations throughout the year, take them, you know, out back and be as quiet as possible. Again, the, the cards on your chairs are for questions that you might have for Kris. Um, write your questions down. We'll collect them and then we'll have-

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--have questions after this is done.

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Um, I just want to say thank you to a couple people. Um, I want to thank all of my helpers and volunteers. Everybody give them a hand. (applause)

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My, my, my, my, my core, the entire core members of our working trifecta. Um, I want to thank Jeff Buckhorn from the Labor Council- (applause) For bringing our table system, so, um, thank you to the Labor Council and Chris Morgan who was my, without Chris I don't know how we would have even pulled this off. He came up with an idea and- (applause)

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... um, crossover there w- or with our fellow people.

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Pat Sable is here, um, the president and chair of the Sonoma County Democratic Party.

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(claps)

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And she helped her son brought in a lot of donations and she brought some donations in from Sandy Reynolds, who's the president of the Santa Rosa Young Club, which I am part of, and they are my, my, um, sponsoring organization for my, uh, my position on the CARA board.

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(claps)

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With that, I just want to talk a little bit about CARA and why we are, and why we are here. So CARA is, um, a statewide organization. We are a non-profit, non-partisan organization that advocates on behalf of seniors and persons with disabilities. We're a statewide organization. Um, we have over 300, um, affiliated organizations that are, are affiliate members of ours, and through those organizations, we represent over a million Californians.

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And, um, we are recently started this evening, uh, we've always ha- had, uh, individual memberships. So if you're signing up, there, there's, there's cards and things back there. You can sign up as an individual, but if you're a member of any of our member organizations, you are already a member, uh, and have total access to anything that we're doing. We welcome you. Um, feel free to attend our events..... We also have a lot of, uh, individuals who are starting to sign up, and we're actually starting to make a position on our board to represent an individual. So it's \$20 a year to be an individual member. It helps to support the organization.

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Um, okay, so-

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So, um, CARA is actually the statewide organization from the, um, Alliance for Retired Americans which is the national organization. And that, that organization was instituted and put in place as it was meant to be the premier, um, organization, um, to represent, um, retiree, uh, and (background noise) AFLCIO. So they, they were instituted by AFLCIO, um, as their, uh, representative organization for, um, union members. But we have all kinds of members. So in California, we have 18 chapters and, um, some of our affiliates are, you know, we, we have environmentalists, we have faith-based groups, we have community organizations, we have homeowners groups. Um, just, I think that's just a, a huge wide swath of organizations of people that are, that are a part of our, a part of our group. So, um, a very wide, um, widespread. And what that means is that because we also non-partisan, it means that people that are members of our organization, you know, we all are kind of on a political spectrum. But we have a pretty wide, um, spectrum because we have seniors and we have people with very wide, um, political interests. Um, so we always want to be a place of respect and honor for anybody's, um, political positions. And we want people to feel safe and open in our organization.

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Um, (clears throat) so what do we do? So our, our, our group started in 2017, a couple months right before the fires. And we were really glad because when we realized that, um, seniors lost their homes, there was a huge impact on seniors in the fires. We lost Journey's End and we lost the, you know, the, we lost the, um, home up on the hill. Beth, Beth's mom was there. So some of you know about Beth Duffy, who, uh, helped us get, um, a bill in Congress. We couldn't get it, but make it over to the state legislature, um, about safety issues around, um, uh, liv- assisted living position, um, assisted living homes.

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So, um, uh-

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All right. So, um, one of the things that, um, we... So, we realized that what we really needed was a senior organization here because we needed somebody to make sure that as we were recovering from those fires and we were recovering from all that, we needed a place where seniors could come and make sure we weren't forgotten and left behind when decisions were being made about how we move forward and how we build back again.

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So, we've been in- we've been around since 2017. Um, so w- what CARA does is two-fold. We, um, we do education and we do legislative work. Um, education in, uh, case, uh, this is, this is one, one way that we do that. We have, um, meetings like this where we inform people. We're gonna have Kris Klausa talk to us about what's going on at the state level. So we're always trying to inform our members, inform the public, and we're trying to also educate our elected officials on the things that we need and the things that we want them to pay attention to when they're making these laws, um, on our behalf.

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We also have, um, empowered elder workshops. I've given a number of these where we talk about your rights in a hospital. Um, there's oftentimes when you're in the hospital, they want to send you home early and there are, um, all kinds of horrible things that can happen to people when they're in the hospital. Um, and they will tell you that things aren't going to be covered by Medicare and all sorts of horrible things that happen. So we have a couple of, um, what they're like an hour-long workshop where we talk about what your rights are and what you can do to stop being sent home early and a bunch of other things about that. So that's just one of them. We also have ones where we help people do their advanced directives and those things. So those have always... We've always done those and they're, they're in, in-person things. But when the pandemic came, of course, everything went to Zoom. So all of our meetings were on Zoom. It was harder to do those workshops on Zoom but we kind of did them. But CARA then used that as a catalyst to create what we called their, um, our Fabulous Friday Forum.

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So once- so every month on the fourth Friday of the month at noon on Zoom, we have, um, some sort of a forum on all kinds of things. We've done them on, um, caregiver issues, housing issues. I think this month we're doing one on, I think it's on Social Security. Um, we've done that on, um-

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... on immigration, thank you. Um, and then we've done them on, um, you know, like scams and all kinds of things like that. So we- we do those. Those are always really good. And then of course, um, lately we've been doing some things. We've been partnering with Indivisible and, um, helping to do some, um, community conversations and some really interesting, uh, forums with, uh, Indivisible. And so that's been a really kind of exciting, uh, you know, part of our educating the public.

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Immigration.

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So legislatively, um, that's really the core of our work is, is our legislative work. Um, we do... The education part is really, really important. Uh, legislatively, um, this is the less sexy part. (laughs) I love Indivisible 'cause they just get huge rallies and they get people out there and everything, but, um, we don't get to do as many of the really sexy things like that. So we, we do things like, um... So we have, we have this wonderful legislative committee and what we do is we meet every month and we go over all these bills. And once a year, at, at our convention, everybody at the convention votes on what our list of priorities are. And that list of priorities is what informs our committee on what we're going to, um, support or oppose. And then we use that as our working document through the year. After we... And we, we take positions on dozens and dozens of bills, but then we also come up with our main, uh, priority bills.

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So, um-

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And then those are where we really focus our attention. Those are where we, we might have a rally in the capitol. We might show up and speak, you know, at the capitol hearings. We might, um... And, and that's when we mobilize our members to call and try to get our bills passed or opposed or whatever. But that's, that's really a, a, a core part of our work. Um, and then we have our... We have lobby days and that's when we actually... We've done this really incredibly creative lobbying where we are on Zoom and some years we've actually... Out of 120 state legislators, I think it was two years ago, we, we had meetings with 107 out of the 120. So, um, so it's... I mean they... And yeah, sometimes we do meet with the staff, but I have to tell you sometimes meeting with the staff isn't almost as important, maybe sometimes more important because they're actually really tied into certain issues and they really... And help speak to those issues. So our lobby days are very successful.

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Um, and then... So like... And then in the '23/'24 year we had 10 priority bills and out of those 10 priority bills, six were signed into law by the governor, which is pretty good. I think we're pretty good. Um, couple of them became two-year bills. This year wasn't quite so successful. We only had three priority bills. They were very, very hard and all of them went down. So-

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Yep.

C - Aug 08, 2025 14:01:00

... and we might... We might end up being able to talk to Chris about that a little bit, but, um, but we had three, um... Anyway, we worked on them but, um, we'll, we'll... Maybe you'll hear more about those in a little bit.

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Hmm.

