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## Assemblymember Ed Chau Delivers Legislative Update in Rosemead

By Chris Ventura

On October 2, 2019, The Rosemead Chamber of Commerce welcomed Assemblymember Ed Chau to its Powerhouse Keynote Speaker Series. The event provided Chamber members and guests the opportunity to meet and network with local business and community leaders. Assemblymember Chau served as the keynote speaker.

The Assemblymember provided a legislative update on a number of assembly bills that had recently passed. He also spoke about a few pieces of legislature that he has been personally working on over the past legislative session.

Assemblymember Chau began the legislative discussion with a look at the current state budget—the largest state budget in history.

“The budget is \$214 billion strong,” said Chau. “We allocated a tremendous amount of money to education. I think many of you here in the audience care deeply about that.”

The current budget allocates \$103.4 billion for K-12, an increase over previous years. For secondary and higher education, Chau said there was an increase in budget allocation as well. He noted the recent change in the free tuition program for community college students.

“This year, we expanded the community college free tuition program to two years now, up from the one year that we implemented earlier, and this is for students attending community college and being the first individuals to attend college in the family,” Chau said.

The assemblymember also noted an expansion to the Cal Grant program which helps students with tuition relief and cash grants for a variety of school expenses.

Chau talked about some expansions to the state’s EITC (Earned Income Tax Credit). As he explained, the state began its own EITC that was modeled after the federal EITC program. Over the last two years, the state’s EITC has been expanded to include self-employed individuals. This is something that many small business owners and independent contractors can appreciate. THE EITC is meant to assist lower income-earning individuals with a refundable tax credit.

Chau went on to discuss major statewide legislature from the recent session.

“Earlier, the mayor [of Rosemead] and I were talking about the issue of homelessness and as many of you know, homelessness is one of the major issues that we’ve been working on at the state level as well as at many local levels,” Chau said. “Homelessness is actually very closely intertwined with the lack of affordable housing and that’s another issue that we all acknowledge and want to tackle.”

Chau noted the state’s current homeless

population as 130,000 with many of them being students. According to Chau, \$1.7 billion of the state’s budget is allocated to address the issue of a lack of affordable housing. Chau acknowledged that the homeless situation is a multifaceted problem that requires a variety of solutions on a number of levels.

In the area of affordable housing, Chau noted the recent passage of AB 1482—a state-wide cap on rent.

“That was a contentious issue and the idea was to basically put a cap to the rising cost of renting a place,” Chau said. “We received so many different complaints about people raising the rents.”

The cap would be a 5% annual increase plus a COLA (cost of living adjustment—normally between 2 and 2.5 percent. AB 1482 was sponsored by Assemblymember David Chiu (D) of San Francisco. Chau notes that there is also a provision on eviction.

“There have been so many tenants that have been basically evicted from their homes because of various factors and rent increase was one of them,” Chau said. “That was an issue that was very contentious [between property owners and tenants]. Both houses managed to pass [the bill] and hopefully that will help to ease the situation of homelessness and lack of affordable housing to some extent.”

Also discussed was AB 5, a new law which limits the use of classifying workers as independent contractors rather than employees by companies in the state.

“AB 5 is essentially a codification of a California Supreme Court case that came down not long ago—redefining the relationship [employee versus independent contractor classification],” Chau said.

According to the text of AB 5, companies must provide the burden of proof of proper worker classification and employees can be classified as independent contractors only if the following tests are met: The worker is free from the control and direction of the hirer in connection with the performance of the work, both under the contract for the performance of such work and in fact (and) the worker performs work that is outside the usual course of the hiring entity’s business (and) the worker is customarily engaged in an independently established trade, occupation, or business of the same nature as the work performed for the hiring entity.

This is important for local business owners, employees, and independent contractors to make note of as it may alter classifications for certain workers and contractors such as Uber and Lyft drivers, for example.

Assemblymember Chau also discussed AB 392—an act to amend Sections 196 and 835a of the Penal Code, relating to peace officers—the

use of force.

