

## Duarte City Council Adopts Ordinance Requiring Organic Waste Recycling to Comply with New State Mandate

On Tuesday, January 11, the Duarte City Council adopted an ordinance updating Duarte's Municipal Code to be in compliance with Senate Bill (SB) 1383, which went into effect on January 1, 2022.

SB 1383 requires cities and counties to provide organic waste collection to all residents and businesses, implement an edible food recovery program that recovers edible food from the waste stream, and adopt an enforcement mechanism or ordinance by January 2022. Organic waste includes food waste such as fruit or vegetable scraps, food soiled paper including coffee filters, and green waste such as weeds or branches. Organic waste in landfills generates methane gas, which contributes significantly to climate

**SENATE BILL 1383  
AND YOUR BUSINESS**

**WHY IS ORGANIC WASTE A PROBLEM?**

- Organic waste in landfills accounts for 20 percent of the methane gas generated in California. The state agency CalRecycle reports that the super-pollutant methane has a short life span, but a long-term impact on the climate. Targeting methane reductions in emissions is an effective mechanism for combating climate change and moving toward a more sustainable future.
- The implementation of the state's organic waste reduction regulations adopted under Senate Bill 1383 (Short Lived Climate Pollutants) is the next critical step to protect our communities and our environment from the impacts of climate change.

**HOW ARE BUSINESSES AFFECTED?**

Under SB 1383, businesses are required to:

- Subscribe to organic waste collection service provided by Burretec.
- Ensure employees, contractors, tenants, and customers have access to an adequate number, size, and location of containers with appropriate labels and container color.
- Provide containers for the collection of all waste streams including trash, food waste and recyclables in all areas where disposal containers are provided for customers, except for restrooms.
- Provide information to new tenants before or within 14 days of occupation of the premises.
- Prohibit employees from placing organic waste in a container not designated to receive organic waste.

**WHAT ARE THE ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS?**

If your business is a supermarket, grocery store, food service provider, distributor, or wholesale food vendor, you are classified as a tier one commercial edible food generator and have additional requirements such as:


- Not intentionally spoil edible food that is capable of being recovered by a food recovery organization or service.
- Arranging via contract with a food recovery organization or service to recover the maximum amount of edible food that would be redistributed for human consumption.

Follow Burretec or visit [Burretec.com](http://Burretec.com) to learn more about:

Information on methods for the prevention of organic waste generation, recycling organic waste on-site, sending organic waste to community composting, and any other local requirements regarding organic waste.

A list of food recovery organizations and food recovery services.

Information on how to minimize the creation of food waste, utilize the food recovery organizations for excess edible food waste, ensure edible food waste is not intentionally spoiled, and document edible food waste contributions to the program.



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change. The goal of SB 1383 is to decrease organic waste disposal by 75% and increase edible food recovery by 20% by 2025. In addition, the regulations meet Assembly Bill (AB) 341 and AB 1826 requirements.

The ordinance was developed with input from the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) and Burretec Waste Services, Duarte's contract waste hauler. Burretec will implement the collection, sorting, monitoring, and compliance of Duarte's organic waste.

Local Duarte businesses generating more than two cubic yards of solid waste per week have been required to establish and maintain commercial organics recycling services per Duarte Municipal Code

as of August 2021, after CalRecycle placed Duarte on an Informal Mandatory Commercial Recycling Compliance Plan that mandated the passage of a City ordinance to require businesses subject to AB 341 and AB 1826 to participate in the state recycling efforts. Duarte residents and multi-family residential complexes are projected to begin this new method of recycling in the summer of 2022.

Burretec and City staff will continue to work collaboratively in education and outreach to the public. Information regarding implementation requirements will be announced through the City website, Duarte City News, social media, and in Burretec

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## The Galley Fish Grill opens their 3rd location in the city of Duarte

*The Galley is serving up fresh seafood made with fresh ingredients. 2/20/2022 Duarte, CA*

A family owned and locally operated restaurant named The Galley Fish Grill has brought its unique menu to Duarte. With a menu that serves more than just seafood, you can be sure to find yourself coming back daily to try everything on the menu. The menu offers items like Fish & Chips, Surf & Turf Fries, and their popular Ensenada Style Fish Tacos just to name a few.

Blue Pacific Restaurants saw an opportunity to open in Duarte when a family member noticed the former Mongolian BBQ restaurant

was empty. Owners, Rigo and Andrea started their company in 2016 with their first location in Apple Valley. They run and operate their Apple Valley and Victorville locations until this day. Their family member Gio and his wife Jennie wanted to be a part of the growing operation and have partnered with them to run their Duarte restaurant.

