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**BRINGING HOMEGROWN LEADERSHIP
TO WASHINGTON AND BACK**

California has long been a beacon of hope and real opportunity. With so much gridlock in Washington, in recent years, many have looked to the Golden State to serve as a model for how to enhance peoples' quality of life and give working families a chance to achieve the American Dream.

I'm proud to have been part of this incredible period in California's history. From helping to lead California's economic recovery to restoring devastating cuts to our education system, reconstructing our healthcare system through the creation of California Covered and from enacting tough gun safety laws to forward-thinking environmental policies, California has led the way.

Throughout my time in the California State Legislature, we made significant progress on improving the diverse communities all across our state.

We led the charge on environmental reform with SB 350 which revolutionized greenhouse gas reduction and took a stand to drastically reduce our carbon footprint. We tackled immigration reform when the nation failed to address it by creating a drivers' license program for immigrants as well as providing health care to undocumented children. We addressed income inequality by raising the minimum wage and enacting laws that seek to end pay discrimination through equal pay for equal work for women and minorities.

Unfortunately, Washington has recently shown that it's incapable of following California's lead. Consumed by stalemates and brinkmanship, Congress has lost the trust of the American people. That is why I am running to represent California's 44th Congressional District. I want to bring my local and state experience and skills to Washington so that I can work to break through the gridlock and get things done. I'll do it the same way I've worked with those of different backgrounds throughout my career—by finding middle ground and building consensus around common sense policies.

Even with more compromise, I know that until the Democrats win back the House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate, political deadlocks will remain around progressive causes that we hold near and dear. Nonetheless, where deals can be made, I believe that Democrats and Republicans ought to work together. Where they can't, I've developed a plan to create change right here at home in the 44th Congressional District to get things done for the people I hope to represent.

Thank you,
Isadore Hall III
State Senator
California's 35th District



KEEPING LOCAL NEIGHBORHOOD SAFE



The brave men and women in uniform who risk their lives every day to protect our local neighborhoods need a partner in Congress who will put public safety first. As an L.A. County Reserve Deputy Sheriff, I know firsthand what it's like to put on a uniform, jump in a squad car, and combat crime on our streets. I understand the struggles these officers go through on a regular basis. That's why local police, sheriffs, and firefighters have endorsed my campaign to represent California's 44th Congressional District.

The 44th Congressional District is one of the poorest and most economically disadvantaged regions in California. Unfortunately, there has been a rise in crime and an increase in gun violence in our communities.

WHAT I'VE DONE IN CALIFORNIA TO ENHANCE PUBLIC SAFETY:

In the State Legislature, I have worked tirelessly to increase funding for public safety and tackle the tragic issue of gun violence, and I will continue to do so, until streets across America are safer.

As State Senator, I recently authored the landmark gun legislation, SB 880, which seeks to close what has become known as the "bullet button" loophole. It adds semi-automatic rifles with detachable magazines to the list of assault weapons banned in California. My bill:

- 1) **"Revises the definition of "assault weapon" to mean a semiautomatic centerfire rifle, or a semiautomatic pistol that does not have a fixed magazine but has any one of those specified attributes.** The bill would also define "fixed magazine" to mean an ammunition feeding device contained in, or permanently attached to, a firearm in such a manner that the device cannot be removed without disassembly of the firearm action."
- 2) **"Requires that any person who, within this state, possesses an assault weapon, except as otherwise provided, be punished as a felony or for a period not to exceed one year in a county jail."**

This bill aims to revolutionize neighborhood safety, reduce gun violence, and prevent more massacres. In a perfect world, I would expand on these kinds of successes in the State Legislature to bring about similar change nationwide. Unfortunately, such a comprehensive reform is an uphill battle in the gridlock plagued Congress. The partisan bickering creates an ideological stalemate that ultimately prevents progress and will continue to do so, until Democrats win back the House and the Senate. In the mean time, I'll work to build consensus and find common ground on gun safety.

