

ELLEN CORBETT

Seeking Position for: California State Senate, District 10

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1. *If elected, what are your top priorities during your term? What would you like to accomplish and how would you go about doing so? Please be specific.*

During these difficult times I have fought to protect education, healthcare and vital services to local government. I will continue to work for these issues that my constituents care about. Access to quality healthcare is a right, and I have spent the past 2 years defending that right while fighting the closure of San Leandro Hospital. Residents from the entire East Bay region use San Leandro Hospital and will be negatively impacted if the hospital closes. I will also continue to support the former employees of the NUMMI plant in Fremont. I have been involved in trying to keep the NUMMI plant open and unfortunately now that it has closed I will continue to look for another operator. I make sure to communicate with my constituents and stakeholders in all important issues from water to education.

2. *How have you in the past and how will you in the future use your position to expand the presence and influence of Asian Pacific Americans in public policy and politics?*

I am proud to represent a large Asian Pacific American community. I regularly work with APA organizations like APAPA and CBC. I have an open door policy on all legislative and district issues for all my constituents, including the Asian Pacific American community. I also encourage all my staff to pursue political, educational and community efforts.

3. *What have you done that demonstrates your commitment to and effectiveness in promoting Asian Pacific American interests in the following areas (and if you have not contributed in these areas, please discuss any area(s) in which you have made a contribution):*

Education Education has always been a top priority for me. I believe that all students, regardless of race or class have the right to a quality education. I have fought to protect education during these difficult budget times. I have been involved in the grassroots activism led by UC Berkeley, Cal State Hayward and community college students in my district protesting against education cuts in California. I was proud to stand with these students in Sacramento on March 4th. I also spent my time at my Alma matter, Cal State East Bay on March 4th. Hearing the stories of these students' struggles to get the education they rightfully deserve is a reminder of what we are truly fighting for. I further empowered the students by hosting an education webinar with Pro tem Steinberg and Senator Loni Hancock at the Cal State East Bay campus.

Health Care

I was one of many Americans who was thrilled to see President Obama pass health care reform just last week. I believe this overhaul is sorely needed, especially in California. I was a proud co-author of Senate Bill 810 to provide Universal healthcare. The fight to keep San Leandro Hospital is one that all of my constituents will benefit from.

Civil Rights

As the Chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee, I have been an staunch protector of civil and consumer rights. The role of the Senate Judiciary is to guarantee all bills that pass through this

committee are constitutionally sound. Chairing this committee puts me in the unique position to protect civil rights and ensure we never return to past injustices. I am honored to have this position and to be named one of the Top 100 Attorneys in California.

Business

I have a good working relationship with the local chamber of commerce's in my district. From my past work as a member of my local chamber of commerce I understand the struggle of keeping business successful in difficult economic times. I will continue to support job creation and growth in California.

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