



## COVID-19

# WOMEN LEGISLATORS PROTECT & DEFEND AGAINST THE VIRUS

Last week we referenced the remarkable work being done by women heads of state to protect their citizens and rid their countries of coronavirus. **How heartening that here in California, women legislators are showing the same care and determination.**

This week and for the duration of the healthcare crisis CTGCA will highlight the initiative of women leaders battling the virus across our state. We start with women in the Senate and Assembly and over the next several months we'll include **women on the frontlines making extraordinary efforts to bring us safely back to health and our communities back to life.**



# SENATOR LENA GONZALEZ

## Senator Lena Gonzalez (SD-33, Long Beach) Chairs Senate Special Committee on Pandemic Response.

As the host of a district teleconference series designed to get factual information to her constituents, Senator Gonzalez engages partners like the Legal Aid Foundation, AltaMed Health Services, and SELA Collaborative to inform the one million residents in her district about EDD benefits, the CARES Act, food distribution center resources and testing facilities for COVID-19.

In Sacramento, Senator Gonzalez is reviewing the state's response to the COVID-19 crisis – what we are doing right and what needs to be improved? Do we have what we need in equipment and resources? Are our public health departments ensuring safety and safe practices?

***“In partnership with Senate Pro Temp and bipartisan leaders, we are making every effort possible to ensure that California is in the best position to respond to a pandemic and ensures the health and safety of all Californians.”***

**- Senator Lena Gonzalez**



Getting complete and clear information to her constituents through continuous communication is a priority for Senator Gonzalez.

**AD-44 THOUSAND OAKS**

**ASSEMBLYWOMAN JACQUI IRWIN**

**Assemblywoman Jacqui Irwin (AD 44-Thousand Oaks) orchestrates quick response to blood shortage.**

When a blood supply shortage occurred due to the COVID-19 outbreak and some blood drives were cancelled, Assemblymember Jacqui Irwin collaborated with the American Red Cross and local organizations to host six blood drives throughout her district in Ventura County. Swift response provided relief for patients with the most urgency. Blood donations collected from the first three drives directly benefitted 612 patients who required blood and blood products.

***“We received an incredible response to our call for blood donors. While we may be in uncertain times, one thing I am certain of, is the ability of the community I represent to come together in times of urgent need.”***

**- Assemblymember Jackie Irwin**



Assemblywoman Irwin's leadership by example drew more donors and added to the drive's overall success.

**SD-30 LOS ANGELES**

**SENATOR HOLLY MITCHELL**

**Senator Holly Mitchell: Champion of those who care for children of frontline workers.**



Who looks out for those who help the helpers? Senator Holly Mitchell (SD-30, LA)! She teamed up with LA's largest childcare provider Crystal Stairs, the LA County Alliance and KDW Apparel to get 7500 masks to childcare workers. Within a week, 7500 masks were made available to all active childcare providers. According to Crystal Stairs CEO Jackie Majors, 98% of clients are single parents, and for those who are essential workers, childcare may be their only option. Senator Mitchell saw the need. For health and peace of mind, parents and caregivers all needed protection. Childcare workers are safe and children are not home alone.

As the chair of the Senate Budget Committee, Senator Mitchell oversees and evaluates state government expenditures to combat the virus.

***“While we’ve been working hard to ensure essential workers have access to needed childcare services, childcare workers who are stepping up to provide this critical service, need to do so safely. After Mayor Garcetti’s strong encouragement to wear face coverings, we decided that now is the time to provide CDC quality masks to our childcare providers.”***

**- Senator Holly Mitchell**



Senator Mitchell focused on childcare workers who enable frontline workers to do their jobs knowing their kids were okay.

**AD-37 SAN BERNADINO**

## **ASSEMBLYWOMAN ELOISE REYES**

### **Assemblywoman Eloise Reyes Answers the Call for PPE....quickly!**

When the calls began to come in to the district office of Assemblywoman Eloise Reyes (AD 37-San Bernardino), she became a woman on a mission: get protective equipment to the people who need it. In the past month, with several local partners, she has delivered 1,000 N95 masks, 3,000 surgical masks, 400 cloth masks and 100 face shields to physicians and nurses, seniors, nursing homes and public defenders.

***"During this COVID-19, we must come together to protect our nurses, physicians and medical staff who are putting themselves and their families at risk every day."***

**- Assemblywoman Eloise Reyes**



Assemblywoman Eloise Reyes delivered protective masks that are both safe and colorful.

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