



Community News and Events

Assemblymember Mary Hayashi Spoke at First Perinatal and Maternal Mental Health Awareness Day



In commemoration of May as Perinatal Mental Health and Maternal Depression Awareness Month, Assemblymember Mary Hayashi joined leading women’s health advocates to raise awareness about mental health at the first Perinatal and Maternal Mental Health Awareness Day at the State Capitol on May 7th.

“Maternal depression is common and treatable, but still heavily stigmatized. We are letting families know that help is available, and that getting help is okay,” stated Assemblymember Hayashi. “No new mother should have to feel isolated or ashamed by depression.”

Perinatal Mental Health and Maternal Depression Awareness Month was established by ACR 105 in 2010. The resolution called for the state and advocacy groups to explore ways to improve women's access to mental healthcare, to facilitate increased awareness about perinatal depression, and to improve the availability of effective screening, treatment and community support services. In 2011, the Legislature passed ACR 53 to further stress the need for prevention and raise awareness about risk factors and triggers for perinatal depression.

A new California Maternal Mental Health Collaborative began in September 2011 to address the directives of the resolutions. It is estimated that between 10 to 20 percent of women experience depression either during pregnancy or in the first 12 months postpartum. Most will go undiagnosed or untreated due to stigma and lack of information, as well as the lack of standardized screening by providers. Untreated depression can have detrimental effects on both the mother and child, including increased risk for maternal suicide and impaired childhood development.

Cinco de Mayo Week Supported by Assemblymember Mary Hayashi



Assemblymember Mary Hayashi spoke on behalf of the Asian Pacific Islander Legislative Caucus in support of ACR 146 on the Assembly Floor. With the designation of May 1 to May 7, 2012 as Cinco de Mayo Week, Californians will be reminded about the stand that Mexican Americans have always made for democracy and freedom in the United States. It is a celebration of the promising future for California, and an expression of thanks for the dedication and ideals of today's Latino community.

Cinco de Mayo provides a time to celebrate our diversity, and recognize the many contributions of Mexican Americans and Latinos to California and our nation. It's a time to reflect on the Latino experience, to remember the struggles of the past, and be inspired by those who overcame great challenges, and found courage and strength in the face of adversity.

The Latino, Asian and Pacific Islander communities have much in common. All have faced many of the same barriers, gone through the same growing pains, and accomplished great things against all odds. Latinos have met with success in many areas, from arts and entertainment, to business and politics. The number of Latino-owned businesses has increased by 43.7 percent within the most recent decade, making Latinos the fastest growing group of business owners in our economy.

As we continue to work together on the issues important to our communities—education, healthcare, and social justice for all, it is fitting that we stand side-by-side and honor the Latino community with ACR 146.

Assemblymember Mary Hayashi Honored Holocaust Survivor Martha Reynolds



Assemblymember Mary Hayashi honored Jewish Holocaust survivor Martha Reynolds on April 16th at the 10th annual California State Assembly Holocaust Memorial Project ceremony. Born in Austria in 1921, Marta Wachtel survived the Nazi's Theresienstadt and Auschwitz concentration camps during World War II.



After the war, Marta returned to her home town of Vienna, and married Hugo Reinfeld, whom she had known from childhood. They came to America with the help of Hugo's uncle. As they entered the country, an immigration agent in Oakland advised them to change their names to something that sounded less German. The agent thumbed through a phone book and Reinfeld became Reyonlds, Hugo became Hugh, and Marta became Martha. The Reynolds settled in Castro Valley, where they raised their four children. Hugh and Martha were blessed with a long and happy marriage. Hugh, who almost died under Nazi Germany's tyranny, lived to age 91. Martha continues to graciously share her story with others in the spirit of Yom Ha'Shoah, the International Holocaust Day of Remembrance.

By holding this ceremony every year, the Assembly strives to ensure that the unfathomable losses brought about by the Holocaust serve the present day purpose of educating current and future generations in order to prevent such atrocities from ever happening again. Assemblymember Mary Hayashi honored Martha Reynolds' extraordinary life with an Assembly Resolution and expressed her deep appreciation for her participation in this important educational project.