C - Aug 08, 2025 14:01:15

And then the other part of our legislation is, uh, our legislative work, is doing this. Building relationships with our elected officials. Um, having Chris come and talk to us and us... Him knowing who we are and what our needs are and seeing us face to face. Relationship building is a huge part of our legislative work.

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So with... So that's part of what we're doing. And um, and I, and I just, um...

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Th- there's just so many things. I can talk about this for, for hours, but I, I, I just wanna tell you, so the reason, the core reason why we're here is, um, to, to meet with Chris, to hear what he has to say about what's going on. We are really concerned about the issues that, uh, we're all facing as the, as we get all these hits from the federal government. Where is that leaving us here in the state level? What's happening at the state level? And so, we wanna hear about that. And so, that's part of this relationship building. The other part of it is, is we're seniors.

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And we used to meet every single month at the Unitarian Church, and we met in person, and then when the pandemic hit, we all went to Zoom. And Zoom, it has a lot of positives. We brought people in that had never been to our organization before, and they were able to participate, could still leave your jammies on and drink your coffee while you're having a meeting, but we got people to come. But it's also got a downside, and that is that s- there are many seniors that just aren't into the technology thing, they can't deal with it at all, they can't handle it, or they partially can and it just becomes an ordeal. So some of those people, we've kind of, we've kind of kept them on our list, but they sort of drift away because we haven't been able to bring them in. So part of what we're trying to do is do a few more of these in-person events to bring them in so we can see each other face to face. I can't tell you how many times I've been on Zoom calls with Beth, (laughs) with all of the stuff we've been doing with her bill, and today was the first time we actually met in person.

B - Aug 08, 2025 14:03:13

Oh.

B - Aug 08, 2025 14:03:14

It was really weird.

C - Aug 08, 2025 14:03:18

Um, so there's, there's that. Um, so that's, that's the reason that we are here today. So um, if you're interested in, in our work, we, uh, we encourage you to join us and c- you know, you'll be getting emails about when our Zoom meetings are. Join our Zoom meetings, um, join in with us or with our legislative work, sign up as an individual member, 20 bucks, give us a donation, buy some more raffle tickets, they're back there. Um, just help us to support the work that we're doing.

C - Aug 08, 2025 14:03:52

Okay. So that brings me to the reason, the other reason that we're here. So first I want to just say something-

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... Monica Barragan and Scott Alonzo, because they are awesome people.

C - Aug 08, 2025 14:04:01

(applause) Um, so... So, I doubt that there's anybody in this room that doesn't know who Chris Rogers is, but I'm gonna tell you a little bit, a little bit about him. So, he's a Sonoma County native. Um, he worked on the staff for Senator McGuire. He, he, um, worked for Lynn Woolsey. Do people remember Lynn Woolsey?

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Yes.

C - Aug 08, 2025 14:04:24

I loved working with Lynn Woolsey. So, he worked for her. He's got deep knowledge in, uh, legislative work. He's been, he's worked in, back and forth between there, between Sacramento, um, really involved in a lot of, um, environmental work, um, and he's just, um, he's just really been very involved in the community. And then, of course, he was two terms on the Santa Rosa City Council. He got on the Santa Rosa City Council right before the fires, and got us through the fires, and then he was mayor when we, when the pandemic hit. And so, Chris has really learned his leadership roles by trial by fire, and he has really, truly become an incredible, incredible leader. He is just, he, he is just so smart, he is so, he has so much knowledge that he keeps within him about everything, and he just brings so much passion to his work. And he lives here. His, his wife, Sara, is a nurse. He has a new, new baby, new young... Well, he's not a baby now. He's a toddler.

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He's a baby.

B - Aug 08, 2025 14:05:28

He's a baby. (laughs)

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Don't, don't break my heart.

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And, um, and this is his community. And he works really hard for us, and I am just so thrilled to, um, invite Chris, our Assemblymember, Chris Rogers. (applause)

C - Aug 08, 2025 14:05:49

So yesterday, I, I spent some time at the, at the fair. I was at the booth, uh, synth- at the Democratic group, and, and Chris comes in. And he talks to everybody, you know. Everybody's talking and he'll talk to everybody, you know. So we're standing there and, and it- it's wonderful. This lady comes up and she says, "So, I want to know why we aren't getting more young people involved."

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(laughs)

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"We need to get more young people involved." I said-

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... "Would you like to speak to our assembly members?" So Chris steps up, and he says, "Hi, I'm..." He introduces himself, and then I'm gonna let him tell the rest of that story.

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(laughs)

C - Aug 08, 2025 14:06:38

Because I have to tell you, I think that I was the witness to the first time he's ever experienced ageism.

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(claps)

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And I've known, I've known Bonnie, uh, probably at this point 15 years, uh, going back to staffing days and all of the work that she was doing advocating for folks in mobile homes and seniors, and, uh, single-payer healthcare as well. So thank you so much, Bonnie, for having me and, and for everything that you do as well. So to finish our story, uh, somebody walked up and they said, you know, "Why doesn't the Democratic Party appeal to more young people? We need to get more young people involved." And I said, "Well, you know, I'm a young person." (laughs)

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(laughs)

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So thank you.

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So the, the com- first of all, uh, let's give a round of applause for Bonnie-

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(laughs)

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And she looks at me and she goes, "Younger than you."

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(laughs)

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So, and, and it's, and it's true.

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That's right.

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Uh, but when you talk about demographic breakdowns-

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... we know who typically shows up in elections, and we know that especially in this last election, uh, there were many young folks who did feel like neither party was representative of them. And we can get into that a little bit. Uh, just as a little bit of background, uh, so I represent the second assembly district. It is the third-largest assembly district in the state of California. It goes from about Highway 12 all the way up to Oregon. So it's half of Sonoma County, all of Mendocino, Humboldt, Del Norte, and Trinity Counties.

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Oh.

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It is an enormous, uh, territory to cover. Even more importantly is there's a lot of need and diversity within the community.

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Mm-hmm.

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I like to tell people all the time, I represent five counties, three that are Blue Counties, and two that are State of Jefferson Counties.

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(laughs) Yeah.

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And the only thing they all agree on is that Sacramento does not care about them whatsoever.

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So, and, and that's really where I wanted to kind of start our remarks. Uh, and I wanna highlight what Bonnie said. You can't do this job, especially in a territory like this, without incredible staff. And so Scott, and Monica, and we have Ryan and Dylan here as interns as well, uh, and Beth was up and down the north coast with me, uh, all the time. You need good people. It's not just about one good elected official or one person who's willing to do the work, but really a team of folks to be able to represent. And in a district like this, as we talk about the disenfranchisement that people feel, and as we talk about what happened in the 2024 elections, and I know everybody has a different theory about, uh, what happened and wh- how we ended up where we are. I think from my experience running in rural areas as well as urban areas, it, people feel fundamentally like the system is broken, and they all have different reasons for feeling that way.

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Mm-hmm.

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But the antidote to that is having elected officials who are willing to do town halls, who are willing to have conversations with folks to get into the nuances of policy and make sure that folks see that it's your voice that's being reflected, not the voice of special interests or of money. And so we spend a lot of time trying to make sure that we do just that, that we meet with folks. Uh, our team spent three days up, uh, in Orleans, in eastern Humboldt last week, uh, with the Karuk Tribe, learning more about their indigenous practices and about their history and about ways that we can assist them. Uh, I just got back yesterday at 12:30 in the morning from Crescent City in Del Norte County, where we were touring and assessing the tsunami damage from last week, but really trying to be on the ground and, and make sure that folks... that the issues that they care the most about, that they see their representatives caring about as well. Uh, and we can talk about that. Uh, this year is our first year. Uh, we took office, uh, in December. I was told, "Don't worry, things are slow in December and January, they're getting their feet wet."

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(laughs) Yeah.

