



Dr. Richard Pan: Our Senator Building Healthy and Safe Communities

Dr. Pan has dedicated his career to helping everyone in the community as a physician and now a legislator. As our State Senator, Dr. Pan has been working for the people of Sacramento to build healthier and safer communities. The results of Dr. Pan's first year in the State Senate are historic in both the legislature and the community.



Keeping Families Healthy



Vaccines Work

Time Magazine named Dr. Richard Pan a "Hero" of vaccine history along with Doctors Jenner, Salk, and Kendrick for authoring SB 277 ensuring that all children can safely attend school. This law abolishes the personal belief exemption to legally required vaccines for school attendance in California that contributed to the recent spread of life-threatening, preventable contagions.

Expanding Medical Coverage

Dr. Pan authored SB 145 to preserve privately-funded health insurance for 16,000 farmworkers and their families at a cost-savings to the state. The bill ensures employer/farm worker contributions continue to flow into the Robert F. Kennedy Farm Workers Medical Plan to cover much-needed medical care for farmworker families.

Healthcare for All

Dr. Pan led Sacramento region efforts to provide health care coverage for all low-income children as chair of Healthy Kids Healthy Futures. This year, he voted for a state budget that invests in all of California's children by extending healthcare coverage to 170,000 low-income immigrant children, achieving Dr. Pan's long-standing goal for our region.

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Fixing Denti-Cal

Dr. Pan is leading the fight to fix the broken Denti-Cal system which has failed to deliver care to more than 5.1 million California children. He led a hearing in the State Assembly that exposed many of the inadequacies of the system which led to a California State Auditor report showing too few people on Denti-Cal received any dental care. This year, Dr. Pan asked the Little Hoover Commission to study how to fix Denti-Cal, and he is looking forward to those results to institute much-needed changes.

Preventing Tobacco-Related Disease

California has the lowest tobacco tax of any state on our borders, and higher tobacco taxes prevent youth smoking. California taxpayers pay over \$8 billion each year for the care of tobacco-related diseases. Dr. Pan authored legislation to raise the tobacco tax by \$2 per pack and he co-authored legislation to regulate e-cigarettes as tobacco products. Dr. Pan is also working with the Save Lives California coalition on a ballot initiative if his legislation is unable to obtain the 2/3rds vote to pass in the legislature.

Bringing Fresh Produce to Food Deserts

Dr. Pan is partnering with organizations and schools to identify the food deserts throughout our community and looking for ways to bring more fresh and healthy foods to the dinner plates of those who need it most. For more than a year, Dr. Pan has partnered with the Sacramento Food Bank to provide groceries for families in the southern area of Sacramento. Earlier this year, Dr. Pan brought the USDA to Sacramento to help 78 area farmers avoid the usual 45-60 day processing period, and get signed-up on the spot to accept EBT cards at their farm stands and markets. Farmers markets and/or neighborhood farm stands.

Promoting Community Health

Dr. Pan hosted a health and wellness fair this spring in Del Paso Heights attended by hundreds of people in the community who received access to a wide array of resources and health professionals who provided valuable services. Over 300 people received free eye exams and glasses thanks to a partnership between Dr. Pan and Vision Service Plan Sacramento.



Building a Vibrant Sacramento Region

A \$4 Billion per Year Economic Opportunity

A national leader in medical education, Dr. Pan helped California Northstate University in Elk Grove obtain accreditation for a new medical school that admitted its first class this fall. At maturity, each accredited California medical school generates an average of \$4 Billion of economic activity annually. California Northstate University already has a successful School of Pharmacy and plans to include other health profession schools, which will add to the skilled workforce in our region.

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Protecting Local Taxpayers

Dr. Pan closed a loophole in the law that allowed businesses to send their sales tax to other cities causing the City of West Sacramento to lose hundreds of thousands of dollars in sales tax revenue while still bearing the cost of providing local services including police and fire to those businesses. Under his bill, SB 533, businesses will be required to pay their sales tax revenue to the city or county they operate in.

Revitalizing Downtown Sacramento

As Sacramento's downtown attracts more visitors with the new Golden 1 Center and events such as Farm to Fork, Dr. Pan is partnering with local businesses and local governments to revitalize our urban core. With the State of California being our region's largest employer and landowner, Dr. Pan is working to make the state government a good citizen in the development of our region. This year, Dr. Pan authored SB550 to allow Sacramento visitors a unique (and green) way to experience Sacramento, all while supporting other local businesses. The bill gives local governments the opportunity to allow alcoholic beverages on bike buses that meet safety standards.