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WHAT I'LL DO IN CONGRESS TO ENHANCE PUBLIC SAFETY:

What I'll do at the national level:

Gun safety laws are highly contentious and have become an increasingly partisan issue. Given the current dynamic, I am going to dedicate much of my time to finding middle ground around common sense policies and working with moderates to enhance these laws.

In Congress, I will work to institute gun safety measures that both Democrats and Republicans can agree on such as:

- 1) **Creating more thorough background checks.** It's common sense: we need to increase access to criminal and mental health records and ensure that our system takes these records into account when issuing gun permits. People who are dangerously mentally ill should not be allowed to purchase firearms.
- 2) **Closing the gun show loophole.** We need to make sure that all gun sales require a background check which includes gun shows and private sales. This would utilize our current system to ensure that firearms are in the hands of responsible gun owners, not criminals or the mentally ill.

What I'll do at the local level:

In my capacity as a Congressman for our community, I will use my role as a local leader to bring Congress home to address our public safety needs.

To improve relations between local law enforcement and the community, I plan to expand on Congresswoman Janice Hahn's Watts Gang Task Force (WGTF) that was created during her time on the Los Angeles City Council. In a time when crime was running rampant and violence terrorized our streets, Janice Hahn brought community stakeholders together with police to address the root of the problem. It was the beginning of a community based policing approach to combatting crime that helped build relationships with the community and focused on collaborative efforts to curb violence. It brought together all types of members of the community from police chiefs and elected officials to clergy and reformed gang members in order to place an emphasis on keeping the peace and ending the violence.

In Congress, I will institute regional task forces similar to the Watts Gang Task Force throughout the 44th district and host them regularly in different corners of the region. Doing this will increase the dialogue between law enforcement and the community to both enhance neighborhood safety and decrease police brutality.



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CREATING MORE GOOD JOBS & STRENGTHENING OUR ECONOMY



Combined, the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach represent the largest regional ports in the U.S. Together they receive over 40% of the imports that come to our nation. As the cornerstone of Los Angeles County's local economy, these ports create thousands of good paying jobs and they connect local small businesses with international trade networks so that they can export American goods abroad. I understand how vital these ports are to the long-term competitiveness and economic success of our community. In Congress, I will continue to build on the successes of Congresswoman Janice Hahn in raising awareness of the importance of the Port of Los Angeles, the Port of Long Beach, and ports across America to ensure our long-term dominance in the global trade economy.

WHAT I'VE DONE TO STIMULATE ECONOMIC GROWTH:

In the Legislature, I authored SB 63 which provides funding for port infrastructure including enhancing the Port of Los Angeles. This prioritizes infrastructure that adds to the viability and success of the Port of Los Angeles because when the port prospers, our communities thrive. This bill invests in green infrastructure to mitigate negative environmental impacts on vulnerable neighboring communities while working to reduce California's carbon footprint. By investing in green technology, we'll create jobs, reduce pollution, improve air and water quality, and preserve our environment.

WHAT I'LL DO TO STIMULATE ECONOMIC GROWTH:

What I'll do at the national level:

I'm dedicated to expanding my work with harbor infrastructure and protecting our ports' viability. My first act in Congress will be to join the bipartisan PORTS Caucus co-founded by incumbent Congresswoman Janice Hahn. This coalition of Democrats and Republicans strives to promote fair trade, grow American businesses, and stimulate our national economy. I'm confident that together, with the other Caucus members, we can create more good jobs and help small businesses thrive.

In Congress, I'll also enlist bipartisan support in pushing for the following reforms:

- 1) **Increase cargo screening** at the ports to prevent terrorism
- 2) **Secure more investments for port infrastructure** to modernize our ports and keep them competitive
- 3) **Connect small businesses to international trade networks** associated with America's ports
- 4) **Work with all local and national Chambers of Commerce** to connect them and their members to the ports

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What I'll do at the local level:

1) **Hosting career days in my district office.**

Our communities deserve more good-paying, high quality, skilled jobs. As the next Congress member for the 44th District, I will work with hardworking families and local businesses to bring the jobs back to the district. One way to connect the unemployed or those seeking work with jobs is to host career days. As Senator and previously as an Assemblymember, I've had tremendous success with such efforts. These events will connect local businesses that need workers with job seekers in the district. It'll not only help reduce unemployment locally, but give local businesses the support they need to grow and succeed.