"All of our recipes are inspired by our love for seafood and from our childhood memories because our mothers always made home cooked meals." says Rigo

Rodriguez.

The company is continuing to grow at a steady pace and has plans to open

a 4th location in Downtown Upland in the summer of 2022.

You can visit The

Galley Fish Grill at:  
1164 E. Huntington Dr.  
Duarte, CA 91010  
626-531-6944



# Duarte Community Coordinating Council Seeking Route 66 Parade Chair for 2023

The Duarte Community Coordinating Council (DCCC) is looking for a volunteer interested in taking on the planning and direction of the Route 66 Parade as the 2023 Parade Chair.

After a three-year hiatus due to restrictions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, DCCC is excited at the prospect of a 2023 Route 66 Parade, celebrating our nation's first all-paved U.S. Highway System connecting the Midwest to California that has become immortalized in literature, music, and film as a symbol of American freedom and independence on the road. The success of a 2023 parade is contingent

upon dedicated volunteers led by the Parade Chair.

Taking place the fourth Saturday in September, the Route 66 Parade follows a one-mile stretch along historic Route 66 (now Huntington Drive) starting at the corner of Cotter Street and ending at Mt. Olive. Some 1,400 entries including antique and classic cars, schools, churches, equestrians, hogs and marching bands take part in the event. High school bands from throughout Southern California also compete for trophies. Trophies are distributed at the City of Duarte Anniversary Picnic celebration that follows the parade at

Royal Oaks Park.

As parade chair, you would need to learn the ropes in:

- Selecting a parade theme
- Soliciting community nominations for grand marshal
- Organizing participant applications
- Setting the parade lineup
- Directing community volunteers who serve as parade committee members
- Directing the staging of the participants on parade at the event

Additionally, the parade chair will partner with the city of Duarte to obtain per-

mits for street closures, work with Duarte Public Safety on traffic and pedestrian safety, and discuss with staff promotional assistance.

The DCCC would like to have a parade chair identified by March 31, 2022. This position could also be filled by two people if there are friends and/or family members that want to apply



itive impact on the community while celebrating the city's rich history!

If you would like to apply or want further information, please fill out the interest form (<https://bit.ly/2023Route66ParadeChair>) and a member of DCCC will contact you.

## Duarte Upgrading Meeting Streaming System

The City of Duarte's current streaming technology is no longer operational. The City is in the process of updating the equipment which could take several months. The public will not be able to stream City Council meetings in real time but will have the option to view the recorded meetings once the video is posted to the City's website ([accessduarte.com](http://accessduarte.com)). It may

take up to two weeks from the date of a meeting for its recording to be posted.

Residents may attend meetings in-person. City Council meetings take place at the City Council Chambers (1600 Huntington Drive) every second and fourth Tuesday at 7 PM. Meeting agendas can be found on the City's website.

Meeting attendees must wear masks indoors to com-

ply with Los Angeles County's health orders.

Exact timing for the technology upgrade is undetermined with updates being posted on Duarte's social media channels including Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

To view upcoming meeting agendas or past meeting recordings, visit the City's website at [accessduarte.com](http://accessduarte.com).



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## Free to Thrive Transforms Lives

Jamie Beck of Free to Thrive has a critical message to share. Human Trafficking is happening all around us. Sex trafficking is the recruit-



Jamie Beck

ment, harboring, transportation, provision, obtaining, patronizing, or soliciting of a person for the purposes of a commercial sex act, in which the commercial sex act is induced by force, fraud, or coercion, or in which the person induced to perform such an act has not attained 18 years of age (22 USC § 7102).

Labor trafficking is the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for labor or services, through the use of force, fraud, or coercion for the purposes of subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, or slavery, (22 USC § 7102).

Too many times, victims are caught up in the legal system and then are unable to move forward with their lives. Over 50% of victims end up homeless. Many of the young victims have been in the Foster Care system. Free to Thrive is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that empowers survivors of human trafficking to be free from exploitation and to thrive by providing them with holistic and trauma-informed, legal and support services in collaboration with service partners, and by

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# Citrus College receives highest level of accreditation reaffirmation

After nearly two years of self-evaluation and preparation, Citrus College has received a vote of full confidence from the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC).

During its Jan. 12/14, 2022, meeting, the commission acted to reaffirm Citrus College's accreditation for seven years, which is the best possible outcome an institution can receive. The decision was made following a review of the college's Institutional Self-Evaluation Report (ISER), evidentiary materials and the Peer Team Report that was developed following a virtual site visit in October 2021.