“There’s a lot of tension in our community between the police in the community when it comes to, let’s say the use of force, or the use of deadly force, or the use of excessive force, and we hear stories throughout the country about police officers shooting an individual who is unarmed or unprovoked or otherwise,” Chau said. “Not only in California, but throughout the country—and sometimes the issue of race has also come into the dialogue, which is the reason why it is controversial and stirring a lot of emotion also in the community—not only in California, but throughout the country.”

Chau pointed to the Stephon Clark case as a reason for the need for new legislature. Clark’s cellphone was mistaken by a police officer who opened fire on Clark, fatally shooting him.

“Essentially it changes the standard of proof for a police officer to use the level of force when he or she encounters a situation,” Chau explained. “Under existing law, that standard is ‘reasonable.’ If a police officer in [his/her] subjective mind thinks that there is ‘reasonable’ belief that he or she is in danger, [they] can shoot, essentially—the use of deadly force, even. What the law does is it changes that standard from that of ‘reasonable’ to ‘necessary.’ The police officer can only invoke such force or deadly force only if it’s necessary.”

The new law would take effect in January 2020.

Chau discussed SB 276 and its modifications to California’s rules requiring student immunizations prior to attending school.

“A few years ago, we passed a bill: SB 277, doing away with the religious exemption [for immunizations]. So, under existing law, kids have to get vaccinated before they attend school otherwise they won’t be able to. SB 277 [allowed] a kid [that] doesn’t want to be vaccinated...they could claim an exemption not to get vaccinated,” Chau said. “There is evidence to show that doctors are writing these exemptions left and right. In order to crack down on that situation, SB 276 essentially puts a lid on the number of exemptions a doctor can write before being put into a review process.”

Chau commented on the legislative process of these two health bills which led to significant protests and commotion on the assembly floor from anti-vaxer opponents. According to Chau, legislation was halted several times during boisterous protests throughout the process which included fake blood being dumped on the senate floor during the final day of the legislative session. The crack down on exemptions is in response to the recent increase of measles outbreaks in California.

To conclude the Assemblymember’s **ED CHAU, continue on page 8**

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## MISSION STATEMENT

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### Community Press Releases & Photos Accepted

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## City of Rosemead



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### HOW DOES THE PROGRAM WORK?

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- Permanent Signage

The funds may only be used for physical exterior building improvements. Interior and underground improvements are not eligible. The funds may also not be used for business operations or non-qualifying expenses.

### HOW IS THE PROGRAM FUNDED?

Program activities are funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). The funding allocation for this Program is based on annual allocations provided by HUD and approval by the City Council.

### HOW TO APPLY:

A program guide and application details will be available soon. For more information, please contact the Planning and Economic Development Division at (626) 569-2140.

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# PUBLIC POLICY



## Supervisor Solis' statement on the Board's approval of four new First District affordable housing projects

Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda L. Solis released the following statement after the Board of Supervisors authorized over \$37 million in loans to finance the Ramona Metro housing project in the City of El Monte, the PATH Villas housing project in South Gate, the Cecil Apartments in downtown Los Angeles and the Ingraham Apartments in Westlake/Pico Union:

"I am excited to launch the next phase of these important affordable housing projects. When complete, these four First District housing developments will bring a total of 496 affordable housing units to local residents. Approximately \$15 million will go toward the

Cecil Apartments to reconfigure 264 units for individuals with special needs. Another \$5.520 million will fund 51 mixed population units at the Ramona Metro housing development. The Ingraham Apartments will receive \$15 million to fund 121 units for individuals with special needs, and Path Villas at South Gate/Path Ventures will get \$1.4 million to fund 60 units for Veterans with special needs.

Promoting and supporting these kinds of affordable housing projects is the most effective way to combat our region's homelessness crisis. Communities thrive when families are given opportunities to access an affordable home of their own."

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10TH ANNUAL CASINO NIGHT**

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**NOVEMBER  
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### When will a Public Safety Power Shutoff occur?