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... Trump takes office and everything, all hell broke loose-

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And then we had a wildfire in Southern California. Uh, and so our office actually spent quite a bit of time talking through what the experience was as a local elected official in Sonoma County, going through four wildfires, including the Tubbs Fire, for folks in Eaton and Altadena, what to expect, how best they could help represent their communities, and so we spent a lot of time working on that. And then, of course, two weeks later-

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... I think is the way to put it. And, and so we have spent a significant amount of time this year working on legislation to represent our community, to make sure that folks see government working for them, while also reacting to and preparing for just a barrage at California from the federal level, and we can definitely talk about that as well. Uh, we introduced 16 bills this year, uh, almost all of them substantive. We can talk about the Bigfoot bill if people want to, uh, at some point. Uh, but most of it has really been focused in a couple of areas. I tell everybody I got into politics because I wanted to work on four issues, poverty, kids, climate, and health. And it touches a lot of things. So we make sure that... Each assembly term is two years, uh, you can have up to 12 years if you keep getting reelected. We want to make sure that every single year, we were moving the needle in those four areas.

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That meant that we took on this year the big pharmaceutical companies. Uh, that was one of our first bills that we did is we took on a, a discount drug program that they were making inaccessible in rural communities. We took that on in our first year. They've now donated \$150,000 to assembly members who voted on that bill, uh, in their, in their direction. Uh, we're gonna continue to work on this healthcare issue and make sure that our rural communities, uh, have the care that they need, particularly for seniors. Uh, and we can talk about healthcare. Uh, we did district-specific bills for areas that had never had any attention or legislation. We have a specific bill for Hopland which is 800 people, but is an issue that is absolutely critical to their infrastructure and for the folks who live there who felt like they were never going to be represented. Uh, and a simple email from a constituent saying, "This is a big issue for us, can you look into it," has now turned into a piece of legislation that we've cleared the assembly, we're almost through the senate, and we fully expect to be able to get that signed. And it is nothing to the rest of my colleagues, but it is everything to that community as well. Uh, and, uh, we continued to advance, uh, budget priorities. I serve on the Budget Committee, specifically the sub-committee that oversees all climate, transportation, and utilities funding. I serve on Water Parks and Wildlife, Utilities, Transportation, Communications and Conveyance, which I always have to explain to people is both broadband as well as party buses, Bonnie knows exactly what I'm talking about, uh, and taxis and Ubers, uh, as well as, uh, I serve on the reauthorization committee for the state's cap and trade program, and the greenhouse gas reduction fund. Uh, part of what we tried to do this year was really pick an issue or a niche and specialize in it so that way we could help deliver particularly dollars for our community. And then as they, they tell you-

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You can run on issues, you can have things that you want to do but oftentimes you're reacting to the circumstances around you. Uh, whether it was what we saw with SSU and that being a crisis that we needed to address, the impact that we're seeing from ICE and immigration enforcement in our communities, or the threats to Medicaid and thus Medi-Cal and healthcare. Those have been all of the priorities that we've been working on in Sacramento. So with that, that's my quick overview, uh, and then I just want to turn it over to you and have a discussion. Where do you want to start? What's on your mind? Uh, I just want to thank you all so much for being here and having, uh, the afternoon to discuss issues that are really critical and important, uh, not just for seniors but for our broader community as well.

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So I'll, I'll ask you one that somebody sent me on e-mail that said they couldn't come. They wanted to know about, um, a... There was a bill, uh, that, um, Governor Newsom vetoed, and did not get overridden in the Assembly or the legislature about, um, artificial intelligence. So can you speak to that? Is there any plan to put anything in place to protect Californians from, from the horrible parts of, of AI itself?

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Yeah. So the question from Bobby really is around regulating AI, and I'm gonna start with the veto override portion. Can anybody guess when the last time a California governor had a veto override was?

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42 years.

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42 years?

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So it was in... It was in Jerry Brown's first term as governor. Uh, and probably you can see some similar circumstances to where we sit right now. He was running for president, and he had a legislature that wasn't always thrilled with the things that he was announcing publicly because he wasn't being a good partner. You see some of that with Gavin Newsom right now. There's actually been some talk about throwing an elbow at the governor and, and asking him to do a veto override. But typically, it isn't done. Uh, typically there is partnership between the governor, the pro-tem, the speaker. And, uh, usually he has a decent reason for why he makes the vetoes or the signings that he does i- in a way that doesn't typically incense people enough to bring the override. AI has been a particularly interesting topic for the legislature to try to consider this year, especially against the backdrop of the federal policymaking. In the big beautiful bill, uh, that was passed, when it first cleared the House, there was a provision in it that would have been all states from doing any type of regulation of AI for, I think it was either five or 10 years.

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More.

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More? Well, a little bit more.

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A little more.

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It was 10.

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Uh, 10. Yeah. And then thankfully, that was stripped out in the Senate. And where California is right now is really trying to figure out a balance between, we know that this technology is coming, whether it's in California or outside of California. This t- this technology is going to impact everything that we do. And so how do we put safeguards up to make sure that the companies don't just flee California and develop it elsewhere, but we'll let them do whatever they want to do, but keep it in California, keep the innovation in California, the jobs in California, address the environmental impact in California, while also recognizing that there are pretty substantial issues around data and privacy, uh, and climate. Uh, right now what's happening is these AI data centers, a lot of them are going to Texas, and they're being run off of natural gas and off of coal, uh, which is not what we want as technology advances. We want to keep that in California just so that we can build the, the electrical infrastructure, the green hydrogen that we need and we can talk about-

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...that, um, to make sure that we're being stewards of water in that process. Uh, but if they leave the state, we have absolutely no control over that. What you are seeing with AI is things that have been used for years also now starting to get more attention. And I think that the most poignant has been the automatic denials of healthcare approvals that insurance companies have been using for years using AI, and we want to make sure that there's more transparency into what those models look like. I'm a big advocate for open source data so that people can look at how these AI models are programmed. Uh, many of the companies are resistant to that because they think it's proprietary information, uh, but AI really is junk in junk out. Your AI models are going to be trained by something, and if the inputs that they are getting are the wrong types of inputs, are incorrect information, are discriminatory in nature, then the output is gonna have those same features. If you have seen that play out particularly on Twitter where you've had AI chatbots that have been put on Twitter as a, as a platform, and then within days you have the chatbot as a white supremacist chatbot because that's the way that people have been interacting with it, whether because they believe it or because they think that it's funny, that's the output. So when we talk about especially the use of AI in healthcare, we need to make sure that the data inputs don't exacerbate inequities that we already know exist in our healthcare system. For instance, uh, the increase in mortality rate for Black mothers when they're having children, that's been a persistent issue in healthcare and some of that is based on how doctors are trained to have conversations and, and implicit biases of questions that

they don't ask mothers who are African American versus white mothers. You need to make sure that when you are putting that into your healthcare-

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... our system and utilizing these tools that you don't keep those biases in as well. Uh, and we know that they exist. We see it in the data. And so having an open source AI approach allows us to then look under the hood and say, "D- have we built any discriminatory practices? Have we built in, for instance, an assumption that certain people don't have healthcare, and therefore are not eligible for certain treatments, uh, or medicines?" Uh, so I hope that answers your question, Bonnie. Happy to talk more if folks want as well.

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See, I told you he was really smart. He knows everything there is about-

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It's all Greek to me.

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(clears throat)

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Okay, so here's a question. It says, (clears throat) "How will you respond to Trump's executive order denying federal funds to counties and cities which do not stop, which do not stop funding homeless programs and using California's mandated Housing First program policies?"

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Oh-

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Does that make sense?

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Yeah. Uh, w- I think, uh, the most appropriate response involves only one finger, but I don't think that I'm allowed-

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... to do that. The, a lot of what we are seeing-

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We are in a church, by the way.