"Reaffirmation is an outstanding accomplishment that was facilitated by the hard work and diligence of more than 80 members of the campus community who contributed to the self-evaluation process," said Dr. Greg Schulz, superintendent president of Citrus College. "It

was also made possible by those who participated in the virtual site visit and are active

part of this new method, the college's ISER was sent to the members of the visiting

ated that," Sunita "Sunny" Cooke, Ph.D., chair of the ACCJC visiting team, said



in our ongoing planning and governance processes."

Superintendent/President Schulz continued, "This has been a collective effort, and we are very proud of these impressive results."

Citrus College is one of three institutions that are part of a pilot program for the ACCJC's new formative/summative method of accreditation. As

team prior to the virtual site visit. Comprised of peers from other community colleges, the visiting team developed lines of inquiry regarding any items needing further clarification. Citrus College then had the opportunity to address any of these lines of inquiry prior to the visit.

"You all boldly went where others had not yet gone, and we really appreci-

during the virtual site visit in October. "The team was very impressed with the involvement of folks across the college in the planning and work of the college, as well as in the approach to accreditation. It was clear that this was a very inclusive process, and that this is a very inclusive and collaborative campus."

In a letter sent to Citrus College on Jan. 27, the

ACCJC listed no compliance requirements for the college. The commission also commended the college for the "diligent work and thoughtful reflection" it invested into the review process. According to the letter, Citrus College will not need to take any additional action until October 2025, at which time a midterm report will need to be submitted to the ACCJC.

"On behalf of the board of trustees, I extend my most sincere gratitude to all of the members of the college community who devoted time and energy into ensuring that Citrus College was prepared for this important moment," said Mary Ann Lutz, president of the Citrus Community College District Board of Trustees. "Because of these efforts, our students and surrounding communities can be assured that Citrus College's commitment to institutional effectiveness remains strong."



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# Get Ready for the Unexpected With a Disaster Go Bag

*Don't think you need an emergency kit? Think again, say families who needed one.*



*The Rosen family takes time out of their schedule to prepare essential items for their "go bags."*

Flashlights, bottled water, a first aid kit, and ready-to-eat meal packs line the Rosen family's coffee table. The family is not going camping—they are preparing for disaster by putting together a "go bag."

Preparing in advance with a disaster-ready kit has helped families nationwide through extreme and abnormal weather events, which experts warn are on the rise.

Mike and Sydney Rosen are no strangers to the threat of natural disasters. Living in Pasadena, California, they are not only under the constant threat of the "Big One" but wildfires as well. "We have seen friends of ours displaced for up to a week at a time due to the wildfires," Mike Rosen said. "That was a good reminder that we need to be ready."

How do the Rosens stay prepared? "We have used articles published on [jw.org](http://jw.org) as sort of a checklist for our go bag essentials. Then we add things unique to our family that we know we would need for a week or two," Sydney Rossen said. "We all worry about natural disasters, but being prepared gives us a measure of peace of mind."

"Having a personal preparedness plan increases your chances of staying safe," according to a training program from the Columbia University's National Center for Disaster Preparedness.

Jolted awake by a neighbor's urgent knocking, Aaron and Jacqueline Pate were horrified to see the encroaching flames of the fast-moving Woolsey fire that had been miles

away when they went to bed. It burned to within 100 feet of their Westlake Village home in 2018 as part of California's deadliest wildfire season on record.

"Because we had 'go bags,' we weren't running around trying to pack things at the last minute," said Jacqueline. "We had the time we needed to comfort our kids and get everyone safely into the car."

The Pates credited the disaster-preparedness help they received as Jehovah's Witnesses, both through periodic reminders at their congregation meetings and from tips for putting together go bags on the organization's website, [www.jw.org](http://www.jw.org).

"Life is precious, so we encourage all to heed the Bible's advice to take practical steps to protect ourselves from danger," said Robert Hendriks III, spokesman for Jehovah's Witnesses in the United States.

Go bags also have proven useful in the opposite circumstances as "stay bags."

Disaster-preparedness suggestions and tips for putting together a go bag are available from FEMA at [ready.gov](http://ready.gov) and from Jehovah's Witnesses at <https://www.jw.org/en/library/magazines/awake-no5-2017-october/disaster-steps-that-can-save-lives/>.

## Free to Thrive

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increasing access to justice for all survivors.

The Duarte Kiwanis Club heard a very moving presentation from Jamie where she described the holistic approach her organization using to help victims. Free to Thrive is the

only nonprofit law firm exclusively serving human trafficking survivors throughout Southern California. They deliver legal services through innovative community-based legal clinics in partnership with other law firms and service provider partners across the United States.

Free to Thrive has recently opened an office in Pomona to expand their reach into LA County.