Every situation is unique. Your energy company makes the decision to turn off power by monitoring local fire danger conditions across California and taking into consideration a combination of weather and environmental factors.

If extreme fire danger conditions threaten a portion of the electric system serving your community, it may be necessary for Southern California Edison (SCE) to turn off electricity in the interest of public safety. This is called Public Safety Power Shutoff.

Sign up for updates related to Public Safety Power Shutoffs here, and learn more about if where you live might experience a shutoff: [www.sce.com/safety/wildfire/psps](http://www.sce.com/safety/wildfire/psps)

More information is available at: [www.prepareforpowerdown.com](http://www.prepareforpowerdown.com)

### If a Public Safety Power Shutoff is needed due to extreme weather conditions, you can expect:

- EARLY WARNING NOTIFICATION** – Your energy company will aim to send customer alerts before shutting off power.
- ONGOING UPDATES** – Your energy company will provide ongoing updates through social media, local news outlets and their website.
- SAFETY INSPECTIONS** – After extreme weather has passed, your energy company will inspect the lines in affected areas before power is safely restored.
- POWER RESTORATION** – Power outages could last multiple days depending on the severity of the weather and other factors. It is important that you and your family have an emergency preparedness plan in place.

### How long will it take before power is restored?






Power will remain out for as long as extreme and dangerous weather conditions pose a potential fire risk. After a Public Safety Power Shutoff event, your energy company will inspect and repair power lines and equipment so that power can be safely restored.

Depending on the severity of the weather and other factors, power outages could last several hours or multiple days – so it's important you and your family have an emergency plan in place.

### What if I'm dependent on electricity for a medical device?

During a Public Safety Power Shutoff, ALL customers serviced by an affected power line will have their power shut off. If you rely on electric or battery-dependent medical technologies such as breathing machines, a power wheelchair or scooter, and home oxygen or dialysis, it is critical that you have a plan in place for an extended power outage.

### YOUR PLAN SHOULD INCLUDE:

-  Keeping emergency phone numbers handy
-  Identifying a backup location where you can go
-  Making sure your energy company is aware of your medical device
-  Considering a safe backup power source, such as a generator or uninterruptible power supply
-  Establishing multiple people you can contact for help who know how to operate your equipment and backup systems

Residential customers who have special energy needs due to qualifying medical conditions should sign up for the Medical Baseline Program through their energy company. In addition to the lower rate on your monthly energy bill, this program can help by providing extra notifications in advance of a Public Safety Power Shutoff. [www.sce.com](http://www.sce.com) or 1-800-655-4555 • [www.prepareforpowerdown.com](http://www.prepareforpowerdown.com)

### RESOURCES

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You are encouraged to visit [www.sce.com/safety/wildfire/psps](http://www.sce.com/safety/wildfire/psps) for the most up-to-date Public Safety Power Shutoff information, including addresses for the Community Resource Centers and a link to an address look-up tool where you can search for potential impacts.

You can contact SCE to inquire about when your power will come back on after a shutoff by calling: 1-800-655-4555

For additional assistance, call the district office. The district office is here to serve you and help in any way possible: (626) 430-2499



# COMMUNITY



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where we celebrated community leaders working to make LA and SoCal a better place to live and thrive!

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Mahalo and we hope to see everyone again next year!  
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## Maryvale Vincetian Spirit Award, A Remarkable Woman

When family and friends hear about the award, there is a resounding vote of "no one is more deserving than Susan."



For nearly three decades as a volunteer at Maryvale with the Junior Guild, Susan Frazier has made our children laugh, has been a "big sister," helped organize innumerable activities and introduced our residents to experiences they can only imagine.

It was our honor to award her with the first-ever Maryvale Vincetian Spirit Award, and to recognize our countless supporters, at our Vincetian Spirit Award & Dinner Celebration on September 12. Held at Maryvale's Rosemead campus, the well-attended event drew more than 100 guests which included former alumni, Maryvale board members, donors, volunteers and elected officials.