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I, I think a lot of what we're seeing from the White House is, uh, bully tactics, things specifically designed to find excuses to try to withhold funding from the State of California. Whether it's homeless policies, environmental policies, uh, these aren't one-offs. It's a targeted approach to try to remove funding from the golden goose. And I tell people this all the time, California pays \$80 billion more every single year in federal taxes than we get back from the federal government. So when we invest in homeless projects, when we invest in the infrastructure and Housing First policies to try to address a systemic issue, we know that our tax dollars are actually going to states that don't at the same time. That we are subsidizing a lifestyle in Texas and in Arkansas that has-

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... people already struggling, but they're doing marginally better than they would have because of Californians and they're, they're footing the bill.

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Hm.

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So what we have systematically done is push back on any directive, gone and sued to make sure that any piece of funding that is withheld, that we fight in the courts for. And then Trump 1.0, his first term, we sued Donald Trump 120 times. We won 70% of it.

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Hm.

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And the amount of money that we were able to return to our communities, uh, was higher than the amount that we spent on attorneys and lawsuits. It was a good investment for California. So this year, I took office and the first vote that we took that was a substantive vote in January, was to increase our funding for the Attorney General's office, to make sure that particularly when our rights were infringed on or when funding was withheld from California or threats were made, and I'll tell you right now-

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... the Supreme Court doesn't, doesn't mean much precedent, doesn't mean much to the Supreme Court, but there has always been a precedent up to now, that we haven't seen them change it yet, that the threat around policy decisions that is coercive, uh, where they're going to take money if you don't do a policy decision that is not federal law, is they call it the gun behind the door and it's inappropriate. You've mostly seen this discussion in terms of immigration, that the Supreme Court has said that you cannot actually force based on withholding funding, uh, to get a policy outcome that otherwise has not been passed by Congress, just generally to explain it. So we'll fight in court. Uh, we put, uh, an extra 25 million into the Attorney General's budget for that. We put an extra 25 million specifically, uh, for immigration as well, to do immigration defense. Uh, and we're gonna continue to have the policies that we see as effective that are helping our communities, uh, here in California. And homelessness is always a tricky subject.

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The homeless population in California is different than the homeless populatio in Wisconsin. The needs, the infrastructure, and the programs that we have to develop to address homelessness in California is different also. Uh, we need to continue to have the flexibility state-by-state, county-by-county, city-by-city, to make sure that they have the resources they need to address th- uh, th- the homeless issues that they have, that help get those folks off the street.

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So we got a couple of kind of related questions. So, um, so maybe you kinda answered this, you might want to address it. So, with the Trump healthcare cuts, there's great concern that folks will lose their Medi-Cal altogether. Is there something California can do to help clinics and other healthcare providers, um, especially to help fill out new paperwork requirements and to help medical and nursing students pay for their education? And just- just briefly, I just wanna say, one of the things that I do is I'm on the master plan on aging, um, plan i- in Sonoma County. And one of the things that we're working on is looking at ways that we can, um, provide... You know, like, we have the- the Family Justice Center, and there's like the hub where there's a place where people can go and get all this basic information. We're looking at ways that maybe we can find people that can go out and do proactively going out to people and helping them fill out paperwork, helping them to find out whether or not they can, th- they qualify for things. People that can't access the computers, help them with their computers, so that, that kind of thing. I can tell you that we're working on that in the county. But this other question is a bigger one.

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So SNAP benefits is a little bit easier for backfilling funding on SNAP. Uh, California's made a commitment, uh, around access to health, uh, and access to... or access to healthy foods, as we're keeping that commitment. And right now, that's been one of the, one of the areas that you've seen the legislature most interested in backfilling. We also know we can't backfill everything, and this is the direct tie to healthcare. Uh, Medi-Cal is about \$800 billion. It's about a third of the California budget. And if Medicaid requirements and eligibility requirements were changed, that's the biggest... single biggest liability that California continues to have in terms of, uh, a gap between where we want to be and where the federal government is gonna try to force us to go. And you saw this play out in the state budget in a couple of ways.

Uh, not the least of which was California's commitment to making sure that everybody has access to healthcare, whether you are... uh, they call it, uh, UIS, unsatisfactory immigration status. It's the, the technical term for undocumented or not. California's made the commitment to have healthcare available for folks. Uh, I... Me personally, and Bonnie knows this, I'm a big advocate for single-payer healthcare. My wife is a nurse. She's from Scotland. I've seen the difference in the systems. It is a better standard of care that covers more people, has some of its own faults that you can correct, but overall, it is better for our community when everybody has access to healthcare, when you can decouple healthcare from employment in particular. Uh, we saw that in the pandemic, that when, when folks got sick, they lost their healthcare at a time where we need people to be healthy, because they no longer had their job through no fault of their own.

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Yeah. A- a- this is the biggest question.

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And also SNAP programs-

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We have to decouple healthcare from employment. Uh, and the state was working on doing that, and we're moving in that direction. Uh, but the split in Sacramento was, do we, with potential budget shortfalls, continue to provide healthcare for everybody, uh, and fund our clinics, hospitals, and healthcare system at the, uh, the rate that they need to, especially understanding that-

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... these entities as well. The governor proposed doing a \$100 stipend every month, uh, on top of what they already pay for folks who are undocumented. The Legislature ended up doing \$30 a month. There's a very real split in the Democratic caucus that whether it was a hundred, whether it was 30, you're treating folks who work in and contribute to your local communities different. You're creating a two-tiered system and treating people as, as other. Uh, we also pushed back on that, so it won't be implemented for two years, but the hope is that we can solve some of the funding gap that could come from the eligibility requirements over that two years and not have to implement that. We are looking at, in particular, three different funding options, new revenue to be able to put into our healthcare system. Uh, and one of the things that we are very cognizant of is that Californians already feel overtaxed. So where can that money come from has been the question, and you see three policies that are being pushed forward right now, one of which I have been very happy to help lead with the Progressive Caucus is that now that we know the tax breaks that have been offered to billionaires and to corporations that we do a corresponding tax at the state level so that those individuals and entities, they pay the same that they paid last year, but we recapture that funding and redirect it back to California, uh, so they can fund our services.

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(applause)

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Uh, that's also, by the way, my answer for how do we retain some of our tax dollars and not send them to the federal government. We actually can't do that functionally because most people pay their federal taxes through their employee or their, uh, uh, employment taxes. But we can redirect tax breaks back to California. Uh, we give out about \$100 billion in tax breaks per year in California.

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We should just make sure that those tax breaks correspond in a way that meets California's needs.

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And it is a counteract to the tax cuts that are happening in this new bill, uh, in Congress. That's one option. The second option is a designation called the Water's Edge Designation. So international corporations in California get to choose one of two ways to be assessed for taxes for the products they sell into California. We're the only state that does this. If we remove one of those designations and only tax international corporations the way that Texas does, if we're using Texas as our foil, that would bring in about two billion additional dollars into California every single year.

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Wow.

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The third option that we're, uh, lovingly so far calling it the McTax, is you have big corporations like McDonald's, like Walmart, that on your first day of work, your orientation packet has an application for you to sign up for Medi-Cal. And if they are not going to provide healthcare or pay into a healthcare system for the employees, effectively shifting their profit margin onto us as consumers and as Californians, we're gonna charge them a stipend every month for that healthcare that they're using from us.

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(applause) All three of those proposals are being written by members of the Progressive Caucus. We have to get buy-in from the moderates, uh, in Sacramento, uh, because any of these would need to be passed by the legislature to be implemented. Some of them would end up needing to go on the ballot, uh, for that fight as well. Uh, but we are trying to counteract what we're seeing and understanding that, especially as it pertains to healthcare, uh, we can't... there, there is no way for us to counteract what the federal government is doing without either making cuts, reprioritizing existing state dollars, or coming up with new revenue.

