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## **Committee Chairmanships of the Central Coast Caucus Members for 2025**

**SACRAMENTO** — Assemblymember Dawn Addis (D-Morro Bay) and Assemblymember Gregg Hart (D-Santa Barbara), the co-chairs of the California Central Coast Legislative Caucus, issued the following statement regarding the new committee chairmanship and leadership appointments of Central Coast Caucus members for the 2025 legislative year:

“We are proud that every member of the California Legislative Central Coast Caucus has been named to serve in leadership roles this session,” said Addis. “From the position of Speaker to Committee Chair or Vice-Chair, each of our members brings an important Central Coast perspective to their position. We are grateful to the Speaker and ProTem for the appointments they have made, and proud to work alongside my Central Coast colleagues as we serve the people of California.”

The positions now held by Central Coast Caucus members are as follows:

- Speaker Robert Rivas – Speaker of the Assembly
- Senator Monique Limón – Chair, Senate Democratic Caucus / Chair, Senate Natural Resources and Water
- Senator Anna Caballero – Chair, Senate Appropriations
- Senator John Laird – Chair, Senate Budget Subcommittee on Education / Vice Chair, Joint Committee on Rules / Vice Chair, Joint Legislative Audit Committee
- Senator Henry Stern – Chair, Joint Legislative Committee on Emergency Management / Vice Chair, Joint Legislative Committee on Climate Change Policies
- Assemblymember Dawn Addis – Chair, Assembly Budget Subcommittee on Health
- Assemblymember Steve Bennett – Chair, Assembly Budget Subcommittee on Climate Crisis, Resources, Energy and Transportation
- Assemblymember Gregg Hart – Chair, Assembly Budget Subcommittee on Accountability and Oversight

- Assemblymember Jacqui Irwin – Chair, Joint Committee on Climate Change Policies
- Assemblymember Gail Pellerin – Chair, Assembly Elections Committee

“Our coastal communities are essential, integral parts of California’s cultural, economic and environmental fabric,” said Speaker Robert Rivas. “I look forward to working with my colleagues to advance policy ideas and initiatives that improve the quality of life for all Californians.”

“I am grateful for the opportunity to continue to serve our Central Coast as the Vice Chair of the Central Coast Caucus,” said Senator Monique Limón (D-Santa Barbara). “In 2023 I was appointed Chair of the Senate Democratic Caucus and this year I was elected by my colleagues to serve as the Vice Chair of the bipartisan Legislative Women’s Caucus. These leadership positions provide me with an opportunity to work with my colleagues on issues of importance to our region, protect our environment, and amplify the contributions of the Central Coast to the Golden State.”

“I am thankful for the trust placed in me by President of the Senate McGuire to serve as Chair of the important Senate Appropriations Committee,” said Senator Anna Caballero (D-Merced). “My duty as Chair of the Appropriations Committee makes me responsible for ensuring that California is investing resources thoughtfully and where needed most.”

“It is an honor and a privilege to continue our work in Budget Subcommittee #4 on Climate Crisis, Resources, Energy, and Transportation,” said Assemblymember Steve Bennett (D-Ventura). California will continue to lead in climate action, environmental stewardship, and in the transition to a carbon-less economy.”

“I am honored to be appointed Chair of the Budget Subcommittee on Oversight and Accountability,” said Hart. “This important new leadership role will support my work safeguarding public funds and advancing good governance for all Californians. I am committed to ensuring transparency, accountability, and the efficient use of taxpayer dollars.”

“I look forward to continuing my work in the elections space to ensure that all Californians have access to fair, free, accurate, transparent, and accessible elections,” said Assemblymember Gail Pellerin (D-Santa Cruz).

“I’m honored that Speaker Robert Rivas has appointed me Chair of the Assembly Budget Subcommittee on Health,” said Addis. “Regardless of income or zip code, everyone should receive the care they need, yet access to affordable, quality healthcare is a constant worry for too many. In this position, I will work to protect the gains California has made while expanding access to high-quality, affordable care and increasing health equity.”

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*The California Legislative Central Caucus is made up of ten elected officials representing Santa Cruz, Monterey, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Ventura counties. The caucus is led by Assemblymembers Dawn Addis and Gregg Hart as co-chairs and Senator Monique Limón as the vice chair. Members of the caucus include Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas, Assemblymembers Steve Bennett, Jacqui Irwin, Gail Pellerin, and Senators Anna Caballero, John Laird, and Henry Stern.*