If you are interested in joining the Duarte Kiwanis or presenting at a future meeting, please contact Tina Carey at [tinac51@aol.com](mailto:tinac51@aol.com). The club is currently meeting virtually through Zoom.



*Breakfast*

## Duarte Kiwanis Member Serves Tijuana Children

Duarte Kiwanis member, Reyna Diaz made a recent trip to Tijuana to bring food and clothes to some of the children there. The children were thrilled



*New cloths*

children one community at a time. Reyna and all the Duarte Kiwanis Club members are proud to share in that vision through actions.

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with the new shirts. Each Saturday, these children now receive a hot breakfast from the supplies Reyna has brought. Kiwanis International is a global community of clubs, members and partners dedicated to improving the lives of

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## The K12 Foothill Consortium represents Azusa, Charter Oak, Duarte and Monrovia Unified School Districts' Career Technical Education (CTE) pathways and industry stakeholders

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*"Give a Man a Fish, and You Feed Him for a Day. Teach a Man To Fish, and You Feed Him for a Lifetime."*

~ Author Unknown

Career Technical Education embodies this famous quote through hands-on learning. Learning by doing is the most effective methodology within education. We've taken it to the next level by adding an internship component to students' high school expectations.

eager to gain real world experience with local companies. They wish to apply their developing skills within a professional setting. They seek mentorship and an inside track towards their career goals. Since the inception of this program students discover their calling while contributing in a meaningful way to the local economy. This mutually beneficial relationship is

### Positive Impact

- Interns become ambassadors for your organization
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- Intern hosts support the community while developing youth & local talent
- Many interns are offered employment by their host organization!

Dominique Blanco  
Monrovia High School Class of 2021

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The K12 Foothill Consortium's Summer Internship Program is moving into its third summer with the help of the San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership. We are seeking companies and organizations interested in hiring our students and/or hosting them as an intern. Consortium students stand out by having knowledge and know-how in the following industries:

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Business Technology  
Computer Science  
Digital Studies  
Engineering  
Entrepreneurship  
Medical  
Photography  
Robotics  
Sports Medicine  
Video and Film Production  
Consortium students are

essential to the workforce pipeline and general satisfaction in life.

During the academic year our 11th and 12th graders across the Consortium create resumes and practice their interview skills. We could not do this without the dedicated volunteers spanning all walks of life and professional experience.

All intern and employment candidates receive a pre-internship/employment training which includes professional communication, sexual harassment awareness and a basic understanding of workplace expectations (aka soft skills). All students will be ready for interviews (and offers) by the end of April. Students can start their experience in

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## Amid Spike in Gun Homicides, Lawmakers Introduce Bill to Strengthen Gun Violence Prevention Efforts

### *Against the Backdrop of a Dramatic Increase in Gun-Related Homicides, Legislation Would Leverage Federal Funds to Expand Hospital-Based Violence Intervention Services*

Earlier this week, Assemblymember Jesse Gabriel (D-Woodland Hills) introduced legislation that would dramatically expand funding for life-saving gun violence prevention efforts. If enacted, Assembly Bill (AB) 1929 would provide Medi-Cal reimbursement for Hospital-Based Violence Intervention Programs (HVIPs) that work to curb retaliation and reduce the risks of further violence.

"Gun violence is an urgent public health crisis that has brought trauma, injury, and death to far too many Californians," said Assemblymember Jesse Gabriel. "Like the current pandemic, this public health crisis demands that we take action to protect those most at risk. AB 1929 will allow California to expand Hospital-Based Violence Intervention Programs, which have proven effective at reducing violence and saving lives. I look forward to working with my co-authors to move this important bill through the Legislature."

The COVID-19 pandemic has intensified the country's gun violence crisis. Record increases in gun sales, homebound children, social isolation, and economic struggles due to COVID-19 have put many people at increased risk for gun violence. 2020 was one of the deadliest years on record for the United States, with gun homicides and non-suicide-related shootings taking approximately 19,300 lives—a 25 percent increase from 2019. Early data on 2021

shows it to be on pace as the worst year for gun violence in decades, surpassing even the high levels of 2020.

In urban areas of the United States, studies have shown that up to 41% of patients treated for violent injuries, such as shootings, are re-injured within five years. One survey of victims of violence at a five-year follow-up found that 20 percent of patients treated for violent injury had died. This "revolving door" phenomenon is well-documented in the medical literature and a recent systematic review of 19 studies on violent reinjury rates has confirmed its prevalence. Moreover, being the victim of violence significantly increases a person's likelihood of engaging in violent behaviors against others, often as retaliation for the initial injury.

