

COMMUNITY VOICES MONTHLY UPDATE



NOVEMBER 2015



Be Grateful and Giving

"We must find time to stop and thank the people who make a difference in our lives." John F. Kennedy

Community Voices would like to say thank you for your continuous participation and support throughout this year. Without your voice, your dedication, and leadership we could not continue to build our champions for child care and ensure our children remain a priority in California. Because of you we did not have any budget cuts in child care and early learning in the California budget and we were able to garner more support from our Legislature as they realize the important role child care and early learning play in the strong and healthy development of our children.

As you think about what and who you are grateful for, keep us, our working families and children in mind, because without each other we cannot thrive. Again, thank you for your advocacy. We couldn't do it without you!

Community Voices wishes you and your family a Happy Thanksgiving!

STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

The Legislature remains in recess until early January 2016. In the meanwhile, various Legislators are holding holiday district events, giving you an opportunity to strengthen your relationship with them and their staff and wish them happy holidays. Below is a list of upcoming district events for L.A. County Legislators:



December 2

5:30 p.m.

ASM Chris Holden - Holiday Open House and Shoe Drive.

For more information, click [here](#).

6 p.m.

ASM Anthony Rendon - Holiday Open House. For more information, click [here](#).

December 3

5 p.m.

SEN Tony Mendoza - Holiday Open House. For more information, click [here](#).

December 5

10 a.m.

ASM Freddie Rodriguez - 2015 Holiday Open House and Toy Drive.

For more information, click [here](#).

December 7

5:30 p.m.

ASM Ed Chau - Holiday Toy Drive/Make a Difference Awards.

For more information, click [here](#).

December 9

5:30 p.m.

ASM Adrin Nazarian - Holiday Open House and Food & Toy Drive.

For more information, click [here](#).

5:30 p.m.

ASM Miguel Santiago - Holiday Open House and Toy Drive.

For more information, click [here](#).

December 10

6 p.m.

ASM Jimmy Gomez - 3rd Annual Holiday Open House and Toy Drive.

For more information, click [here](#).

December 11

3 p.m.

SEN Connie Leyva - Holiday Open House. For more information, click [here](#).

4 p.m.

ASM Roger Hernandez - 2015 Holiday Toy Drive and Open House.

For more information, click [here](#).

December 13

10 a.m.

ASM Matthew Dababneh - CHiPs for KIDS Toy and Canned Food Drive.

For more information click [here](#).

December 15

5 p.m.

ASM Richard Bloom - 3rd Annual Canned Food Drive & Community Reception. For more information, click [here](#).

To find out who is your representative, visit [FindYourRep](#).

FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Recently, President Obama signed a two-year budget agreement that allocated \$80 billion in non-defense funding for FY 2016-17, of which \$50 billion may be available in FY 2016, removed the spending caps placed by sequestration, as well as deferred the debt limit deadline to March 2017. President Obama presented these efforts to aid Congress negotiations as Congress still needs to pass a budget by December 11 to avoid a government shutdown.



Stay tuned as staff continues to track the federal budget updates.

ADVOCACY CORNER

Because Children Can't Vote, We Need Your Voice!

Community Voices invites you to join us in January 2016 for the beginning of our advocacy workshop series. A calendar of events will be distributed in December's monthly update, so stay tuned.



For more information, please contact Jessica Guerra at (323) 421-2602 or email jguerra@crystalstairs.org

Community Voices is a Los Angeles countywide program led by Crystal Stairs, Inc. that focuses on building parent leadership and stronger advocates for children and working families through workshops, community organizing and advocacy events. Learn more about how you can become an advocate and be a stronger voice by joining Community Voices!

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