

September 2025 Newsletter

A message from my desk, to *yours.*



Jessica M Caloza



ASSEMBLY MEMBER

DISTRICT 52

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Straight From THE CAPITOL



We're back in action at the Capitol after Summer Recess, and #TeamCaloza is hitting the ground running. After a few weeks in the district, connecting with community leaders, attending local events, and engaging directly with constituents, we're bringing your insights back to the Capitol, turning them into action.

In service,

Jessica Caloza

MARK YOUR CALENDARS



**Community Know
Your Rights Workshop**
On Zoom

**Tuesday, September 23rd
4:00 PM**

RSVP

HR 65 Passed

FROM THE FLOOR



On September 2nd, I introduced House Resolution 65, which **marks the month of October as Filipino American History Month**, honoring the contributions of Filipino Americans in the beautiful state of California and the United States.

Senator Christopher Cabaldon and I are so proud to write and make history together as the **first Filipino American in the Senate** and **first Filipina in the California State Legislature**.

CAPITOL CORNER



1st Hearing of the Assembly Select Committee on Asia/California Trade and Investment

On July 20th, I had the privilege of chairing the 1st Hearing of the Assembly Select Committee on Asia/California Trade and Investment.

We hosted **three panels of speakers** and welcomed **over 70 state and business leaders** to discuss the impact of Federal Tariffs and the Future of Trade and Investment with Asia and California.

Watch the 1st Hearing [here](#).



Small Business Awards

It was an honor to be **recognized by the California Small Business Development Center (SBDC)** as a champion for small businesses.

This award is not just a reflection of the work being done to show up and stand up for California small businesses. It is **a celebration of the entrepreneurs, working families, and dreamers, who are the backbone of our neighborhoods, communities, and local economy.**

The future of California is local, and our commitment to this work helps it shine bright.



DISTRICT DIGEST



\$10 million for CA Firefighter Joint Apprenticeship Committee in CA Budget

It was my honor to present a check allocating \$10 million to the California Firefighter Joint Apprenticeship Committee.

This historic investment, secured in this year's State budget, will **strengthen firefighter recruitment and training statewide**, expanding access to pre-apprenticeship programs that prepare Californians to serve their communities.

🔗 Read more [here](#).

A Better Path Forward Press Conference with Senator Alex Padilla

It was empowering to join U.S. Senator Alex Padilla in **standing up against the indiscriminate ICE raids happening across the nation**.

The continued targeting of our AD-52 neighbors and acts of violence by ICE and the federal government must stop. We need real solutions and we need to give people a legal pathway to citizenship.

🔗 See more [here](#).



#AD52 Business Walks in Silver Lake, Los Feliz, Glendale, and Highland Park

I had an incredible time supporting #AD52 small businesses over summer recess. It fills me with pride to **present several small businesses with certificates to recognize their dedication and positive impact to the community**.

Small businesses are the **backbone** of our Los Angeles community.

🔗 See our Storefronts to Stories Series [here](#).

Swearing-In Glendale's 14th Fire Chief, Jeff Brooks & the East LA Chamber of Commerce's new Board of Directors

Congratulations to **Glendale Chief Brooks and the incoming officers of the new Board of Directors at the East Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce**—your leadership and service continue to uplift our community. I look forward to their leadership as they step into their roles.

🔗 Read more about swearing-in **Chief Brooks** and the **East LA Chamber of Commerce**.



NEW EPISODE ALERT: #TINYMICTALKS

Ep 2. with Dora Herrera, Los Feliz BID President & Owner of Yuca's

I had the best time with **Dora Herrera of Yuca's in Los Feliz**. We talked about Yuca's being featured on the Oprah Winfrey Show, her favorites on the menu, and more!

Small businesses are the heart of our community, especially in #AD52. Support Yuca's and our small business community in Los Feliz.

🔗 Watch the episode [here](#).



Ep 3. with President Brian Rice of California Professional Firefighters

I had the honor of speaking with President Brian Rice of the California Professional Firefighters on the \$10 million investment to the California Firefighter Joint Apprenticeship Committee.

This is a vital investment secures our firefighters with the **essential tools and resources they need to not just keep us safe, but develop a training pipeline for future firefighters across the state.**

🔗 Watch the episode [here](#).



RESOURCE ROUND-UP

Community Know Your Rights Workshop

I am honored to host a **Community Virtual Know Your Rights Workshop on Tuesday, September 23rd at 4:00PM**, along with the International Institute of Los Angeles. In this event, you can expect to learn how to:

- Get information on how to protect your homes and community spaces
- Hear directly from legal experts on how to protect yourself and your family
- Ask questions and get answers in a safe, supportive virtual environment

🔗 RSVP for the workshop [here](#).



Community Virtual

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS WORKSHOP

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📍 On Zoom

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**RSVP**
bit.ly/rsvpcommunitykrw



Business Know Your Rights Workshop

Along with Public Counsel, Assemblymember Caloza hosted a virtual Know Your Rights workshop tailored for small businesses. **In this workshop, we covered:**

- Understanding your legal rights and responsibilities in the business place
- Getting information on how to protect your business and employees
- Free resources and Q&A with legal experts

Access and watch the recording of the Business Know Your Rights Workshop [here](#).

IGNITE YOUR IMPACT

Assemblymember Jessica Caloza Fall Internship Opportunities in the Capitol and Assembly District 52 (Positions Open Until Filled)

Join #TeamCaloza this fall as a Capitol or District intern! Email our Chief of Staff, Salina Valencia at salina.valencia@asm.ca.gov with a Cover Letter, Resume, and a Writing Sample to apply. Subject line must include "Name - Capitol/District Intern Application."

Asian American & Pacific Islander (AAPI) Legislative Caucus Foundation Scholarship

The AAPI Legislative Caucus Foundation is **offering a \$2,500 scholarship** for AANHPI students pursuing higher education in California.

This scholarship aims to reduce financial barriers and support academic success. **To be eligible, applicants must:**

- Reside in Assembly District 52
- Complete all application questions
- Upload unofficial transcripts
- (For incoming freshmen) Provide proof of college acceptance



Application Deadline: September 30, 2025, at 11:59 PM

Submit your application at bit.ly/aapicaucusscholarship or [here](#).

HUMANS OF #AD52

We are so excited to give the warmest welcome to our new **Chief of Staff, Salina Valencia**, and summer **Capitol Intern, Elle Dunbar** to #TeamCaloza.

We are thrilled to have you on our team.



Salina



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BUILDING A BETTER AD52



It was great meeting neighbors at the **Echo Park Trash Club** to clean up our streets after a successful musical festival hosted by Echo Park Rising.

Follow them on Instagram **@echo_park_trash_club** to find out how you can join us for the next community clean-up!

READY, SET, VOLUNTEER!



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