In response to these alarming trends, Hospital-Based Violence Intervention Programs (HVIPs) have been identified as one of the most innovative and effective strategies for reducing rates of violent injury recidivism. These programs—which now number over 40 across the country—bring targeted, community-based prevention specialists into the hospital setting to counsel and work with the patient and reduce the risks of violent re-injury.

Integrating HVIP services into hospital trauma centers corresponds with large reductions in rates of injury recidivism and long-term increases in patients' wellbeing. In San Francisco, a study of the

Wrap-Around Project found that over a 10-year period, the 466 clients enrolled in the program experienced a 50 percent reduction in the historical re-injury rate.

"Our healthcare systems have saved countless lives from gun violence, but while emergency physicians can treat a bullet wound, we have a difficult time addressing a patient's risk of re-injury and retaliation. After treatment, at-risk patients are often discharged right back into the same conditions that led to their violent victimization in the first place. This creates a revolving door of injury between the community and our emergency departments," said Dr. Lori Winston, President of The California Chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians. "Fortunately, HVIPs have proven to address the root causes of violence and stop that revolving door. AB 1929 ensures that we provide much-needed healthcare to people and communities at risk of violent injury."

AB 1929 is expected to be heard in Assembly policy committees in the coming weeks. The bill is jointly authored with Assemblymember Mike Gipson (D-Carson) and Senator Anthony Portantino (D-La Cañada Flintridge) and Assemblymember Buffy Wicks (D-Oakland) as coauthors.

Jesse Gabriel proudly represents the West San Fernando Valley in the California State Legislature.



# Rotary Reflections 2021-22

BY LYDIA CARSWELL

As we complete the first half of this Rotary year, under the direction of President Tina Heany, we are filled with gratitude. Rotary International's theme for this year is "Serve to Change Lives" and since July of 2021 have worked hard to fulfill this goal.

contributed money and supplies for our members to bring to needy families in El Salvador and Guatemala.

In early September two of our Rotary members and their families joined one Duarte Kiwanian and her family in an International Project to El Salvador and Guatemala. This was a life-changing experience not only for our members, but

ing in the City's Halloween Drive-Thru for our children and families in the city.

Traditionally, we have hosted our City's Seniors for a sit down Thanksgiving breakfast in mid-November, but for the second year in a row, we had a Drive-Thru Breakfast. In partnership with various organizations: Elks (prepared the breakfast), Duarte



The second year of the worldwide pandemic finds us continuing to join community partners to serve our community. Though it

for their families' children who accompanied them on the trip. In mid-September we hosted the Hawaiian Shave Ice booth at the

Woman's Club (provided cookies for the food box), CERT, City Emergency Response Team, (traffic control), Duarte Senior



certainly has not been "business as usual", we have looked at ways for us to reinvent ourselves in giving service. Let's look back at some of those accomplishments!

In August, our Club raised funds and collected donations, art supplies, and suitcases to transport supplies for our international project. Community members and Club members

Annual City Picnic.

In October Rotarians joined forces with the City's DART (Duarte Area Resource Team) in an Encanto Park Clean-up. Burrtec provided trash collection boxes for the event, and Rotary members contributed food and supplies for a barbeque celebration at the completion of the project. We wrapped up October with by participat-

Center (provided Santa and candy treats) and our Rotary Club (helped box the food, distribute the food, and paid for the breakfasts), we were able to have a lovely event for our seniors in the community.

In lieu of our long standing "Breakfast with Santa" that we have hosted for over thirty years, we partnered with the City of Duarte in their Christmas



Tree Lighting held in the patio in front of City Hall. Rotary provided hot chocolate for community members, and we gave away books to children in attendance. Our president-elect Margaret Finlay spearheaded this even and the chocolate was delicious! Families appreciated the variety of books for children of all ages that were given away.

In January and February we joined forces with approximately 100 Rotary Clubs in District 5300 and District 5330 in a food drive to help local food banks in their respective communities. Duarte Rotary joined

with Area 4 Clubs, Arcadia, Monrovia, and Sierra Madre Rotary Clubs to benefit Foothill Unity Center for a February 14th presentation of food and monetary donations to help the needy in our area.

We look forward to continuing our planned projects as the number of Covid cases decrease in our city and county. Thank you to our community members, other service organizations, and our City, who have contributed to help all our worthy causes! We appreciate YOU! Together we all can "Serve to Change Lives"!





## Amid Worsening Housing Crisis, California Legislators Seek to Combat Imminent Loss of Affordable Housing

*Innovative New Tax Credit Would Help to Preserve 25,000 Units of Affordable Housing Over the Next Five Years*

Assemblymember Jesse Gabriel (D-Woodland Hills) introduced Assembly Bill (AB) 1911, which would create a new tax credit program to preserve at least 25,000 units of affordable housing that are at risk of converting to market-rate rents over the next five years.