To watch a video of Ms. Reynolds' story, go to: <http://asmdc.org/issues/holocaustmemorial2012/memorial-videos/697-martha-reynolds-ad18>

Assemblymember Mary Hayashi Has Launched A New Youth Concussion Education Website



Assemblymember Mary Hayashi has launched a new website, www.youthconcussion.com, which will serve as an online resource center for parents and kids. The site features information about sports-related concussions, as well as information about California's new return-to-play law, AB 25.

“As we implement AB 25, it's important to educate parents and our student athletes about concussions and the steps they will need to take in order to return to the game,” stated Assembly Member Mary Hayashi. “Youthconcussion.com will help promote student safety, offering valuable information about the signs and symptoms of concussions, the prevalence and impact of these head injuries, and how to

comply with the new law.”

AB 25 was signed by the Governor last year, and the bill took effect in January 2012. School districts are now required to immediately remove an athlete from a school-sponsored athletic activity if he or she is suspected of sustaining a concussion or head injury. A student cannot return to play until he or she is evaluated by, and receives written clearance from, a licensed health care provider. A concussion and head injury information sheet must be signed and returned by that athlete and a parent or guardian before the first practice or competition. A copy of this sheet is available at www.youthconcussion.com.

To further strengthen this law, Assembly Member Hayashi has introduced another bill, AB 1451, which will train coaches to recognize the signs and symptoms of concussions. This training will help coaches and schools to take appropriate steps when an injury occurs.



Assemblymember Mary Hayashi Co-Hosted an Advanced Screening of the Movie “Bully” in Sacramento



On April 10th, Assemblymember Mary Hayashi hosted an advanced screening of “BULLY” to a full house at the Tower Theater in Sacramento. Over 200 community and education leaders, suicide prevention advocates and their families packed the theater to see the award-winning documentary.



The documentary was finally granted a PG-13 rating on April 5, 2012, after much protest from those who felt its initial ‘R’ rating would exclude the film’s primary audience—young people who are the targets, and who are the perpetrators of bullying – and deter parents from taking their children to see the movie.

“I’m proud that advocates were able to convince MPAA to make this decision, which will allow many more young people to see this important film,” stated Assembly Member Mary Hayashi, who gathered signatures for the national petition to change the rating. “Bullying has already taken the life of another young person, Teddy Molina of Texas. We cannot ignore the seriousness and pervasiveness of this problem, and people need to see exactly what is happening to our kids in schools.”

Directed by Sundance and Emmy-award winning filmmaker Lee Hirsch, “BULLY” provides a clear and unwavering insight into bullying and its impact on the lives of five kids and their families. It’s estimated that thirteen million kids will be bullied in the U.S. this year.

Assemblymember Mary Hayashi Honored Citizens for Better Community, Bernadine Dutra and Anna Wang



On April 21st, Assemblymember Mary Hayashi honored Citizens for Better Community (CBC) for its 20th Anniversary during its annual spring celebration event held at the Marriott Hotel in Fremont. Hundreds of attendees came to pay tribute to the organization’s many achievements over the years. CBC was established in 1992 to initiate, sponsor, and promote community events, which will affect the well-being of Chinese Americans with an emphasis on education, health, business and community involvement.



Assemblymember Mary Hayashi also joined CBC in recognizing its *Citizen of the Year* recipient, Mrs. Bernadine Dutra, for her community leadership and civic involvement. Married to former Assemblymember John Dutra, Bernadine co-founded Dutra Realty Enterprises in 1972, served on the board of HERS Breast Cancer Foundation, and in 2001, started OneChild, a non-profit organization

dedicated to boosting the self-esteem of underprivileged children by providing new clothes, shoes, and backpacks filled with school and dental supplies for returning to school each year.

