

Catholic Advocacy Day 2017

“Our Children, Our Priority”

[Assemblymember Adrin Nazarian] was cordial and enjoyed meeting constituents. He will support the 5 CCC supported bills unless a significant budgetary issue arises with them. He supports abortion and leans to support SB320. He accepted that there should be parity for pregnant and parenting students but suggested offering SB320 as a pilot project since he believes abortion should be offered to young college aged women.”

“Assemblyman [Mark] Stone's staff was receptive and engaging. He is very committed to restorative justice issues, particularly related to juveniles. He is also supportive of the CCC's immigration positions, but disagrees around issues dealing with abortion.”

“Our group met with Dave Loudon, [chief of staff to Assemblymember Steven Choi]. Dave was funny and answered all of our questions thoroughly, even taking time to ask us about our days and how much he supports Catholic Advocacy Day. Our group had an amazing experience and we hope to future interactions with Assembly Member Steven Choi's team.”

“Mr. Johnson [in Sen. Steven Bradford’s office] was warm and very welcoming. He shared that he had attended Catholic Schools and listened attentively to our presentation. He agreed that SB 320 should allow equal information for alternatives to abortions, etc. We addressed the budget allowing money from Medicaid to pay for the suicide pill. He was not aware of that; and also queried the definition of palliative care. He was sincerely interested in what we had to say and open to further dialog. Great meeting.”

“This was the best visit I've ever had. We started out with Kathleen, the chief of staff, but Assemblyman Matt Dababneh came in after he finished testifying. He was very attentive and actually honestly seemed happy to see us. (So different than last year.) He even asked for a picture.”

“We met with Asm. Aguiar-Curry. She paid close attention to our remarks. She was thoroughly familiar with each bill we discussed and indicated support for all or most of the positions we were advocating. “