"I had always been involved with charity work, it's my life. However, Maryvale has stuck with me. It has a special place in my heart. I have met many wonderful girls and staff."

As a former President, Vice President,

Assistant Treasurer, Senior Representative (to name a few) Susan and the Junior Guild brought a tradition of introducing our children to valuable experiences both on campus and within the community. Their activities, which included bowling, birthday parties, petting exotic animals and an annual Christmas party, was not only fun but also provided hope.

Throughout her time at Maryvale, Susan has constantly shown the care and kindness reserved only for those with the biggest hearts. Her impact on our children, and our staff, has been tremendous.

Thank you Susan for providing our youth with meaningful memories that will last a lifetime.

About the Award  
 "First the Heart, then the Work," St. Vincent de Paul

St. Vincent de Paul was a humble French priest known for his compassion, humility and generosity. In 1633, together with St. Louise de Marillac, they established The Daughters of Charity, a community of Catholic women trained to serve the "poorest of the poor." Today, the DOC live and work in 1,680 communities in 94 countries.

In recognition of exceptional individuals who have supported our mission, we have created the Vincetian Spirit Award.

Based on our five Vincetian Core Values of Respect, Compassionate Service, Simplicity, Advocacy for the Poor and Inventiveness to Infinity, the Award represents being a beacon of hope for our children when they need positive involvement the most. The recipient's influence, and impact, goes beyond the child's time at Maryvale.

# MEMBERS



## “Welcoming Back To School BBQ” for Rosemead High School

Rosemead’s Church, The Mission Community United Methodist Church, Hosted Its First In History, the “Welcoming Back To School BBQ” for Rosemead High School, August 30, 2019.

“We are a place where people can come to be understood...A place where they can come to sit and rest... A place where they can come and find a friend,” said Rev. Deborah Oh, our senior pastor, in Rosemead Report, October 2018 issue about how Mission Community United Methodist Church could serve the community and the neighborhood.

Friday, August 30, 2019, the church’s Youth Group, NextGen of Mission Community Church made history for the first time hosting the “Welcoming Back To School BBQ” for the entire students of Rosemead High School. Recognizing that there are students who could go to bed hungry, who is looking for a safe place to hang out, or a place for a social support, NextGen decided to host a BBQ gathering in

the church parking lot, directly across from Rosemead High School, to provide a communal and social support for the students starting out their new academic year.

And it was very brave of the Nextgen Youth Ministry leaders, Quan and Winfield, to suggest this nonconventional idea. At one point, we thought: “We would love to have a BBQ outreach to the Rosemead students in order to create something fun and worthwhile for them, but this idea is too costly and impractical.” But with the help from the church, we were determined to serve the community in this way because we were convinced that an event like this would promote a sense of community to Rosemead’s high school students.

With full support by Rosemead High School principal, Dr. Bristol and Rev. Deborah Oh of our church, we got busy working out the logistics. Phone calls and donation outreach were made. And with the church’s members, the church’s Board of Trustees, the church’s

office manager, and Elizabeth and Art Landing of Rosemead Kiwanis fully onboard to support, all together with Rosemead High School Key Club, this event was realized. On that day, approximately 400 students came to sit under the canopies, meet new friends, and relax a sunny Friday after school looking forward to the long Labor Day weekend, all while enjoying hamburgers, bbq chicken, hot dogs, and nachos.

Social support is critical for students’ well being. In the age of Internet, we are getting more attached to social media, and exposed to unreal fantasies that the social media portrays. Consequently, young people become increasingly lonely, isolated, and depressed. The BBQ event fit the church’s mission to offer a place to sit, rest and find a friend. The BBQ outreach was a community service which NextGen hoped to unite all students. We hope that the BBQ event was a bridge for students to get to know each other, to become friends, and to know about God’s love. Seeing the success of

this BBQ, we are hoping to make it an annual event at the beginning of a new academic year for the school.

