



SENATOR BEN HUESO

REPRESENTING THE 40th DISTRICT



WELCOME

Dear Friend,

Great things happened in our district and in the state this summer. I worked hard with other members of the Legislature and the Governor to pass a state budget that totaled more than \$300 billion, a historic amount.

This year's budget includes historic funding for infrastructure improvement, transportation, and housing. The budget will provide an increase to retirees with the Supplemental Social Security grant which will provide funds to our elderly population. We are also providing \$250 million to small businesses, ensuring that entrepreneurs continue to thrive in our state. Residents in our state sorely need those benefits and more.

In our district, specifically in San Diego, we secured \$5 million for the City of San Diego restoration of the Villa Montezuma Museum and \$1 million to the San Diego Unified School District for further development of the Earthlab Open-Air Climate Park. We also secured \$20 million for the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) to end State Route 125 toll fees in 2027 as opposed to 2042. In the Imperial County, we secured \$200,000 for the City of Brawley for the removal of their old water tank, which hasn't been used in

IN THE KNOW ...

New River Improvement Project



It was an honor to assist in our continued efforts to secure funding for the New River Improvement Project with my friend and colleague in the Assembly, Eduardo Garcia. These funds will mitigate the New River pollution and help create recreational spaces. It's one step closer to end the health hazard that affects constituents along the border in the Imperial County.

Snapdragon Stadium

generations and is only an environmental threat to residents around it. These funds will continue to ensure our constituents have access to housing, climate change education, easier transportation, and prevent potential environmental hazard.

We also joined the fight with other San Diego legislators and local leaders to ensure the Biden Administration preserves Friendship Park. I understand the need for border security, but I believe we can work together to ensure the park can continue as a binational symbol of hope. A wall at Friendship Park will sever ties between families separated by border policies. We can't let that happen and we'll continue to advocate for the park.

Ben Hueso
State Senator
40th District

WELCOME



12/6: Hanukkah ends
6/15: Budget Bill deadline



I toured Snapdragon Stadium recently and it is amazing. I hope you take the time to attend the stadium, whether it be for an Aztecs football game, Wave FC match or special event. [@SnapdragonStdm](#) [@sandiegowavefc](#) [@AztecFB](#)

IN THE SPOTLIGHT ...

Nonprofit of the Month: Reps 4 Vets



Photo courtesy of Calexico Chronicle/Megan Jones video capture

Brendon Brown founded Reps 4 Vets in the Imperial County in February 2020. He is a medically retired combat veteran, crisis intervention chaplain, and fitness trainer. He founded the organization when he battled PTSD, substance abuse, and suicide. His organization helps veterans with PTSD through fitness training, nutrition planning, mental condition, and group sessions over a 12-week period. For more information on Reps 4 Vets click [here](#).

Citizen of the Month: Anna Webb

- Deadline for legislative
deadline to qualify for
6/15: Nov. 8 General Election
ballot
- 7/4:** Independence Day
- 8/1:** Legislature reconvenes
from Summer Recess
- Last day for fiscal
8/12: committees to meet and
report bills to the Floor.
- 8/15-**
31: Floor Session only.
- 8/25:** Last day to amend bills
on the floor.
- 8/31:** Last day for each house
to pass bills.

For the complete legislative
calendar, please visit:
[Legislative Calendar](#)



Anna Webb has served the Community of Imperial Beach. In 2018 she served as Vice President of the Board of Trustees for the Imperial Beach Neighborhood Center guiding the Center as it provided resources to the underserved and unsheltered in our community. The IBNC has grown to become a vital resource distributing food to over 600 families each month with expansion projected over the next two years.

After the pandemic began in 2020, she volunteered on the Executive Team of the Business segment for the Imperial Beach Mayor's Task Force on Covid-19. This Executive Team played an integral role in providing local businesses with resources to keep their businesses afloat during the shutdown.

Anna is a small business owner, and so she deeply values the importance of weekly meetings for local businesses, especially during the shutdown. Her solid, calm presence and upbeat nature helped many business owners through a very difficult time.

These meetings kept the local businesses updated as representatives from the Small Business Administration, the San Diego Business Development Center and others were invited to keep Imperial Beach businesses informed about available funding and resources.

Currently she serves as one of two representatives for Imperial Beach on the Community Advisory Committee of San Diego Community Power. In April of 2020, she was elected Secretary. This organization brings clean energy options to Imperial Beach, Chula Vista, La Mesa, San Diego, and, soon to come, National City and San Diego's unincorporated areas.

WHAT'S NEW ...

Middle Class Tax Refund

The state's 2022-2023 budget signed by Gov. Gavin Newsom includes direct payments of \$350 to \$1,050 for 23 million Californians. The stimulus payment will be issued by the state's Franchise Tax Board through direct deposit and debit cards. Payments will be disbursed in October through early 2023. To see if you qualify or for more information, go to its information site [here](#).

More free COVID-19 tests

Every home in our district and the nation is eligible to order at third round of free at-home tests. Order yours [here](#) or by calling 1-800-232-0233 (TTY 1-888-720-7489).

Want to receive these updates in real time?
Follow me on social media: [Twitter](#) | [Instagram](#)

[Download as a pdf](#)

California State Senator Ben Hueso - 40th Senate District

Representing portions of San Diego County and all of Imperial County.

Web site: <http://sd40.senate.ca.gov/>

Contact: [Senator Ben Hueso](#)

Capitol Office
 1021 O Street, Suite 7340
 Sacramento, CA 95814

Chula Vista Office
 303 H Street., Suite 200
 Chula Vista, CA 91910

El Centro
 1224 State Street, Suite D
 El Centro, CA 92243

Phone: (916) 651-4040
Fax: (916) 651-4940

Phone: (619) 409-7690
Fax: (619) 409-7688

Phone: (760) 335-3442
Fax: (760) 335-3444



CALIFORNIA SENATE
DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS

(c) 2022 California State Senate