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And that's a wrap.

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So shifting gears here. So why would the legislature give money to Sonoma State University to bail it out and then not ensure that it goes to the mission of teaching students? Um, after 65 years, trusting management, um, it's a mug's game. (laughs) Um, so all of the cancellations and no, no control over how they spend.

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Yeah. Uh, so I'll, I'll just say this really fast. I am not a fan of the administration at SSU right now, and in particular the president-

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Oh. (laughs)

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... who I think was brought in deliberately to make these cuts. And I mean, she's been very apparent about that. And then I don't know what the long term plan or strategy ultimately was to force consolidation between SSU and another university or to close it down. But that's the trajectory in what we've seen from some of the other CSUs, uh, like Channel Islands. That, that, that's what they're trying to do. We have also seen a success story up at Cal Poly Humboldt where the state was able to lean in, really change the focus of that university, and try to create additional excitement for folks to go there to increase their enrollment. A lot of this is on the SSU administration, but it's also on the chancellor's office. The chancellor's office and SSU stopped recruiting for candidates about 10 years ago. They had too many applicants that were coming in the door. They thought that people are gonna want to come to wine country. It's a beautiful place, of course. So they stopped recruiting and they've seen a subsequent drop in enrollment. And it coincides at the time where you have, you see this across the world really and in the United States, an overall drop in enrollment for universities and a stronger desire to see value from a degree for folks who are being saddled with sometimes hundreds of thousands of dollars in debt. So for us, we really leaned in and we said, "This is an important institution for Sonoma-

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... from accounting that it can be retooled, it can be an effective way to draw people in, but not if you cut all of the amenities. So we work very closely with the chancellor's office and we are restoring funding in a couple of key areas; one, because it was very, uh, apparent when we talked to prospective students if there is no on-campus life, they're not interested, so sports and other types of extracurriculars, that was a focus. We talked with the community about where job prospects were going to be and invested in some additional and emerging technologies, uh, like for instance, we were cutting the geology department, uh, even though We Have the Geysers, has been expanding, uh, and is going to continue to expand and those are six-figure jobs straight out of college. It's easy to recruit students too at that point and meet the needs of our local community. But then we also had a portion where we wanted them to be seriously looking at the programs that had been proposed for elimination. Uh, from what we can tell, the way that they picked the programs for elimination is both by enrollment, and there were some departments with only one or two people, we understood that, but then they also asked the campus, "Which programs do you want us to invest in?" without telling them that the programs that were at the bottom of that list would be divested from. And of course, if you were on campus, if you were part of a program or a department, you're going to save your program and department, so it tended to line up with the relative size of those programs and departments to begin with. It's not an effective way to have that conversation. So we actually have... our next legislative oversight hearing is on Monday, where we'll talk through the specifics of how they can use that money, uh, but I'll be really honest, we excluded the president from many of those discussions and worked directly with the chancellor because she was here to make cuts, not because she cared about SSU.

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She continues to be a thorn in our side about it and in fact, the day after the funding was announced, she sent out an email that seemed very contrary to what the state law now says that funding must be spent on. So we're gonna make sure on Monday that we're all on the same page. Now, as it pertains to, 'cause I have heard from some of my colleagues, "Why should we save SSU?" The answer is, it shouldn't just be about SSU. We do have money that we have also allocated to save other struggling CSUs so they don't get to the same point as SSU. But we can't have a system in California that is supposed to be representative of our entire state to provide opportunity to our entire state, but then anywhere in your potentially rural areas or as you start to become rural, you say that this is gonna be 100% based on enrollment. Otherwise, you only end up with universities in LA, San Francisco, even San Francisco's struggling right now. We want to be very clear that we need universities in Northern California as well, so we're leaning in on SSU. There'll be more to come on that as well.

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There's a lack of, um, access in the entryways and passageways in the community space, and many of the residents are wanting the ownership to create electronic openings and things so they can enter easily. And the response is that this is private property, we're not required to do it, and I'm curious what avenues or access to support, um, I shouldn't use the word access. What resources are available to improve access?

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Um, no. I am familiar with that-

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So my friend back there, um, from the mobile home, just home owners group. So I'm not really clear what the question is, but I think it has to do with, with David Connolly's bill. Was that the safety bill for mobile home groups? Was, was that the question?

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Yeah, it's a great question. So, uh, mobile homes are overseen by, it's called the MRL, the Mobile Home Residency Law.

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Okay.

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I'd have to look into that and see what the requirements currently are, but you could go after changing those requirements if there's a, a need or if there's a substantial problem. When I was on the city council in Santa Rosa, one of the last things that we did was actually change the way that we, uh, assessed the rent control to make it so that folks weren't being pushed out of their homes. Uh, the park owners hated it. They tend to hate most changes to the MRL and for local ordinances, but that's one area where we could go. Uh, David Connolly, who was mentioned, had two bills this year di- directly dealing with the MRL. I was proud to support both of them. Uh, one of those bills looks exactly at kind of this issue about infrastructure within mobile home parks that are required, uh, just as a by way of background, code enforcement that oversees the habitability of homes have a requirement that all homes, rentals have to have access to a heater in recognition that it gets too cold for people to live in certain areas in California. There are no laws, especially as we see climate change impacting our communities, there are no laws around how they have to provide air conditioning in areas where it's getting too hot. And so this was really the first attempt that I've seen out of Sacramento to regulate that issue and Damon picked specifically for mobile home parks that they had to be fitted with air conditioning units, especially for senior parks with folks that we know are more at risk as the climate changes. That bill didn't make it this year, but I think he's planning on running it again next year. The other bill that he, that he had, uh, actually made it easier for folks who are trying to sell their mobile home, get out of the mobile home park. That was just signed into law by the governor.

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MRL. And so, I'm happy to, to work with you. My staff and I can, can definitely take a look and see what the existing requirements are to see whether the park owners are just not meeting the existing requirements or if it would take potential legislation to change the requirements, whether at the state level or at the local level as well. If you're in Petaluma or Santa Rosa, you have mobile home ordinances that may actually already deal with this and what the conditions have to be within the parks, uh, for folks. Uh, but let's talk about it after.

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Thank you.

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Okay, so I mentioned earlier that we had three bills, um, that didn't get all the way through. One of our bills was called the, um, the Assembly Joint Resolution 3. Um, and what that bill did was it was asking, uh, both houses of the legislature to, um, sign on to a bill demanding that our California dele- delegation that goes to s- to Washington to, um, to tell them that basically, basically it was like, "The legislature and the people of California are ordering you to not, um, vote for any cuts to Social Security, Medicare, or Medi-Cal." So anyway, um, this bill, uh, it started in the Assembly, didn't make it all the way through the Senate. So can you tell us what happened?

B - Aug 08, 2025 14:41:05

So the answer is no, I can't tell you what happened.

B - Aug 08, 2025 14:41:09

(laughs)

D - Aug 08, 2025 14:41:10

Um, so typically, assembly joint resolutions, uh, start in the Rules Committee. I don't serve on the Rules Committee, uh, but I believe that that one was held up in the Rules Committee. It was never brought for a vote on the Assembly floor. Um, so I assumed that there was some form of politics with the chair of the Rules Committee, um, uh, Assembly Member Juan Pacheco, that, that perhaps that wasn't brought forward. I know typically, we do try to respect-

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It passes.

D - Aug 08, 2025 14:41:56

... the various levels of federalism-

B - Aug 08, 2025 14:42:02

On the Senate side.

