



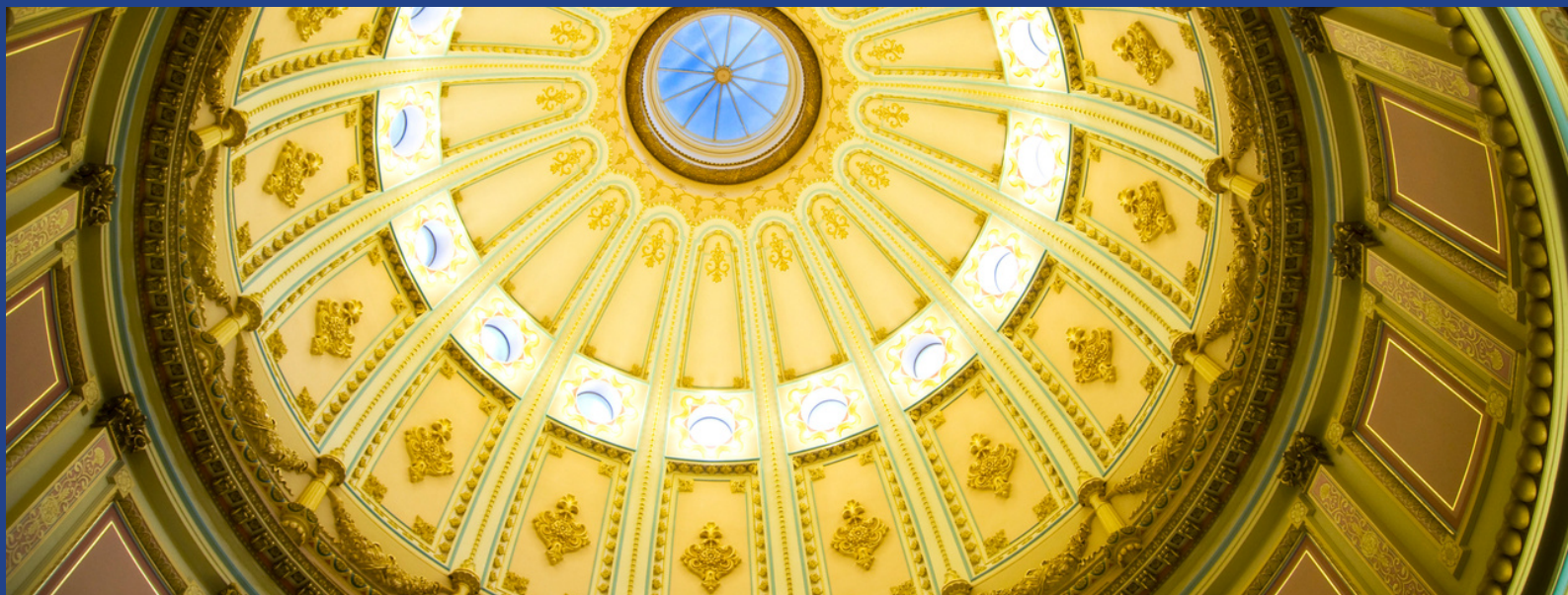
CATCHING UP WITH CARLOS

VILLAPUDUA CONTINUES HIS LEADERSHIP AGAINST FENTANYL WITH AB 2336

Following [last year's success](#) to provide greater accountability measures against fentanyl traffickers and dealers, Assemblymember Carlos Villapudua is once again championing the State's efforts against high-scale fentanyl dealers with the introduction of [AB 2336](#).

[Preliminary data](#) shows that fentanyl was responsible for 90% of opioid overdose deaths, and 62% of all drug-related overdose deaths in California in 2023. Despite the signing of AB 701, loopholes still remain in our current laws that prevent us from enforcing against fentanyl as strongly as we enforce against other hard drugs.

Villapudua's AB 2336 would add fentanyl to the list of hard drugs - which currently contains heroin, cocaine, methamphetamine, and PCP - for which stiffer sentences may be levied on those in possession of the substance alongside a firearm. Read the full release [here](#).



2024 LEGISLATIVE HIGHLIGHTS *(CONTINUED)*

[AB 1787: Theft Prevention and Rehabilitation Act](#)



Will establish the new criminal offense of “Aggregated Theft” to penalize individuals who repeatedly commit theft offenses. AB 1787 would also expand the court’s discretion to ensure the punishment fits the crime, and mandates the use of Drug Court and diversion programs for individuals with substance abuse disorders who commit theft.

[AB 2701: Medi-Cal Dental Cleaning](#)

Expands Medi-Cal dental care so beneficiaries may receive up to two dental cleanings and two dental examinations every year.



[AB 2807: Sideshows](#)



Will provide greater penalties for participants and organizers of sideshow activities that lead to other dangerous activities, such as endangering minors or causing property damage.

[AB 3231: Hate Crimes](#)

Classifies a “Felony Hate Crime” as a “Violent Felony” in order to establish harsher prison sentences for somebody’s misguided acts of hatred against another person’s constitutional protections.



STOCKTON'S MIRACLE MILE

IMPROVEMENT PROJECT



The [Miracle Mile Improvement Project's](#) Ad Hoc Workgroup continues to meet regularly to learn from similar projects around the state and develop a final recommendation for the renovations that would be most fitting for the historic community.

The Workgroup has met with experts who have worked on projects such as San Diego's Gaslamp and Little Italy districts, Santa Monica's Colorado Avenue, and Livermore's downtown redevelopment. Six subcommittees were created so members of the Workgroup could focus more on specific issues such as security, business development, mobility, and community engagement.

Three public meetings have been held to provide updates and receive feedback. The final meeting will be scheduled in the coming weeks, and we hope you take this opportunity to make your voice heard for this redevelopment.



RECENT EVENTS

Assemblymember Carlos Villapudua led a **Fight Against Fentanyl** press conference with legislative colleagues, law enforcement, and impacted family members to discuss fentanyl's impact in California and how we are addressing it.



JSG Trucking was recognized and honored for their partnership with law enforcement to help **prevent human trafficking** on California streets.

The Miracle Mile Ad Hoc Workgroup hosted their **Third Public Meeting** to provide an update on project developments and receive feedback directly from the public.



Mountain House celebrated the **groundbreaking of a new fire station** that will cover an additional 15,000 residents.

CARLOS' CONCLUDING COMMENTS

The Legislature is off to a fast start this year to address some of California's most pressing issues. From public safety to healthcare and housing, a lot of important priorities will be demanding our attention. It will be important that we remain fiscally responsible so that we can adjust to the budget shortfalls while maintaining our most important programs.

My office is continuing to keep a close eye on funding for water infrastructure projects so we may protect our access to clean drinking water, a reliable supply for the San Joaquin community, and ensure the dangerous Delta Tunnels remain nothing but a pipe dream.

If you have any questions about policy our would like to discuss your priorities for San Joaquin County, do not hesitate to [contact](#) my office. My door is open, and my staff are available to listen and assist you. You can contact me through my website or by calling one of my offices as well.



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