We thank God for his blessings to make the event successful, for Proverbs 3:6 said:

“In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.”

With the blessings from God, we really appreciated our partners’ generous donations, including Rosemead Kiwanis, Grocery Outlet of Rosemead, North Water District, God Provides Food Bank of El Monte, and Rosemead Key Club for volunteers.

NextGen Youth gathers weekly on Friday evenings, beginning with dinner at 7pm for Bible Study and fellowship. Any student interested in discovering/learning more about God and Christianity is welcome to attend.

Quan L. Nguyen  
NextGen Youth and Young Adults at Mission Community United Methodist Church, Rosemead.

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**WHERE:**  
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# EDUCATION



**The Monthly Gazette**  
News from the Rosemead School District  
October, 2019

*Message from the Superintendent*

Dear Rosemead Community and Friends,

In 2000 and 2008, our community demonstrated their commitment to our schools by passing Bond measures that were used to raise funds to modernize our aging facilities. These funds have been used to build/modernize classrooms, upgrade classroom technology, repair/replace roofs, upgrade plumbing and electrical, and repair/replace air conditioning units. Although there is still considerable work to do to ensure our schools are 21st teaching and learning environments, your generous contribution has better prepared our schools for our students and staff. As good stewards of these funds, we have continually looked at how to maximize these funds and when the financial market allowed, refinance these obligations to reduce the tax liability for our community. We are happy to share that we recently successfully refinanced the 2000 and 2008 General Obligation Bonds resulting in significant savings to our community. Below is the press release announcing this great news:

**Rosemead School District to Deliver Over Five Million Dollars in Tax Relief to the Community**

**Rosemead, California:** On September 11, 2019, the Rosemead School District finalized the sale of General Obligation Refunding Bonds that will deliver more than \$5 Million in taxpayer relief to the community.

The District refinanced General Obligation Bonds (“GO Bonds”) issued under Measure RR and Measure O, approved by voters in November 2000 and November 2008, respectively. The District achieved the savings by taking advantage of low interest rates without extending the term of the originally issued GO Bonds.

Under state law, all the savings from the Measure RR and Measure O bond refinancings will go directly to the taxpayers. For the median taxpayer with household Assessed Value of \$322,039, this will result in an average annual savings of approximately \$15.80 over the next twenty-four years, or \$380 in total savings. The District will not receive any additional funds.

We are humbled that our community understands that investing in our schools is critical to the success of our students. As such, we will always look for opportunities to continue to be good stewards of these resources and maintain the trust you have in our school district. Thank you for your continued support.

Respectfully,  
*Alejandro Ruvalcaba*  
Superintendent

*Educational Services Department:*

**ENROLLMENT - TRANSITIONAL KINDERGARTEN, KINDERGARTEN, AND 1<sup>ST</sup>-8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE**

Enrollment for our 2019-2020 school year has begun. We have implemented our online enrollment process for Transitional Kindergarten, Kindergarten, and 1st through 8th Grade enrollment. Please visit the District website at <https://www.rosemead.k12.ca.us/Page/488> to find more information on enrollment and registration.

**Preschool Program:**  
visit the District Office, Suite 150 to register.

**Transitional Kindergarten through 8th Grade Program:**  
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**Questions:**  
Preschool enrollment & qualification: contact Mrs. Bella Galvan, (626) 312-2900 x235, [bgalvan@rosemead.k12.ca.us](mailto:bgalvan@rosemead.k12.ca.us)  
TK-8th gr. & Transfer permits: contact Ms. Myrene Mangali, (626) 312-2900 x230, [mmangali@rosemead.k12.ca.us](mailto:mmangali@rosemead.k12.ca.us)