D - Aug 08, 2025 14:42:03

... and not to try to tell too much, uh, to our representatives how they have to vote with that said, we have been able to pass resolutions around things like, uh, we had one AJR10 telling Congress that the State of California would be harmed by cuts to the Federal Forest Service and explaining the impact so that that way Congress couldn't say that they didn't know, and that all of our Congress members were basically put on notice that this is a significant issue. That one to me would rise to the same level, especially since most of our conversations about concerns about federal involvement right now revolve around Medicaid, uh, but I don't know the story behind how it was held.

B - Aug 08, 2025 14:42:25

Thank you.

C - Aug 08, 2025 14:42:27

Might be seated there. (laughs) Okay, so we have a couple of questions here sort of on the same thing. Um, this one might take a little bit of time. Um, what do you think about the California redistricting possibility?

B - Aug 08, 2025 14:42:37

(laughs)

C - Aug 08, 2025 14:42:37

I know that's the first question you got, uh, in a recent one. Um, can you walk us through the process, and the, the follow-up question, uh, from another person who asked the same question, the follow-up was, why are reasonably responsible Republicans, and there are some, are not pushing back against Trump? And, on this.....

B - Aug 08, 2025 14:42:55

(laughs)

B - Aug 08, 2025 14:42:55

That comes real-

D - Aug 08, 2025 14:42:58

I, I don't think you need me to answer that second one. I think you all know the answers for why Republicans are not pushing back on Trump. Um, and it, and it starts with the word cowardice, and-

B - Aug 08, 2025 14:43:04

Yes. Amen.

D - Aug 08, 2025 14:43:06

So redistricting, uh, in two words, uh, because I got asked in Scottsdale just the other night how I feel about it, in two words, hell yes.

D - Aug 08, 2025 14:43:20

I think we all can agree that partisan gerrymandering is bad for democracy.

B - Aug 08, 2025 14:43:20

Uh-

D - Aug 08, 2025 14:43:25

And we are not currently operating in a democracy. We don't have checks and balances. We have authoritarian rule where the Supreme Court, which is supposed to act as one check, is rubber stamping whatever the president wants, and Congress has completely abdicated their authority to oversee the federal government, uh, the executive branch, and provide that balance. There is no check and there is no balance. And partisan gerrymandering is bad, but California is never going to be able to restore institutions if we allow everybody around us to lie, cheat, and steal, and we die on the moral high ground. I was reading a commentary not too long ago about how Democrats always die on the moral high ground. And we always tell ourselves that we'll be rewarded by voters by making sure that we follow the ethics, that we don't use every advantage that the Republicans seem to, to, to lead with. And where are we 10 years later? Roe is gone, our labor laws have been neutered. Our environmental policies, we can't even get them to acknowledge climate change. If there is an advantage, Republicans will use it. So what we are looking to do, and we'll have more about this probably over the next week, is California is set to call a special election in November and we will have a map that voters can vote on. It'll be your choice as voters. Do you want to counteract Texas? Because the president has told red states that he cannot win Congress next year if they don't redraw lines to take away Democrats. That would disenfranchise people in our state, and we are going to put on the ballot a map that redraws it, still consistent with the California Voting Rights Act. And I have to stress this, we are very adamant. We don't want to fight the White House by disenfranchising our own voters. We wanna look at it, we want to enhance, particularly for our minority populations, our minority communities that have been disadvantaged and haven't been able to win elections. We'll enhance that. We'll keep counties and cities contiguous and compact to the extent that we can, and we will make-

D - Aug 08, 2025 14:45:49

... new maps. And those maps will only go into effect, we'll have a dead man's switch on it that says, "The only way that we switch to these maps is if Texas and other red states do partisan gerrymandering to harm our ability to hold the president accountable in Congress." It's not going to be easy. Uh, we know that it'll, it'll be a really tough fight, it'll be a national fight. Every group, uh, across the country that has a, a vested interest in the outcome of the congressional election will provide money and resources. And ultimately, it'll come down to you. So the legislature will put in place on the, on the ballot, the proposal will be do you want to keep our existing lines or do you want to switch lines? And then at the next redistricting in 2030, the Independent Redistricting Commission will take back over and will draw the lines. It'll all be based on the data that was provided in 2021, the testimony that was provided in 2021. Uh, but at the end of the day, it won't be the legislature deciding whether or not we do this. It'll be you as voters and as citizens having to make the decision do you want to fight fire with fire. And at the same time, I have a call actually right after this, I'm also pushing for California to lead the charge on a US constitutional amendment to end all, uh, partisan gerrymandering.

B - Aug 08, 2025 14:47:16

Wow.

D - Aug 08, 2025 14:47:17

So the message would be, we in California are going to fight fire with fire. But we also agree that it's a race to the bottom. You now see, Illinois- uh, Indiana, Ohio, New York, it is a race to the bottom. We will say we wanna fight fire with fire, but we agree this is terrible and let's all agree to a level playing field where we get rid of this thing that we all agree is terrible for democracy. But, we'll have more conversations about that I'm sure as we head towards November.

B - Aug 08, 2025 14:47:46

(applause)

B - Aug 08, 2025 14:47:47

So right now, right now there are-

B - Aug 08, 2025 14:47:51

How many seats are up for-

D - Aug 08, 2025 14:47:53

There are nine Republican seats in California, and then there are about three or four, depending on how you look at it, swing seats. Uh, the proposal, and I haven't seen any map, we don't have a map yet. But the proposal is to put on the ballot taking the five seats that Texas is proposing to take, uh, as well as bolstering the swing seats and saying to Republicans, "If you wanna end up with only four representatives in California, go ahead and approve that Texas map. We'll respond in kind."

B - Aug 08, 2025 14:47:55

So the-

C - Aug 08, 2025 14:48:43

Thank you. Okay, so back to some medical, um, things. So historically, when Medicare, I think you kind of might have touched on this but we'll go back. Historically, when Medicare and Medi-Cal cuts come, IHSS and long term care have been first on the chopping block. The elderly and disabled also seem to be prime targets of the current administration generally. And I'm assuming you mean the national administration (laughs) maybe, maybe, maybe state. So, so how do we fight that? And is fighting it something that the state of Jefferson folks would actually agree with us on?

D - Aug 08, 2025 14:49:00

So if I understand the question, let me answer it, and then if not, I'm happy to dig in as well. Uh, but one of the things that I've been happy to co-author this year, and I'm gonna call out SAU-UHW, is statewide bargaining as well. Part of why IHSS continues to suffer is a lack of investment from California, and also differences in regional needs for that population, for those employees. Uh, and so one of the bills that we are trying to pass this year, and I can't remember if it was done in the budget... Did it make it through in the budget or is it still a standalone bill for, for Matt Haney? Do you remember?

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Yeah. But allowing for a statewide bargaining process for IHSS workers to be able to lift the floor for everybody. Um, we know that there's, uh, a silver tsunami that's coming, a blue wave, where IHSS workers are not only doing incredible work right now but are going to become more important as California continues to age. We can talk about housing crisis, we can talk about cost of living, energy, insurance, all of the things that are driving younger people out of California. But the reality is when you look at future projections, we need more resources in assisted living, we need more resources for IHSS workers, uh, for folks at all the paths of aging. And the state needs to, needs to acknowledge that, and the state needs to bargain in a way that allows for those wages to be paid, not just so that people can survive in California by doing this work, but actually can have, uh, a living wage, uh, and a living standard. So I hope that... Did that answer your-

B - Aug 08, 2025 14:50:47

Okay.

C - Aug 08, 2025 14:50:48

Federal cuts come, which they will, and they will likely target long-term

B - Aug 08, 2025 14:50:54

... disagree with me on almost everything, but-

B - Aug 08, 2025 14:50:58

Yeah.

B - Aug 08, 2025 14:50:58

- uh, they don't disagree on taking care of your, of your parents-

B - Aug 08, 2025 14:51:07

Yeah.