Additionally, Mrs. Anna Wang was recognized and honored by CBC and Assemblymember Mary Hayashi as the organization’s *Volunteer of the Year*. A longtime advocate for the rights of individuals with developmental disabilities, Anna and her husband, Dr. Albert Wang, were founding members of

Friends of Children with Special Needs. She also is one of the founding members of the Autism Task Force in the Fremont Unified School District, an advisory board member in Kaiser Permanente's Autism Research Program, and a team member of the Senate Select Committee: Bay Area Autism Regional Task Force.

Hayward Fire Chief Craig Bueno Announced His Retirement



On May 1st, Hayward Firefighters - Local 1909, community leaders, volunteers, and staff gathered to celebrate Fire Chief Craig Bueno's retirement after 27 years of service with the Hayward Fire Department. The occasion highlighted Chief Bueno's career and many accomplishments from joining the department as a firefighter and working through the ranks to his appointment as Fire Chief.

During his term, Chief Bueno was awarded the City of Hayward's Medal of Valor for rescuing a citizen from a burning building. He has shared his wise counsel as an elected member and president of the Executive Board of the Hayward Firefighters and International Association of Fire Fighters, Local 1909. Chief Bueno also served as President of the Alameda County Fire Chiefs Association (ACFCA) and Section Chief of the ACFCA Emergency Medical Services.

Fire Chief Bueno has brought credit and distinction to himself and exemplifies the true character of bravery when faced with the perilous duties of fire service. Assemblymember Mary Hayashi presented Chief Bueno with an Assembly Resolution to recognize and thank him for providing the highest level of service and protection to the Hayward community. Chief Bueno's official retirement date is May 12, 2012.

Habitat for Humanity East Bay Received \$1.5 Million from CalHome Loan Program



The California Department of Housing and Community Development announced that it will provide a \$1.5 million CalHome Program General Loan for Habitat for Humanity East Bay. These funds will be used to support mortgage assistance loans to a proposed 25 first-time, low-income home buyers. The CalHome Program is funded through Proposition 1C – the Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Fund Act of 2006, a referendum passed by California voters in 2006.

Habitat for Humanity East Bay was founded in 1988. Since its inception, the nonprofit organization continues to create successful homeownership opportunities for families with limited incomes by building sustainable housing and revitalizing neighborhoods in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties.

Home Mortgage Assistance Available through CA Department of Corporations



The California Department of Corporations (DOC) has recently updated its Home Mortgage Assistance Guide. The DOC will provide constituents with timely and effective assistance on issues or complaints concerning a home mortgage.

The DOC can assist a constituent with determining the regulator of the loan servicer, ensuring that a borrower is able to reach his or her Department-licensed servicer, guaranteeing that the Department-licensed servicer responds to the borrower, verifying that the Department-licensed servicer complies with California laws, and reviewing all consumer complaints.

The Department of Corporations provides protections to consumers, and services to businesses, engaged in financial transactions. For more information, please visit <http://www.corp.ca.gov/> or call toll-free 1-866-275-2677.

New Haven Schools Foundation's Hosted Its 5th Annual Pathways to Success Scholarship Luncheon



On April 13th, students, faculty, staff, administrators and community members gathered together to celebrate New Haven Schools Foundation's 5th Annual Scholarship Luncheon in Union City.

In recognition of the annual celebration, a California State Assembly Resolution was authored by Assemblymember Mary Hayashi. The resolution highlights both the Foundation's financial and academic commitment to providing students a pathway to achieve higher education and success.



Since 1981, the Foundation has raised funds to provide students and teachers with scholarships, classroom grants, and co-curricular and extra-curricular activities. The New Haven Schools Foundation was created to promote community involvement for the funding of scholarships, educational enrichment and a safe learning environment to help students succeed. The Foundation sponsors Innovations in Education and Project Enrichment; these two programs have contributed to developing and empowering every student to be productive, responsible and successful.