*Important Upcoming Dates:*

Day	Date	Event	Time / Location	Questions - Contact
Wed.	Oct. 2	Late-Start Day (All students)	School begins at 9:30 a.m.	School Main Office
Thurs.	Oct. 3	Board of Trustees Regular Meeting	6:30 p.m. Closed Session/7:30 p.m. Open/Public Session, District Office Board Room	Superintendent's Office
Mon.	Oct. 7	Student Free Day/Professional Development Day	All Schools	School Main Office
Wed.	Oct. 16	Late-Start Day (All students)	School begins at 9:30 a.m.	School Main Office
Thurs.	Oct. 17	Board of Trustees Study Session Meeting	6:30 p.m. Closed Session/ 7:30 p.m. Open/Public Session, District Office Board Room	Superintendent's Office
Sat.	Oct. 26	Educational Foundation Health & Fitness Walk/Run Fair	Mildred B. Janson Elementary School	School Main Office
Fri.	Oct. 25	Student Free Day/Professional Development Day	All Schools	School Main Office
Wed. - Fri.	Oct. 30 - Nov. 1	Parent-Teacher Conference/Minimum Day TK-6th grade students (Encinita, Janson, Savannah, and Shuey only)	All Elementary Schools	School Main Office
Wed.	Nov. 6	Late-Start Day (All students)	School begins at 9:30 a.m.	School Main Office
Thurs.	Nov. 7	Board of Trustees Regular Meeting	6:30 p.m. Closed Session/7:30 p.m. Open/Public Session, District Office Board Room	Superintendent's Office
Mon.	Nov. 11	Veteran's Day Holiday	Schools/District Closed	School Main Office
Thurs.	Nov. 14	Board of Trustees Study Session Meeting	6:30 p.m. Closed Session/7:30 p.m. Open/Public Session, District Office Board Room	Superintendent's Office
Wed.	Nov. 20	Late-Start Day (All students)	School begins at 9:30 a.m.	School Main Office
Mon.-Fri.	Nov. 25- Nov. 29	Thanksgiving Week - Student Holiday	Schools Closed	School Main Office
Thurs.-Fri.	Nov. 28- Nov. 29	Thanksgiving Day Holidays	District Office Closed	Superintendent's Office



**6<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL TRUNK or TREAT & HAUNTED HOUSE**

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# COMMERCE



## SoCalGas Applauds Supporters of Balanced Energy Policies

*SoCalGas Applauds More than 100 Local Governments in Southern California that Pass Resolutions in Support of Balanced Energy Policies*

LOS ANGELES – Oct. 3, 2019 – Southern California Gas Co. (SoCalGas) today applauded the more than 100 local governments across Southern California, representing approximately 6.75 million Californians, that have passed resolutions in support of affordable and balanced strategies to reduce emissions from buildings and that call on state policymakers to preserve consumers' ability to choose either natural gas or electric appliances for their homes and businesses. These resolutions were passed in response to concerns state policymakers are taking steps to prohibit the use of natural gas in new buildings. State energy regulators are actively considering calls for new regulations that would eliminate natural gas use in new buildings and have also proposed programs that would result in existing natural gas customers paying for all-electric retrofits to existing homes.

"It is amazing to me that state regulators are seriously considering transitioning California to run on a single energy source," said Steve Tye, Mayor Pro Tem for the City of Diamond Bar. "Policymakers should be advocating for and focused on a diverse portfolio of clean energy sources like solar, wind and renewable natural gas. I am proud that our city council unanimously passed a resolution calling for such a policy."

"Many of my constituents have no idea the state has proposed moving towards eliminating the use of natural gas in every California building, including homes," said Rosemead Mayor Maggie Clark. "When I tell them what is happening they are incredulous and outraged because they love their natural gas stoves and appliances. How can it be that such an issue would not be debated in public?"

"People are going to want to continue to use natural gas, and RNG allows folks to keep their gas but have more of it come from renewable sources," said Joe Neves, Chair of the County Board of Supervisors for Kings County. "This clean energy solution works with people's preferences rather than against them. We should have that right to decide."