B - Aug 08, 2025 14:51:08

-and, and your aging folks. They don't disagree on a lot of those things. I'm wondering if there's a place for co- for real coalition building around that.

D - Aug 08, 2025 14:51:16

Yeah. There, there has to be, and I... This reminds me of when you talk to, to folks especially in red states that say, you know, "I wanna keep, keep your government hands off of my Medicaid." Right?

B - Aug 08, 2025 14:51:27

Yeah. (laughs)

D - Aug 08, 2025 14:51:28

Like, there, there's an education that needs to happen for folks who think that they don't have a service, that it's not a government service, uh, and, and there's a r- very real partnership there around healthcare. Uh, there's a reason just historically in this country that any president that tries to touch healthcare ends up suffering significantly afterwards even when they're doing things that most of us agree with. It's because it, it is so difficult for people to accept any type of change on a system that feels so fragile to begin with, that there's a lot of fear that any change is gonna be harmful. Now, we know what the federal government is proposing is harmful. Uh, and I meant to say earlier and I wanna continue to, to say this at every talk that I give for folks, whether you have good healthcare or not, whether you are documented or not, uh, whether you rely on IHSS or not, all of these cuts are going to hurt your healthcare, because many of these systems are holding on by a thread. And any loss of funding, any loss of enrollment is going to impact whether or not you are able to then access that same care. If you lose undocumented folks from the system and suddenly your hospital or your clinic doesn't have enough enrolled patients for them to have additional resources, you won't have those additional resources either. Um, and so with IHSS, with healthcare in general, I, I do think that that's an area where there's some coalition building. The problem is, we have to get folks who typically vote against their self-interests to look at it and recognize the best that they're doing, and that takes personal conversations with folks.

C - Aug 08, 2025 14:53:02

So we may not get to the last one, we've got a couple more. But I have one other thing I want to do before we try to get the rest of this in here. They're telling me we're on short...

B - Aug 08, 2025 14:53:19

... short leash here, so...

B - Aug 08, 2025 14:53:22

(laughs) Yeah.

C - Aug 08, 2025 14:53:24

But I'm going to, um, take privilege here and I would like you to address the issue, Beth's Bill.

B - Aug 08, 2025 14:53:24

Yeah.

B - Aug 08, 2025 14:53:25

That's what I call it, is Beth's Bill.

C - Aug 08, 2025 14:53:28

So can you just talk about that and do you want to have Beth give the... Or can you give the background on that? Because that was one of our bills that, that we, um, were real- that was our priority.

D - Aug 08, 2025 14:53:33

You don't want me to embarrass you, Beth?

B - Aug 08, 2025 14:53:37

No, go ahead.

D - Aug 08, 2025 14:53:39

(laughs) Yeah. So, uh, Beth Stephanie is amazing, if you don't know Beth. Uh, and since the 2017 wildfires, she has really led specifically around making our, uh, senior care facilities safer and recognizing the impact that the fires had on senior communities. Uh, and so this year, Beth worked with Senator Wahab, I was proud to co- co-author a bill that

would have required, uh, generators with 72 hour capacities on, uh, on these care facilities in the event of a disaster. The bill got out of the Senate, came over to the Assembly and then I think, was it in the committee that it ended up getting deaded?

B - Aug 08, 2025 14:54:31

It was... It got in-

D - Aug 08, 2025 14:54:36

Yeah, so my guess is that the governor said that he wasn't going to sign it, um, and so that's, uh, prob- probably what happened. And, and they do, typically the governor's office starts to intervene or reach out on bills once they clear the first house because they become a little bit more fleshed out and a little bit more real. Uh, that doesn't mean, uh, that we're dead. It means that we'll come back again and again and again. Uh, and as I remind people, the governor is only the governor for one more year. Uh, and so this can be an issue that for Cardiff, if you, uh, make it a priority as it has been, but you can ask all of the future governor's candidates how they feel about the bill, get their commitment on the bill, make sure that they understand the importance. But that doesn't mean we can't try to get next year with the governor on his way out the door. Uh, seniors tend to vote in presidential elections. So hopefully he'll notice and, and be supportive of it. Uh, but you also do have an opportunity once we get another governor in place, uh, to try again. Uh, but, uh, really just Beth has been leading on this issue and has been incredible on it, uh, as she is on everything. Uh, and so I too call it Beth's Bill.

B - Aug 08, 2025 14:55:34

Is this just a regulation or what?

C - Aug 08, 2025 14:55:36

No, it's, um, it's, it's a regulation that's, um, it's, it's on some, um, some kinds of care facilities but not others.

B - Aug 08, 2025 14:55:52

Yeah.

C - Aug 08, 2025 14:55:54

It's on licensed care facilities, but it's not on like assisted, you know, so the requirements don't apply to assisted living.

B - Aug 08, 2025 14:56:05

Right, but the cost involved for the state?

B - Aug 08, 2025 14:56:11

Yeah.

B - Aug 08, 2025 14:56:12

So, yeah. (coughing)

D - Aug 08, 2025 14:56:15

Uh, typ- typically what you do end up seeing is you get a fiscal notice from the Department of Finance on all of these bills where it will say, "It'll cost us this much to implement," or "It allocates this much funding." Uh, on bills like that, you'd end up with both, where it would tell you, "This is how much money it will take for us to implement. This is ongoing how much it will take for us to have somebody who actually has oversight to make sure that they're following." And then also, typically they'll give an estimate for how much they think that it will cost, for instance, to the facility to be able to put in the generator. That's not a, an, an unsubstantial cost for a building of that size for them as well. So usually, the appropriations committee looks at all of that, um, when they're making that analysis. Uh, and it, that's a, a good jumping off point to talk just a little bit about process. Uh, bills in Sacramento are introduced in January and in February. They work their way through... It's, uh, it's an assembly bill, an AB, it starts in the Assembly. It goes to policy committees, and there's a deadline it has to get out of the Policy Committee. It goes to the Appropriations Committee, and almost every bill that has any type of a fiscal tag ends up in what's called the suspense file. And then all at once, they look at it and they let out hundreds of bills and they hold hundreds of bills, because they're looking at kind of the aggregate cost, that if you let every bill pass in one year, you'd blow your budget basically. So you'll see the chair literally sit there and say, you know, "AB1 out, AB2 held, AB3 out," just going down a list telling people whether the bill was held or not. Then they move over to the next house, so Assembly bills go to the Senate and vice versa. You have the same process over and over again. Uh, and then you have... All bills have to actually pass the legislature. This year, the deadline is September 13th, and then the governor has a month-

D - Aug 08, 2025 14:57:42

... to be able to sign our veto bills. So we are on our summer recess right now. We've been able to spend the last three weeks up and down the north coast and, and checking in with folks and doing things like this. But a week from Monday, we go back to Sacramento for a three-week sprint where in which we finish appropriations, uh, we then have... We have this, uh, this redistricting bill that we talked about to call a special election. We would resume the legislative process on August 18th. Then, we have to decide by August 22nd to pull the trigger on an election. Uh, but most of the bills will work their way through. September 13th, midnight, that's it. If your bill hasn't made it, you have to start all over next year.

B - Aug 08, 2025 14:58:35

Mm-hmm.

C - Aug 08, 2025 14:58:36

So I'm gonna just... But it's informational. It was just kinda handed to me. So, um, our union buddy's here. "Sutter Health has, um, contin- has a continued history of sharply increasing costs of healthcare and health insurance. A pri- a primary way they have achieved this in Santa Rosa, Bayport, and throughout Northern California is by building their new hospitals smaller than what is needed to provide pro- uh, prompt access, um, to safety net healthcare services. The hundreds of workers, uh, represented by SEIU-UHW at Sutter Santa Rosa are determined to improve care at their hospital. They will be conducting an informational picket action in front of the hospital next Monday, August 11th. The majority of the workers will be on the line during their work breaks from 11:00 to 1:00." And, uh, the hospital workers wanna know, can you be there on Monday? (laughs)

C - Aug 08, 2025 14:59:04

Hmm. Okay, so this is the last one. This is a really long part, but I think we can answer the question with a yes or no.