Sakuramento

Dr. Pan is partnering with the City of Sacramento, the Sacramento Tree Foundation, and many others in an exciting effort to bring the famed Japanese flowering cherry trees to the Sacramento riverfront in the Sakuramento Hanami Line.



Helping Our Kids Achieve

A Budget that Made Historic Investments in K-14 Education

Dr. Pan was proud to support a state budget that prioritized education funding – the best investment in California's future. It invests more than \$68 billion, the highest level of funding in the history of California. That means more than \$10,000 per K-12 pupil – an increase of 15% in just two years.

More Opportunity to Attend College

Dr. Pan and his colleagues worked to ensure targeted investments in UC and CSU to allow 15,000 more California students to attend our universities. The \$216 million increase to the CSU is the largest investment in over a decade. It also restores Cal Grant eligibility at private non-profit schools and provides more than 3,000 additional competitive Cal Grant awards.

A Commitment to Early Care and Education

As a pediatrician, Dr. Pan understands the value of child care and early childhood education for families. This year's budget includes over 13,000 new preschool and child care slots. Access to quality, affordable child care for working families and their children ensures a strong foundation for future success.

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Justice for All

Protecting Immigrants from Harmful Discrimination

Dr. Pan's landmark bill, SB 600 protects immigrants from discrimination on the basis of their immigration status, citizenship, or language at places of business.

Equal Pay for Women

Dr. Pan voted for the strongest equal pay law in the country, ensuring women are legally required to be paid equally to their male colleagues for the same work, and protect them from retaliation if they discuss or ask about the wages of their male colleagues.

Expanding Job Opportunities

In July, Dr. Pan held a hearing on diversity in state hiring practices to address how to create a state workforce that meets the needs of an increasingly diverse California. Seeking to expand state career opportunities in more communities, Dr. Pan is planning a "diversity in jobs hiring fair" in early 2016.



Environmental Health

Shoring up Our Rivers

Dr. Pan's SB 144 will finally bring completion to flood control projects along the American and Sacramento Rivers and projects to protect the Natomas flood plain that have been years in the making; and in doing so, will bring hundreds of millions of federal flood control dollars to our region.

Responding to California's Fourth Year of Drought

Through this year's budget, Dr. Pan and Senate Democrats fought for more than \$3 billion to reduce the impacts of the state's drought, including investments in water conservation, recycled water, storm water capture, and money for food and housing assistance in the most affected regions.

Solar for All

Dr. Pan partnered with Senate President Pro Tem Kevin de Leon to deliver solar to a local Sacramento resident who is one of the 1,600 families in our most economically and environmentally disadvantaged communities that is receiving free home solar installations as part of the state's Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF).

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Keeping Communities Safe

Protecting College Communities

By allowing our college and university police officers to use recording devices like “Body Cameras” or “pre-text phone calls”, Dr. Pan’s bill, SB 424 offers our colleges and the surrounding communities better protections from such serious crimes as sexual assault, robbery, burglary, arson, theft, and homicide.

Rehabilitation in Prison

Dr. Pan’s SB 453 strengthens rehabilitation efforts in our correctional system by giving state hospitals and treating psychiatrists the flexibility to offer needed therapies in a manner best suited for patients.



Building Strong Communities

District Office

It was important for Dr. Pan that his district office is where people need him most, so he was determined to re-open his district office in March in South Sacramento. Dr. Pan’s staff is now located at 2251 Florin Road and are working hard to address the needs of the community.

Community Advisory Committee

Dr. Pan has assembled a community advisory committee comprised of dozens of community-based organizations and groups that represent the diversity of the 6th Senate District, including cultural leaders, labor unions, law enforcement, faith-based organizations, health care advocates, youth groups, and many more. Dr. Pan hopes to collaboratively tackle issues and solve problems and draw upon the expertise of people and groups who are on the front lines in our communities.

Youth Leadership Day

Bringing our young people together to learn about the many opportunities they have, was the inspiration behind Dr. Pan’s sponsorship of Youth Leadership Day at the State Fair where 3,000 middle school and high school students got free entrance to the State Fair. The kids participated in a special youth rally featuring the wonder of world-renowned performance artist David Garibaldi, joined a scavenger hunt for prizes and learned about college financial aid resources.