"The cost of switching gas appliances to electric-only in addition to an increase in energy costs would unfairly impact our low-income communities," said Andy Melendrez, Riverside Mayor Pro Tem. "More than 65 percent of the working population within the Inland Empire commutes to Los Angeles and Orange County daily due to our lower housing costs. This would force more of our population to move further away from their jobs increasing traffic, air-emissions and pollution."

"Keeping energy costs down should be a top priority, especially at a time when California is undergoing what Gov. Newsom has identified as an affordability crisis, with skyrocketing costs on everything from

housing to child care, said Sharon Tomkins, SoCalGas vice president for strategy and engagement. "That requires keeping all solutions on the table that can help meet California's clean energy goals, including renewable natural

gas and hydrogen."

Today, more than 90 percent of homes in Southern California use natural gas for space and water heating or cooking. Families in Southern California prefer natural gas by a margin of 4 to 1 for space and water heating and cooking because it is less expensive than electricity.

A 2018 study by the California Building Industry Association found that replacing natural gas appliances in California homes with electric models could increase household energy costs by more than \$850. Alternatively, another recent study found that replacing 20 percent of the natural gas California uses today with renewable natural gas could reduce emissions equal to electrifying every building in the state, at half the cost.

Earlier this year, SoCalGas committed to replace 20 percent of the natural gas the company purchases with renewable natural gas by 2030 – as part of a broad, inclusive and integrated plan to help achieve California's ambitious climate goals.

For more information on SoCalGas' inclusive vision for California's clean energy future, visit [www.socalgas.com/vision](http://www.socalgas.com/vision)

To view a list of the local governments that have passed balanced energy resolutions, click here.

### About SoCalGas

Headquartered in Los Angeles, SoCalGas® is the largest natural gas distribution utility in the United States. SoCalGas delivers affordable, reliable, clean and increasingly renewable natural gas service to 21.8 million customers across 24,000 square miles of Central and Southern California, where more than 90 percent of residents use natural gas for heating, hot water, cooking, drying clothes or other uses. Natural gas delivered through the company's pipelines also plays a key role in providing electricity to Californians— about 45 percent of electric power generated in the state comes from gas-fired power plants.

SoCalGas' vision is to be the cleanest natural gas utility in North America, delivering affordable and increasingly renewable energy to its customers. In support of that vision, SoCalGas is committed to replacing 20 percent of its traditional natural gas supply with renewable natural gas (RNG) by 2030. Renewable natural gas is made from waste created by dairy farms, landfills and wastewater treatment plants. SoCalGas is also committed to investing in its natural gas system infrastructure while keeping bills affordable for our customers. From 2014 through 2018, the company invested nearly \$6.5 billion to upgrade and modernize its natural gas system to enhance safety and reliability. SoCalGas is a subsidiary of Sempra Energy (NYSE: SRE), an energy services holding company based in San Diego. For more information visit [socalgas.com/newsroom](http://socalgas.com/newsroom) or connect with SoCalGas on Twitter (@SoCalGas), Instagram (@SoCalGas) and Facebook.



## Social Security Covers Disabled Children

Children are our future — we share our knowledge and talent with them — we pass on our values to them knowing they will share those gifts. Social Security safeguards children all year long, but we'd like to take this opportunity to share information about our programs that provide direct support to children.

The latest information available says that in 2018 the Social Security program distributed about \$2.7 billion each month to benefit about 4.1 million children on average each month because one or both of their parents are disabled, retired, or deceased. Those dollars help to provide the necessities of life for family members and help make it possible for those children to complete high school. When a working parent becomes disabled or dies, Social Security benefits help stabilize the family's financial future.

Children with disabilities are among our most vulnerable citizens. The Social Security Administration is dedicated to helping those with qualifying disabilities and their families through the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program, which is separate from the Social Security program. To qualify for SSI:

- o The child must have a physical or mental condition, or a combination of conditions, resulting in "marked and severe functional limitations." This means that the condition(s) must severely limit your child's activities; and

- o The child's condition(s) must be severe, last for at least 12 months, or be expected to result in death.