D - Aug 08, 2025 14:59:35

Yeah, I'll be there. Um, we have the SSU 4 which starts in the afternoon.

B - Aug 08, 2025 14:59:46

(claps)

D - Aug 08, 2025 14:59:46

So I'll swing by first, uh, and come down and say hi to folks. Uh, and this is just, uh, m- me personally, I've always been exceptionally supportive of the right for workers to organize and to fight for a better contract, uh, and I have attended picket lines for SEIU, UHW, for CMA, uh, for the Teamsters, for operating engineers. Um, I will always be there to stand with folks who are fighting for a better contract. And so, I'll be out there with you.

B - Aug 08, 2025 14:59:47

(laughs)

B - Aug 08, 2025 14:59:48

So it... Was it... Sorry, was this coming Monday?

B - Aug 08, 2025 14:59:52

Monday.

B - Aug 08, 2025 14:59:54

Uh, what time?

C - Aug 08, 2025 15:00:12

I think, uh, we need to let him go 'cause people are going to be ushering him out.

B - Aug 08, 2025 15:00:17

(laughs)

B - Aug 08, 2025 15:00:18

So we don't want to create any scenes here. But thank you so much.

B - Aug 08, 2025 15:00:25

(claps)

D - Aug 08, 2025 15:00:26

And, and again, I just... I wanna back up with, uh, just a thank you for all of you taking the time. As I said at the outset, especially in our district, it really is a two-way conversation with folks, uh, because it's so big and vast. And I think that these are the types of things that restore people's faith in democracy, that, that they can have a voice, that they can, uh, bring their issues forward. Uh, and I wanna thank Bonnie in particular, and everybody who helped organize this, and give them a big round of applause as well.

B - Aug 08, 2025 15:00:31

(claps)

B - Aug 08, 2025 15:00:34

Thank you.

B - Aug 08, 2025 15:01:00

Awesome. Thank you so much.

B - Aug 08, 2025 15:01:03

(claps)

C - Aug 08, 2025 15:01:04

Okay. So, um, I'm just gonna, wanna wind this up. So I just wanna remind all of you that there are ways that you can, uh, join in with us and support us and be part of our work. Um, there's still s- uh, we are going to have, uh, a raffle drawing. I'm gonna have somebody, um, do the raffle here in a minute. Okay, all right. So, I just have to put our name on here.

B - Aug 08, 2025 15:01:13

(claps) Yeah.

D - Aug 08, 2025 15:01:17

Uh, and, and don't be afraid to reach out to our office, and we'll do these again and again and again. Uh, and so look forward to the next one.

C - Aug 08, 2025 15:01:34

Maybe what we need to do is, um-

B - Aug 08, 2025 15:01:39

I got one in here.

C - Aug 08, 2025 15:01:41

Yeah (laughs) . So, we'll, what we'll do is we will pull a ticket and we'll call the number. And then you can go back to the table and the, uh, conductor can help you. And then you get to pick from, there are a couple of really nice bottles of wine. There is, um, a book by Katie Porter, there's some \$25 gift certificates. So, the first ticket is 4346301.

B - Aug 08, 2025 15:02:06

Say that again?

C - Aug 08, 2025 15:02:08

Anybody?

user - Aug 08, 2025 15:02:08

What was that again? Want me to say it again?

C - Aug 08, 2025 15:02:09

4346301.

B - Aug 08, 2025 15:02:11

01.

B - Aug 08, 2025 15:02:15

No? Just gonna...

C - Aug 08, 2025 15:02:19

You have to be closer next time. Yeah (laughs) . 4346298.

B - Aug 08, 2025 15:02:24

No?

B - Aug 08, 2025 15:02:26

Say that again.

C - Aug 08, 2025 15:02:27

Um, 4346298.

C - Aug 08, 2025 15:02:32

We're gonna take all these back home with us, okay (laughs) . All right, should I just read out the last four numbers?

C - Aug 08, 2025 15:02:37

The last four numbers, 6287.

user - Aug 08, 2025 15:02:38

Yes.

C - Aug 08, 2025 15:02:40

Pick something from the table there.

C - Aug 08, 2025 15:02:44

Okay. 6265.

C - Aug 08, 2025 15:02:50

Anybody?

C - Aug 08, 2025 15:02:55

6257. We did have some people leave, so...

C - Aug 08, 2025 15:02:57

6218.

C - Aug 08, 2025 15:02:58

There's one.

C - Aug 08, 2025 15:03:02

6284.

C - Aug 08, 2025 15:03:06

Six people. 6251.

B - Aug 08, 2025 15:03:41

Okay.

C - Aug 08, 2025 15:03:44

6290.

C - Aug 08, 2025 15:03:48

6277.

C - Aug 08, 2025 15:03:51

Got a bunch of them and then left, you know? Uh, 6261.

C - Aug 08, 2025 15:03:59

6255.

C - Aug 08, 2025 15:04:01

They have been thrown them over here. 6219.

B - Aug 08, 2025 15:04:05

That's fine.

C - Aug 08, 2025 15:04:09

6269.

C - Aug 08, 2025 15:04:12

6216.

B - Aug 08, 2025 15:04:15

There we go.

C - Aug 08, 2025 15:04:15

All right. Okay. Yeah, we got like five present right now. How many, how many do we have? Like five more? I think four more?

C - Aug 08, 2025 15:04:27

Okay. 6300. 6300.

C - Aug 08, 2025 15:04:31

Yay. All right. So that's, that's once away. What, three more?

B - Aug 08, 2025 15:04:31

Oh.

B - Aug 08, 2025 15:04:31

Yeah.

C - Aug 08, 2025 15:04:35

6224.

B - Aug 08, 2025 15:04:38

Okay.

C - Aug 08, 2025 15:04:39

All right. Okay, we're moving along. That's good.

B - Aug 08, 2025 15:04:42

And we have that one. Linda, how many more do we...

C - Aug 08, 2025 15:04:50

Get one person coming?

C - Aug 08, 2025 15:05:41

Two more? Okay. 6233.

C - Aug 08, 2025 15:05:48

6271.

C - Aug 08, 2025 15:05:52

(laughs) That was slightly weird. It's like there's not that many left here. (laughs) Um, 6262.

C - Aug 08, 2025 15:06:01

Really mixing them up.

C - Aug 08, 2025 15:06:03

6266.

C - Aug 08, 2025 15:06:06

Oh, we got one more item?

C - Aug 08, 2025 15:06:10

One left, okay. Here we go. 6223.

B - Aug 08, 2025 15:06:15

(laughs)

B - Aug 08, 2025 15:06:17

There we go.

C - Aug 08, 2025 15:06:18

Okay, that's it. So everybody I want to thank you for coming.

B - Aug 08, 2025 15:06:22

(clapping)

C - Aug 08, 2025 15:06:22

Um, and I just, I just want to say I, this really turned out to be a great event and I'm thrilled that you were all here to be with us today. And um, keep watching for the next event and I hope to see you out there on the streets. (laughs)

B - Aug 08, 2025 15:06:38

Sorry.

user - Aug 08, 2025 15:06:44

Nice seeing you again.

B - Aug 08, 2025 15:06:45

Your, your, your phone recorded that whole thing.

B - Aug 08, 2025 15:06:46

Are you turn- gonna turn it off?

B - Aug 08, 2025 15:06:49

I am.

B - Aug 08, 2025 15:06:50

Yep.

user - Aug 08, 2025 15:06:53

I turn off both ways. You have to turn your microphone off first.