

The Solano County and Diablo Valley League of Women Voters met with Assemblyman Jim Frazier's Legislative Director Mark Engstrom on February 25, 2021 for a legislative interview. The interview focused on four key topics: Climate Change and Land Use; Housing and Homelessness; COVID 19 Recovery; and Personal Priorities of the Assemblyman. (Mr. Engstrom shared that he was not speaking for the Assemblyman, but he would endeavor to share what he understands are the Assemblyman's priorities.)

Climate Change and Land Use: Mr. Engstrom shared that the Assemblyman is focused on wildfire prevention and mitigation, and ensuring funding that does not put a burden on the General Fund.

Housing and Homelessness: Mr. Engstrom shared that Mr. Frazier was a builder prior to entering the Assembly and is a strong supporter of more affordable housing. Currently, he is working to arbitrate an agreement between the City of Fairfield and Travis Air Force Base regarding the Georgetown Project. Over three hundred homes have been vacant for the last ten years because Travis Air Force Base will not agree to turn on the water to these homes.

COVID 19 Recovery: Mr. Engstrom shared that the Governor has broad powers to address the distribution of vaccines to vulnerable populations and the communities at large, issuing shutdowns and reopening of schools. There needs to be more community outreach to distribute information to the public. One example he shared was of one CA community's police officers handing out cards with information about COVID and vaccine availability/locations.

Assemblyman Frazier Personal Priorities: The Assemblyman is committed to addressing funding for wildfire early intervention, prevention, and mitigation. He is concerned about people who have experienced loss during the wildfires and the trauma that still lingers. Additionally, he affirmed that there could be more coordination with the Federal Government to address land; such as, stewardship agreements in order to reduce the forest fuels that presently exist on public lands.