If the parents of the child or children have more income or resources than are allowed, then the child or children will not qualify for SSI. You can read more about children's benefits at [www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/EN-05-10026.pdf](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/EN-05-10026.pdf).

Social Security and SSI also covers many chronic illnesses and conditions. The Compassionate Allowances program is a way to quickly identify people with diseases and other medical conditions that, by definition, meet the standards for disability benefits under the Social Security and SSI programs. Thousands of children receive SSI benefits because they have one of the conditions on the Compassionate Allowances list at [www.socialsecurity.gov/compassionateallowances/conditions.htm](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/compassionateallowances/conditions.htm).

Keep in mind, Social Security and SSI are two very distinct and separate programs, and eligibility for each is different.

Visit [www.socialsecurity.gov/people/kids](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/people/kids) to learn more about all we do to care for children. Social Security is with you and your children throughout your life's journey, securing today and tomorrow. If you know a family who needs our help, please share these resources with them.

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# CHAMBER

## Governor Signs Senator Rubio Bill to Help Ease San Gabriel Valley Homelessness

SACRAMENTO, CA – Sen. Susan Rubio (D-Baldwin Park) announced on October 10th that her legislation, which establishes a regional housing trust to help address the growing homelessness crisis in the San Gabriel Valley, was signed by Gov. Gavin Newsom.

Senate Bill 751 authorizes the creation of the San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust, a joint powers authority, and allows communities within the jurisdiction of the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG) to fund housing to assist the homeless and persons of extremely low, very low, and low income. It also allows the trust to receive public and private financing and funds for this purpose.

“There is a need for this regional housing trust for the San Gabriel Valley because of the growth of the homeless population in our region,” Sen Rubio said. “Along with the \$5.6 million from the state that I was able to secure, we are supporting and empowering our local service providers to address this crisis in the way that best fits our regional needs.”

“The legislation by Senator Rubio is a game changer in combating homelessness in the San Gabriel Valley,” said Cynthia

Sternquist, president of the (SGVCOG) and a councilwoman for the city of Temple City. “The trust will allow cities to compete regionally for grants that they would not normally be able to as individual municipalities. Instead of a piecemeal approach, they can come together and work toward solutions for the San Gabriel Valley. We thank the Senator for making this happen and for the funding she secured to help alleviate this crisis.”

According to data released by the Los Angeles Homeless Service Authority in June 2019, the overall population in Los Angeles County grew by 12% in 2018. However, the San Gabriel Valley saw its unsheltered homeless population increase 24%.

This dramatic increase comes after the Los Angeles Homeless Service Authority’s 2018 point-in-time count for the San Gabriel Valley found that the number of unsheltered persons grew to 2,790 people—a 19% increase from the 2017 point-in-time count. This is in addition to a 29% increase in the number of unsheltered persons in the San Gabriel Valley between 2016 and 2017.

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legislative update, he spoke about two recently signed bills in which he authored.

“One of them would require emergency [personnel] to be trained in dementia and Alzheimer’s disease because we have an aging population in our community and it is important that we train our emergency [responders] with the know-how on how to treat people with [these afflictions],” Chau said

The other bill he discussed was regarding privacy.

“AB 375 is a bill that I drafted last year that was passed and signed by the governor that will kick in this year,” Chau said. “The bill has also been characterized as the first one in the nation—the strongest bill in the nation. The bill would essentially require businesses that collect information from consumers to disclose what kind of information is being collected, the source

of that information, how that information is used, and it will give the consumer the opportunity to say ‘do not sell my information.’

“What my bill will do, it will give the consumer the option of saying ‘Who’s collecting my information? Why are you collecting my information? What are you using my information for?’ This is very private information—even your health information. I’m asking that consumers be given the opportunity to say no to the collection and at least tell me who’s collecting the information.”

Assemblymember Chau concluded by thanking the audience and allowed time for a question and answer session. For more details on state legislature and information about Assemblymember Ed Chau, please visit a49.asmdc.org