2) It's unacceptable that so many of our brave men and women who have served in the armed forces come home and can't find a good paying job. **In Congress, I'll work to create a zero unemployment rate for our returning veterans.** Specifically in the 44th District, I will strive to build coalitions with local businesses, the ports, our Community Colleges, and local leaders to expand job opportunities to our veterans. By increasing career training programs and encouraging local hire, we can ensure that veterans can rise to the middle class and realize the American Dream.



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INCREASING ACCESS TO A WORLD-CLASS EDUCATION SYSTEM



A product of our local public schools, I know first-hand the importance of providing our children with a world class education. That is why I proudly served on the Compton School Board. I strongly believe that all children deserve access to the knowledge and tools necessary to secure a good education that will help them land a middle class job. I'm running for Congress to do just that and will work in Washington to provide children from all economic, social, and cultural backgrounds the opportunity to succeed.

WHAT I'VE DONE TO STRENGTHEN EDUCATION:

In the wake of the Great Recession, as a state lawmaker, I was proud to have been part of our state's comeback efforts. We worked to restore much needed funding to our public education system from early education and K-12 to colleges and universities. In doing so, we were able to reduce classroom sizes so that students could receive the individual attention they deserved. We also increased our schools' ability to incorporate the use of cutting edge technology so that students have the ability to learn from the tools of the future, and more.

WHAT I'LL DO TO STRENGTHEN EDUCATION:

What I'll do at the national level:

While I support increasing federal investments in local neighborhood schools and ensuring public schools are getting the federal resources they need, I recognize that political gridlock in Washington may prevent any meaningful changes in this area. That's why I believe we need to find ways to generate funds locally. In Congress I will:

- 1) **Work to pass local bonds and matching funds to provide public schools with the funding they need.** This will shrink classroom sizes, enable officials to hire and retain high quality teachers, and equip schools with new technology.

It is also time that leaders in Washington pass comprehensive reforms to lighten the burden of higher education on students of all backgrounds. The student debt phenomenon is a crisis that has crippled hundreds of thousands of students across America. It has drowned students in debilitating debt and prevented them from reaching the middle class and achieving the American Dream. In Congress, I will work with my colleagues from both sides of the aisle to address student loan debt by:

- 1) **Allowing students to renegotiate the interest rates on their student loans.** I believe that big Wall Street banks shouldn't get better interest rates than America's students. Instead, we ought to level the playing field and give students the opportunity to refinance loans when interest rates drop to lower levels in the same way that banks already do.

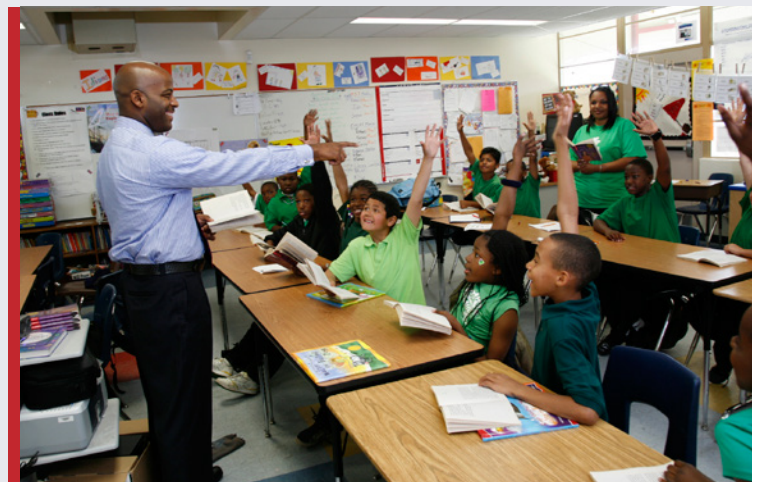
What I'll do at the local level:

As a state lawmaker, I supported the Compton Community College Bond. By helping to pass this critical measure, we were able to increase funding for an improved learning environment for students by updating technology for classrooms and bringing on more high quality teachers in order to provide students with the best education possible. I believe that we need to replicate this approach across the district to generate funds locally so that we can improve our regional education system.