Assemblymember Mary Hayashi also provided State Assembly Certificates to honor the 5th Annual Pathways to Success scholarship recipients for their academic achievement. Each year, the New Haven Schools Foundation Pathways to Success program awards more than \$60,000 in scholarships.

Tri-City Health Center Celebrated Its Grand Re-Opening of the Mowry Avenue Clinic in Fremont



On April 11th, community leaders and healthcare advocates gathered to celebrate the grand re-opening of the Mowry Avenue Clinic in Fremont. Operated by Tri-City Health Center (TCHC), the Mowry Avenue Clinic has been expanded and remodeled in order to provide additional basic health care services to a greater population, most notably for pediatric services.



From its beginning as a women's health clinic in 1970, TCHC has expanded its capacity to deliver community health care, including routine exams, preventive care, health education, and dental care to low and moderate income individuals and families. In keeping with its mission to address social issues as well as physical needs, TCHC also offers specialty programs for its diverse, multilingual population.

As the need for care has grown, so has TCHC's response, making it invaluable to the community it serves as far north as Oakland and Hayward. The expansion and refurbishment of this facility demonstrates TCHC's commitment to provide the best possible services to meet the needs of all its clients. Assemblymember Mary Hayashi was pleased to recognize the grand re-opening and honor the TCHC system for its services to our community.

Assemblymember Mary Hayashi Recognized the 40th Anniversary of Spectrum Community Services



Since 1971, Spectrum Community Services has played a vital role improving the lives of disadvantaged families, individuals, and elderly residents of Alameda County. On April 19th, Assemblymember Mary Hayashi authored an Assembly Resolution in celebration of the nonprofit organization's 40th Anniversary. The resolution was accepted by its executive director and mayor of Hayward, Michael Sweeney.

Through its many contributions, Spectrum Community Services has stood firm to its mission of improving the self-sufficiency and quality of life of its clients. In partnership with local service organizations, Spectrum offers a wide variety of community programs and services, including meals and nutrition, fall risk reduction, information and referral, energy and weatherization, as well as health and safety checks. Assemblymember Mary Hayashi was pleased to congratulate and commend Spectrum for over 40 years of positive impacts and achievements in the community.

Alamo Canal Trail Undercrossing Project Groundbreaking Celebrated in Dublin



On April 10th, the East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) hosted a groundbreaking ceremony for the new Alamo Canal Trail Undercrossing Project near the Dublin Library. Dignitaries from federal, state and local offices attended the celebration in honor of the proposed paved trail that will connect its northern section in Dublin to its southern section in Pleasanton.

Bicyclists, hikers, joggers and commuters will soon be able to travel from the nearly 22-mile long Iron Horse Trail that extends north into Contra Costa County to the Alamo Canal Trail which will then connect to 15 miles of trails in Pleasanton and 25 miles of trails in Livermore. The Alamo Canal Trail Undercrossing project allows for safe passage underneath Interstate 580. Major destination centers are located near the combined trails including BART, office complexes, shopping centers, schools, and community parks. This \$2 million project was funded by federal grants, Alameda County's Measure B, EBRPD's Measure

WW, and the cities of Dublin and Pleasanton. The project is located within the Alamo Canal right-of-way, a portion of land owned by Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, Zone 7 Water Agency and Caltrans, which helped make this project possible.

Hayward Area Historical Society Held Its 13th Annual History Awards

On April 20th, the Hayward Area Historical Society (HAHS) held its 13th Annual History Awards to honor individuals and organizations which have contributed to the preservation of historical sites throughout the Hayward area. HAHS has been actively gathering and teaching local history to draw the public's awareness to the relevance of our past to our present.

Awards for this year's event were provided to the following:

Randy Wittorp received the Historic Preservation Award for the restoration of his 1930s era home in Hayward

Pete's Hardware in Castro Valley received the Historic Business Award

Hayward's Municipal Band received the Award for Historic Organization

Peggy Hearne of Hayward High School received the Educator of the Year Award

Robert and Erica Campisi earned the Community Service Award for their tremendous contributions to the Meek Estate

Alameda County Supervisor Nate Miley received the John Sandoval Award for his dedicated support for the restoration and preservation of San Lorenzo's Pioneer Cemetery.