Housing hardships are reaching unprecedented heights during the COVID-19 pandemic. An estimated 13.2 million adults living in rental housing—nearly 1 in 5 adult renters—are behind on rent payments due to the pandemic, with renters of color facing the worst hardships. There is a clear urgency to address rising housing costs and plummeting wages through decisive measures that preserve low-cost housing.

“In the midst of our crises, California cannot allow tens of thousands of affordable units to disappear overnight,” stated Assemblymember Jesse Gabriel. “COVID-19 has only further exacerbated housing instability and our homelessness crisis. Even as we work to increase our affordable housing stock, it is essential that we preserve existing units. A smart front-end investment by the state will help keep tens of thousands of vulnerable Californians housed, all at a small fraction of the cost that otherwise would be required to build new units from scratch.”

According to the California Housing Partnership, over 31,000 subsidized affordable rental units in California are at risk of converting to market-rate units as state and federal subsidies and deed restrictions expire over the next ten years. This figure represents a significant portion of the state’s subsidized affordable housing stock, and includes properties financed or assisted by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the Low-Incoming Housing Tax Credit, which is administered by the California Tax Credit Allocation Committee. Between 1997 and 2019, California lost 15,004 affordable rental homes as subsidies and affordability restrictions expired.

AB 1191 would incentivize owners of affordable housing who are eligible to convert the homes to market-rate rents when current subsidies or deed restrictions expire to sell to organizations committed to maintaining long-term affordability. This legislation would enable California to preserve roughly 25,000 affordable units over the next five years, at the cost of approximately \$20,000 per unit.

California Housing Partnership President Matt Schwartz stated, “The Affordable Housing Preservation Tax Credit provides a creative and innovative tool that will significantly slow the loss of existing affordable housing in California and make it possible for thousands of lower-income households to remain in their homes and avoid displacement.”

AB 1911 is coauthored by a bipartisan group of legislators and is expected to be heard in Assembly committees in the coming weeks.

*Jesse Gabriel proudly represents the west San Fernando Valley in the California State Legislature.*

## Senator Portantino Introduces Enrollment-Based Funding Bill for K-12 Schools

Senator Anthony J. Portantino (D – La Cañada Flintridge) was joined by educational leaders during a press conference this morning to announce Senate Bill 830, a measure that will determine supplemental funding for K-12 schools based on the daily average student enrollment numbers. Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) Board of Education President Kelly Gonez and California School Employees Association (CSEA) President Matthew “Shane” Dishman joined the Senator in support of SB 830. LAUSD and CSEA are sponsoring the bill. The list of education organizations in support of the bill is expecting to increase.

“With the state anticipating a \$31 billion dollar surplus, it is critical that increasing K-12 education funding be front and center in those discussions. We are currently using an outdated system that only considers student attendance. Now is the perfect time to implement structural reforms that will benefit every school district in California,” stated Senator Portantino. “The pandemic will have long-lasting impacts on student achievement and mental health. It is important more than ever that we ensure students are in school and are receiving the support they need to learn and thrive. SB 830 aims to achieve this goal.”

California is one of only six states that does not consider student enrollment figures for determining state aid to school districts. Districts plan their budgets and expend funds based on the number of students enrolled but receive funds based on their average daily attendance. For example, if a school district enrolls one hundred students but their attendance rate is 95%, the school district must still prepare as if one hundred students will attend class every day but only receive

funding for ninety-five students.

SB 830 remedies this inequity and would define

tional funding, SB 830 would require the local educational agency to report the average daily enrollment for



“average daily membership” as the amount of the aggregate enrollment days for all pupils in a school district or county office of education, from transitional kindergarten to grade 12, divided by the total number of instructional days for the local educational agency in an academic year.

“When students are facing trauma, economic uncertainty, or dangerous routes to school, the simple act of showing up to class isn’t so simple,” stated LAUSD Board of Education President Kelly Gonez. “The proposed legislation would provide more equitable funding so school districts like L.A. Unified can meet students’ needs and address the root causes of absenteeism. We need these critical resources to ensure all students receive support to be in class and learning every day.”

SB 830 would require a local educational agency to receive the difference between what they would have received under the local control funding formula (LCFF) based on average daily enrollment and what they received under the local control funding formula based on average daily attendance for that fiscal year.

In order for a local educational agency to be eligible for supplemental educa-

the prior academic year to the State Superintendent on July 1 and to demonstrate a maintenance of effort to address chronic absenteeism and habitual truancy. SB 830 would also require local educational agencies to use at least 50% of their supplemental education funding to supplement existing local educational agency expenditures to address chronic absenteeism and habitual truancy.