In Congress, I will continue to be an active campaigner for these kinds of local bonds, working to build coalitions with local and state leaders and amass community support so that we have the funds to invest in local schools and our children's future.

As the Representative for California's 44th Congressional District, I will play an active role in expanding access to higher education for the brave men and women of our Armed Forces. Far too often, veterans return home from their service abroad and struggle to find work. That is why in Congress, I will work with local veterans to get them the training they need to find jobs and become productive members of the workforce. I will expand on the G.I. Bill to increase the percentage of federal aid for education. I will support federal stipends for books and other educational expenses to ensure that there are limited barriers to obtaining a college degree.

The federal funding is there, we just need to get veterans engaged and signed up. Because we already have the funding in place, encouraging our veterans to participate in these programs is a bipartisan issue and can garner support and enthusiasm from both Democrats and Republicans.



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IMPROVING ACCESS AND AFFORDABILITY OF HEALTH CARE



I believe that access to affordable, flexible, quality health care is a basic human right and should be treated as such. That means working to increase access and making health care more affordable. While the Affordable Care Act and Covered California have drastically improved access to health care in California and across America, there is still more work to be done. We need to expand access to the middle class and ensure that insurance rates don't skyrocket.

Too many people, particularly children in the 44th Congressional District, and across the U.S. do not have access to basic health care services. Children are living in the midst of food deserts and hard working families do not receive the preventative care they need. We need to give children the tools and resources they need to make healthy choices as well as increase medical care coverage to prevent serious illness before they arise.

WHAT I'VE DONE TO INCREASE ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE:

As a state lawmaker, I was a leader in budget negotiations to both restore Denti-Cal and implement the Affordable Care Act to ensure millions of children had access to health care. We fought for and won numerous gains for everyday Californians, including:

- 1) **Expanded access** to health care to over 3 million Californians
- 2) **Simplified enrollment, eligibility, and retention** so that families can more easily register for and stay on the health care program of their choice
- 3) **Expanded Medi-Cal** to over 1/3 of California's population
- 4) **Reinstated dental care for adults and children** for basic restorative and preventative care which was denied during the recession

WHAT I'LL DO TO INCREASE ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE:

What I'll do on a national-level

Partisan squabbling has halted the progress of expanding access to health care. Instead of the incessant attempts to repeal the Affordable Care Act, I firmly believe that Congress needs to work together to improve access to health care in a sustainable, cost-effective way that both Democrats and Republicans can live with. That is why I am going to work to adopt the following reforms:

- 1) **Crack down on Medicare fraud.** Far too often, fraudulent insurance companies file false claims in order to steal Medicare funds from the government. It is time we crack down on these practices and prosecute these criminals who steal taxpayer money and deplete Medicare funds. This will not only cut wasteful spending and save precious taxpayer dollars, it will also improve access and quality of care.
- 2) **Institute tort reform.** Both Democrats and Republicans want to promote patient safety by ensuring that medical malpractice suits do not get out of hand and dictate access, quality, and cost of health care. By instituting tort reform, we are ensuring that resources go toward patient care—not the court room—and that doctors are more forthcoming regarding minor errors to prevent them from becoming major mistakes.

What I will do locally

In Congress, I will continue to address the health needs of my community. Covered California has provided health services to vulnerable communities across California and has taken strides towards eliminating the number of individuals and families without health coverage. The resources are there but the program is complex and difficult to apply for. That is why in Congress, I will continue to host Covered California enrollment events throughout the district to help families enroll in health care. I will host these events twice a month at my district office during the enrollment period from November through February. I will also create a prototype so that Members of Congress across the US can do the same for their communities. The Affordable Care Act has the potential to increase the quality of life for children and families across America. We have the resources, people just need to be guided through the process.



