



Los Angeles Area
Chamber of Commerce

The Honorable Hector De La Torre

California State Assembly, CA-50

Assemblymember Hector De La Torre (D-South Gate) represents the 50th Assembly District, which includes eight cities in southeast Los Angeles County - Bell, Bell Gardens, Bellflower, Commerce, Cudahy, Downey, Lynwood, South Gate as well as the unincorporated neighborhoods of Florence-Graham, and Walnut Park. He was elected November 2004.

Assemblymember Hector De La Torre has been named Chair of the newly created Assembly Committee on Accountability and Administrative Review. The new committee will make its recommendations to the budget process and propose legislation based on hearings and investigations that would assist the economy and efficiency of state government. The committee will be responsible for reviewing and studying the administration, operation and effectiveness of programs and government agencies. In addition, it will review whether our government agencies are meeting their goals, delivering the services Californians have been promised and achieving results.

De La Torre has worked to bring healthcare solutions to the residents of the 50th Assembly District and pushed for the passage of landmark legislation to guarantee transparency in healthcare insurance policies throughout California. He has fought to re-invest in our educational system, improve our water system, create awareness of recycled water, and tackle local infrastructure needs. In addition, he has successfully expanded eligibility for state financial aid for students attending college.

De La Torre has a longstanding track record for championing legislation to ensure the integrity and accountability of public officials. During his legislative tenure he has succeed in passing key bills to hold government entities accountable and financially responsible for safeguarding taxpayer money. Examples include Assembly Bill 11 to reduce unethical practices by city councils, Assembly Bill 2753 prohibiting recalled elected officials from spending city funds when not authorized and Assembly Bill 2092 aimed at restoring public trust by assuring persons with a felony conviction cannot hold public office.

Prior to serving in the Assembly, he served eight-years on the city council of his native city of South Gate, including 2 years as mayor. He is largely credited for leading South Gate residents in a grassroots campaign to recall corrupt elected officials, stabilize the city's financial condition, and rebuild public trust.