



# Senator Tom Umberg

REPRESENTING SENATE DISTRICT 34

April 2025 Newsletter



## A Note from Senator Tom Umberg:

March was an exceptionally busy month in the District and our Capitol office. With session starting we had several hearings with lots of positive news as we begin to pass legislation. And in the district my team and I had the opportunity to join our community members for big projects and celebrations as we kick off the year. We also were able to celebrate some of the outstanding women who make such outstanding contributions through their work and advocacy during our annual Women of Distinction event. I hope the month treated many of you well and I look forward to seeing you throughout April!

## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

This year, my team and I are authoring two bills to help bring some reform to our elections here in California. The influx of money in our political system can often leave many feeling unheard by their elected representatives. To meet this moment, SB 42 would lift the ban on cities publicly funding elections. This would allow non-charter cities to get money out of politics and give candidates equal opportunities to seek public office. We are also authoring SB 398 to prohibit lotteries for voter registration like we saw in 2024 and this week in Wisconsin. These bills help prevent affluence from being the deciding factor, rather than a candidates positions and priorities for our communities. If you're interested in learning more about what our team and I are working on, please visit: <https://sd34.senate.ca.gov/legislation>.



**SR91 GROUNDBREAKING**

I joined the Orange County Transportation Authority for the groundbreaking ceremony for improvements to SR 91 in Orange. This project will reduce traffic, improve safety for drivers and pedestrians, and speed up commutes. I'm looking forward to seeing this project once its complete!



**LA HABRA CENTENNIAL 5K**

I joined the City of La Habra at their centennial 5k run this month, and even had the chance to bring Robin and our granddaughter to participate as well! This was an outstanding event that helped kick off a year of celebrations for La Habra's 100th anniversary. Thank you to the city council and the community for helping us get our steps in!



**ANAHEIM CITY COUNCIL**

My team attended a recent Anaheim City Council meeting to voice support for a bill we have the privilege of co-authoring, AB 91. This bill would establish a Middle East and North African category when collecting data so that we can create better policy and respond to emergencies better for these communities.

## DISTRICT ACTIVITY SNAPSHOT



38

EVENTS



83

RECOGNITION



20

CASEWORK

The SD34 continues to start off 2025 strong. In March, our district team attended over 38 events and meetings, recognized 83 individuals and organizations in the district, and assisted 20 individuals with casework.



### SPOTLIGHT ON...

#### Women of Distinction

*This month we had the honor of recognizing another group of women from the district who were nominated by our community for their work and advocacy in making SD34 stronger and fairer.*

Every year we close our Women's History Month by hosting our Women of Distinction event at Fullerton College, where we can thank women from across the district for the work they do. This year we had over 30 women from across industries like public safety, health care, education, and students who work every day to improve the lives of those around them, and we thank them all for their outstanding contributions.

This year, we named Reverend Chineta Goodjoin of the New Hope Presbyterian Church in Anaheim as our Woman of the Year for the work she's done to preserve music education in Santa Ana schools by founding the New Hope Orange County Orchestra, addressing racial disparities in healthcare access by co-founding HEAAL, organizing town halls and service and helping launch a hospital and construct a new water tower in Kenya. Reverend Goodjoin and her congregation's mission is truly global in its impact. I want to thank Rev. Goodjoin for all of the outstanding work her and her congregation are doing to make our world a better place!



### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### 04/13 - Children's Fun Fair

Barton Park  
800 S. Agate St.  
Anaheim, CA 92804  
**11:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

*The City of Anaheim is once again hosting the 3rd Annual Children's Fun Fair on Sunday, April 13 at Barton Park. There will be games, music, and lots of giveaways and resources for families! The event is free and open to the public!*

#### 04/24 - Orange County Job Fair

Santa Ana College  
1530 W. 17th St.  
Santa Ana, CA 92706  
**11:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

*The Santa Ana College Career Center is collaborating with the Santa Ana Task Force and SAUSD to host a job fair for the community. This event will feature several local companies and agencies that can help attendees find jobs or connect them with other resources.*

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