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Homelessness is an epidemic that is spreading across the nation and has long been an issue in California - especially in Los Angeles and the 44th District. It is time that the U.S. take real steps to find suitable homes for those living on the streets. Too many women, children, veterans, and mentally-ill individuals are suffering from chronic homelessness and we must make tackling this issue a priority.

WHAT I'VE DONE TO ALLEVIATE HOMELESSNESS:

In the Legislature, I worked to increase funding for programs that offer permanent supportive housing, more affordable housing, food, storage for personal items, healthcare and treatments for the mentally ill, as well as workforce development and job training for the unemployed.

I have recently been working in conjunction with Senate Pro Tem Kevin de Leon and other members of the Legislature on a bill that directly addresses homelessness in California: the "No Place Like Home" initiative. This bill provides housing and income opportunities in the following ways:

1) Housing:

- a. \$2 billion bond to construct permanent supportive housing for chronically homeless persons with mental illness.
- b. \$200 million, over four years, to provide supportive housing in the shorter-term and rent subsidies, while the permanent housing is constructed or rehabilitated.
- c. Support for two special housing programs that will assist families:
 - i. The "Bringing Families Home" pilot project, a county matching grant program to reduce homelessness among families that are part of the child welfare system.
 - ii. The CalWORKs Housing Support Program, which provides housing and support services for CalWORKs families in danger of homelessness.

2) Income support and outreach:

- a. An increase in Supplemental Security Income/State Supplementary Payment (SSI/SSP) program grants which provide income support for the aged, blind, and disabled poor who cannot work.
- b. A one-time investment to incentivize local governments to boost outreach efforts and advocacy to get more eligible poor people enrolled in the SSI/SSP program.

WHAT I'LL DO TO ALLEVIATE HOMELESSNESS:

What I'll do on a national level

Cities and states across America have been taking real steps to address the problem and it is Congress' job to take what works and implement change all across the U.S. And that is precisely what I plan to do.

With all of its Congress members from the state being Republican, Utah has instituted a housing first policy that has drastically reduced the amount of homeless individuals on its streets. The state's strategy aims to put homeless individuals in homes first. Thereafter, it gives them access to healthcare and job training services and provides a prompt pathway into long term, permanent housing opportunities and connections with appropriate social services. Notably, there has been a 91% decrease in chronic homelessness over a year since plan was enacted in 2005. Utah saw that incarceration of the homeless population can cost over \$17,000 while addressing the problem head on by providing housing and social services costs a mere \$11,000 annually.

We are at a critical juncture and it is imperative that Democrats and Republicans work together to tackle this national crisis. In Congress, I will collaborate with my Republican counterparts from Utah and other states to expand this solution to address the growing epidemic of homelessness throughout the nation.

What I'll do on a local level

As the Congressman for the 44th District, I will not only push for housing first policies across America, but I will fight for reform here in Los Angeles County. 44,000 individuals-4,000 of whom are veterans who have bravely served our country- live on the streets in LA County. While the County is doing its part to address the issue by increasing funding to critical homelessness projects, but there is room for federal assistance. As your Congressman, I will:

- 1) **Direct the resources into programs that work by implementing housing first programs for veterans.** These brave men and women who risked their lives to protect our freedom deserve to be taken care of here at home. They deserve access to housing, job training, higher education, and both physical and mental health care.
- 2) **Open a dialogue with Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti to aid in homelessness relief.** The City of Los Angeles has pledged to dedicate \$100 million to the effort to end the homelessness crisis. I plan to engage in an open dialogue with Mayor Garcetti in order to assist in the efforts to end this epidemic by getting homeless individuals off the streets and into homes as well as preventing at-risk individuals from becoming homeless through affordable housing and wage increases.