Assemblymember Mary Hayashi congratulated this year's honorees with Assembly Certificates of Recognition.

State Public Works Board Meeting and Agenda



Assemblymember Mary Hayashi has been appointed to the State Public Works Board (SPWB) as a legislative advisor. The State Public Works Board was created by the Legislature to oversee the fiscal matters associated with construction of projects for state agencies, and to select and acquire real property for state facilities and programs. The SPWB is also the issuer of lease-revenue bonds, which is a form of long term financing that is

used to pay for capital projects.

The Legislature appropriates funds for capital outlay projects such as acquiring land, planning and constructing new buildings, expanding or modifying existing buildings, and purchasing equipment related to such construction. Through review and approval processes, the SPWB ensures that capital outlay projects adhere to the Legislature's appropriation intentions.

Next Board Meeting:

Friday, May 11, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.

Location: State Capitol, Room 113

[MEETING NOTICE CLICK HERE](#)

Online Link: <http://www.spwb.ca.gov>

Assemblymember Hayashi's Previous Voting Record and Helpful Links

AFSCME	100% Rating
Asian Americans for Civil Rights and Equality	100% Rating
California Alliance for Retired Americans	100% Rating
California Labor Federation	100% Rating
California League of Conservation Voters	100% Rating
California Public Interest & Research Group	100% Rating
California Small Business Association	Highest Ranking
California State Sheriffs' Association	Highest Ranking
California State Bldg & Construction Trades	100% Rating
Children's Advocacy Institute	Highest Ranking
Clean Water Action	Highest Ranking
Congress of California Seniors	100% Rating
Consumer Federation of California	100% Rating
Equality California	100% Rating
Lambda Letters Project-People of Color	100% Rating
Lambda Letters Project-Women's Issues	100% Rating
National Association of Social Workers – CA	100% Rating
National Organization for Women - California	100% Rating
PawPac's Animal Rights and Wildlife Issues	A+ Ranking
Planned Parenthood Affiliates of California	100% Rating
Sierra Club	100% Rating

Assemblymember Hayashi's Website ([Click Here](#))

Assemblymember Hayashi's Biography ([Click Here](#))

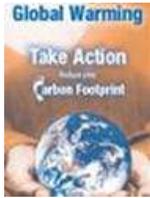
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Public Safety Resource Guide



Child Immunization Law



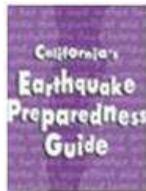
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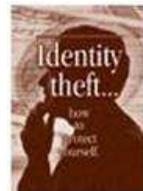
Senior Resource Guide



Home Mortgage Crisis Resource Guide



Earthquake Preparedness Guide



ID Theft Guide



Diabetes Guide



Stroke: Don't ignore the risk factors!



Breast Cancer Resource Guide



Children's Coloring Book – How a Bill Becomes Law



The California State Budget Process

Free community resource guides are now available online or in print through Assemblymember Mary Hayashi's district office. Copies are available throughout the 18th Assembly District at senior centers, libraries, health clinics, and community organizations. If you or your organization would like printed copies, contact the district office at (510) 583-8818.

[State Resources Website](#)



Want to find energy saving tips? Find these and over 170 other state resource links that offer valuable information on a wide range of topics such as how to find a smog-check only station, how to receive free cash for college, how to protect yourself from identity theft, and how to apply for a FasTrak toll device.

To visit the new webpage, log on to Assemblymember Mary Hayashi's official homepage at www.assembly.ca.gov/hayashi and click on the *State Resources Websites* link. This will lead web surfers to a list of service-based websites. From there click on any of the service links and be directed to the appropriate state agency's website.

Whether you're looking for tips on how to save on prescriptions or attempting to find the nearest recycling center, this new webpage is a convenient and comprehensive resource.

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