“Our current attendance-based funding system takes resources away from schools in lower-income communities because they experience higher rates of absenteeism,” stated California School Employees Association President Matthew “Shane” Dishman. “Our members, including instructional assistants and attendance clerks, know that student absences actually cost money and demand additional resources to track down absent students and prepare make-up assignments. The truth is, attendance-based funding punishes students in schools that most need the state’s financial support. That is why CSEA is co-sponsoring this bill to move to enrollment-based funding so that California schools will be funded equitably and have greater financial stability and predictability.”



# Senator Portantino Introduces Comprehensive Campus Safety Plan to Protect California Students from Tragic Gun Violence

State Senator Anthony J. Portantino (D – La Cañada Flintridge) introduced Senate Bill 906, a bill that prioritizes student safety by increasing available information on gun access and safe at-home storage of firearms while ensuring quick and robust investigations of imminent school threats.

Since 1970, the United States has had 1,316 school shootings with 164 occurring in California. As experienced in Michigan, these shootings are too often fatal.

As the author of California's safe storage of firearms legislation, Senator Portantino is following up that effort with a comprehensive school safety plan, which includes monitoring access to weapons and a strong and prudent mandate to follow through on threats.

"With common sense proactive measures, we can prepare educators and parents to identify red flags and ultimately prevent tragedies," stated Senator Anthony Portantino. "In many cases of a school shootings there were warning signs. Recent events in Michigan show that there sometimes is hesitancy in acting on them, which could lead to tragic results. It is my hope to take the politics and hesitancy out of the equation and give school districts the mandate they need to investigate and act

on discernable threats. Knowing and understanding the signs of potential gun violence can help prevent it. Making information available to schools will help them assess threats and educating parents on the importance of safe storage will make homes safer, too."

SB 906 would:

- Require the State Department of Education, in consultation with the Department of Justice, to develop model content for public or charter schools on a threat or perceived threat of a mass shooting incident;

- Upon registering a student for a public or charter school, parents or guardians will be required to disclose whether any firearms are located at the home of the student and details on ownership, storage, and accessibility of those firearms as it relates to the student.

- Upon becoming aware of a credible violent threat, schools must immediately report that threat to the law enforcement authorities, and school leaders, in consultation with law enforcement, must search a student's on campus property for the presence of firearms.

- Schools are required to include information related to the safe storage of firearms in the annual notification provided to the parents or guardians.

"When in approximately 68% of school shootings the

firearm was taken from the student's home, friend, or relative, California needs to move the needle and take prudent public safety steps to address this problem. When we know that in 93% of those incidents the attack was planned in advance and in many instances threatening or concerning communications prior to the attack elicit concern from parents, friends, and educators, we must move from threat assessment to protective action without hesitation," concluded Portantino.

Senator Portantino has a long history of advocating for smart and sensible solutions to our nation's tragic history of gun violence. During his time in the Assembly, the Senator successfully banned the open carry of handguns and rifles in California and as Senator, he raised the general gun purchase age in California to twenty-one. In 2019, Governor Newsom also signed Senator Portantino's SB 172. The bill enacted a slate of significant provisions related to firearms storage by broadening criminal storage offenses to those offenses that can trigger a 10-year firearm ban, and creating an exemption to firearm loan requirements for the purposes of preventing suicide. The same year, SB 376 was signed into law, which reduces the number of firearms an unlicensed individual is annually able to sell and the frequency with which they are able to sell. In 2021, Senate Bill 715 was signed into law, which enacts important gun purchase safeguards. SB 906 continues the Senator's legacy as one of California's most ardent gun reform advocates.



What You Need To Know About

## EDIBLE FOOD RECOVERY/ DONATION REQUIREMENTS

To address food insecurity and to reduce unnecessary food waste, California Senate Bill (SB) 1383 requires that by 2025, California will recover at least 20% of edible food that would have otherwise been sent to landfills. Penalties will be imposed for violations of the requirements.

Who Must Comply and By When?

The law will be phased in, depending on the type of business, over the next two years. The first tier of large edible food generators is required to recover edible food for donation starting in January 2022. The second tier of large edible food generators is required to recover and donate starting in January 2024.

Mandated food donors can help their communities now by starting to work with local food banks, food pantries and other food recovery services. Through the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments, businesses in each tier have access to technical assistance services for help in setting up a program.

### How Do I Comply?

1. Establish contracts or written agreements with food recovery organizations for edible food donation.
2. Maintain records of all food donation activities by using apps such as CARET to help.
3. Donate all edible food that would otherwise be disposed. Preventing food loss before it happens is the safest, easiest and the most cost-effective method to minimize waste.



### We Can Help You!

To learn more about SB 1383 and request no-cost technical assistance, to find downloadable food recovery agreements, food donation forms, educational signage, and information about upcoming inspection visits, and to get more information on the impact of the requirements on your business, please visit [sgvocog.org/regional-food-recovery-program](https://www.sgvocog.org/regional-food-recovery-program)

Businesses located in Alhambra, Azusa, Covina, Duarte, Glendora, Inverdale, La Cañada Flintridge, Monrovia, Monterey Park, Pomona, San Marino, South Pasadena, Temple City, and Walnut are eligible to receive no-cost technical assistance.



## Organic Waste Recycling

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Additionally, the City is currently participating in the San Gabriel Valley Council of Government's Regional Food Recovery program (<https://www.sgvocog.org/regional-food-recovery-program>) and the City's Purchasing Policy is under review for compliance with SB 1383.

Businesses can contact Burrtec for a free waste assessment or to sign up for services, by calling 1-800-325-9417 or visit [burrtec.com](https://burrtec.com).

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# Senator Anthony Portantino Introduces Bill to Support Student Wellness

State Senator Anthony J. Portantino (D – La Cañada Flintridge) introduced Senate Bill 1302, a measure that will provide grants to high schools to establish or improve wellness and mental health support centers on campus.

“Supporting our student’s mental health and wellness in our schools is critical, especially during the post-pandemic era,” stated Senator Portantino. “Teachers and administrators are overwhelmed and students need access to mental health resources now more than ever. SB 1302 addresses this issue and is necessary for the long-term wellbeing and academic success of our students.”

Reports suggest that a majority of students are not currently receiving the care they need. More than 75% of principals stated that the emotional and mental health needs of students were a problem, and two-thirds of teachers said they were unequipped to deal with their students’ mental health. A 2020 report by the California Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission found that one

in three high school students reported feeling chronically sad and hopeless, with the number rising to more than half for LGBT students. One in six high school students reported having considered suicide in the past year, and one in three LGBT students.

SB 1302 would appropriate \$1B to the Superintendent of Public Instruction to provide annual grants of up to \$250,000 each to high schools to establish or improve student wellness centers. The bill would require grant funds to provide comprehensive medical and behavioral health services, including activities that will help students to be healthy in body, mind, and spirit in order to learn successfully. SB 1302 would authorize grant funds to be used for personnel to support pupil health. Finally, SB 1302 would require the State Department of Education to identify criteria for the evaluation of applicants and the awarding of grants.

“The time is now to invest in our student’s wellbeing. We have a historic budget surplus and if we can’t utilize it to meet our students’ needs, I’m deter-

mined to find a funding source that will accomplish this needed support,” con-

cluded Portantino. Senator Portantino has long been advocating for policies that improve mental health outcomes for youth. Last year, he authored SB 14 and SB 224, which address the growing

mental health crisis among California’s youth by implementing mental health education cards. Additionally, the Senator dedicated three years to pass SB 328, which



cluded Portantino.

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education and training in schools. Governor Newsom signed both measures into law. The Senator also previously authored SB 972, a measure that required schools to print the suicide hotline on student identi-

pushes back school start times for middle and high schools.

## Foothill Consortium

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early June.

Join the list of savvy organizations benefitting from this impactful program:

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City of Hope and the Irell and Manella Graduate School at City of Hope  
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**March** - Monthly Networking Breakfast (first Wednesday of every month) Speaker Dr. Gordon Amerson

**April** - Monthly Networking Breakfast (first Wednesday of every month) Speaker to be announced

**May** - Monthly Networking Breakfast (first Wednesday of every month) Speaker to be announced

**June** - Monthly Networking Breakfast (first Wednesday of every month) Speaker to be announced

Installation Dinner – Location – Westminster Gardens - Date -June 25, 2022

**July** - Monthly Networking Breakfast (first Wednesday of every month) Speaker to be announced

**August** - Monthly Networking Breakfast (first Wednesday of every month) Speaker to be announced

**September** - Monthly Networking Breakfast (first Wednesday of every month) Speaker to be announced

**October** - Monthly Networking Breakfast (first Wednesday of every month) Speaker to be announced

Women's Business Expo- Date – October 2022 Location – DoubleTree Hotel

**November** - Monthly Networking Breakfast (first Wednesday of every month) Speaker to be announced

**December** - Monthly Networking Breakfast (first Wednesday of every month) Speaker to be announced

Pop-up Holiday Boutique - December 1, 2022

Chamber Champion Christmas Trees Contest December 1-15, 2022