



Community News and Events

Assemblymember Mary Hayashi Introduces Legislation to Provide Veterans With Greater Access to College



Assemblymember Mary Hayashi introduced a bill, AB 2478, that will provide recently-discharged veterans with an extended period of time to be eligible for in-state tuition benefits at California Community Colleges. The bill will increase the waiver period for out-of-state tuition fees from one year to four.

“These young veterans gave so much to protect our country and to serve the people, and they deserve access to a quality, affordable education,” stated Assemblymember Mary Hayashi. “California has one of the best higher education systems in the world, with our community colleges serving as one of the greatest pathways to career success. We owe it to our veterans to give them a fair opportunity to attend these institutions at in-state rates, and establish a fulfilling and productive life-after-service in California.”

Current law waives out-of-state tuition fees for one year for veterans discharged from a military facility in California. This allows a veteran to pay in-state tuition for one year from the date of their discharge, no matter their home state. One year is also the amount of time that California requires any prospective student to live in the state to establish residency and be eligible for in-state tuition rates.

However, many veterans return to their home state for a period of time to reunite with family and friends, and transition to civilian life. When these veterans subsequently move back to California, they will have lost a portion or all of their one-year in-state tuition benefit, and still be subject to the one-year requirement of establishing residency. In the meantime, if they choose to enroll in a public university, particularly community colleges, they will have to pay out-of-state tuition, which is not fully covered by the GI Bill.

Assemblymember Mary Hayashi Attended National Meeting on Suicide Prevention in Washington D.C.



On February 6th, Assemblymember Mary Hayashi traveled to Washington D.C. to take part in the National Action Alliance for Suicide Prevention’s Executive Committee Meeting focused on championing suicide prevention as a national priority. Assemblymember Mary Hayashi is the only member of the Alliance’s public sector side to hold a legislative seat.



In September 2010, the Obama Administration, through Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius and Defense Secretary Robert Gates, created the National Action Alliance for Suicide Prevention as a public-private collaboration with the objective of ending the tragic occurrence of suicide. Today, the Alliance is led by Co-Chairs Honorable Gordon H. Smith, President and CEO, National Association of Broadcasters (private sector) and the Honorable John McHugh, Secretary of the Army (public sector). In addition to Assemblymember Mary Hayashi and U.S. Surgeon General Dr. Regina Benjamin (pictured), the Alliance’s Executive Committee is comprised of members from federal, state, non-profit, and for-profit agencies and organizations that have a stake in eliminating the incidents of suicide and its long lasting effects. Suicide is the 11th leading cause of death for all Americans, the 2nd leading cause of death for adults ages 25-34, and the 3rd leading cause of death for youth ages 15-24. Evidence shows that the number of suicides in our nation can be significantly reduced with a comprehensive approach to this public health priority. For more information about this important mission, please go to: <http://actionallianceforsuicideprevention.org/>

Hundreds of East Bay Children Received Free Dental Treatments in Union City



Assemblymember Mary Hayashi joined dental professionals from the Southern Alameda County Dental Society (SACDS) on February 4th for “Give Kids a Smile,” a free dental screening and treatment event for children ages 4 to 14 years. Hundreds of children from across the East Bay received free dental screenings and on-site treatments at the University of the Pacific’s Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry, Union City Dental Clinic in Union City. The free dental clinic had more than 80 dental health professionals volunteer their



time and professional skills for this wonderful event.

According to a 2009 UCLA Center for Health Policy Research report, more than 500,000 children in California miss at least one school day each year due to dental ailments, costing California schools an estimated \$30 million a year in lost funding. A lack of access to affordable dental care was the main reason for the missed school days.

SACDS has been, and continues to be, a great resource for helping those who are in need of dental care find a dental professional. Its [website](#) has a listing of dental clinics within southern Alameda County and the surrounding areas for those who were unable to attend the most recent “Give Kids a Smile” event but need to find appropriate dental care.

Assemblymember Mary Hayashi Hosted Two Senior Scam Stopper Seminars



Assemblymember Mary Hayashi hosted two Senior Scam Stopper seminars on February 6th and 8th in Pleasanton and Castro Valley respectively. Experts from the California State Contractors Licensing Board, Department of Insurance, Pleasanton Police Department, Alameda County District Attorney's Office and the United States Social Security Administration provided invaluable information and tools that seniors need in order to recognize potential scams, ask the right questions and fend off fraud.



The number of seniors who fall victim to scams is alarming. According to a 2007 Federal Trade Commission study, more than 30 million adults reported being victims of fraud. AARP estimates that victims lose a total of \$40 billion to telemarketing fraud each year. Another recent study claimed that 57% of all fraud victims are over the age of 50 years. For more information and resources on how to avoid being scammed by con artists, click the following links:

Contractors State License Board:	http://www.cslb.ca.gov/Consumers/seniorscam.asp
Bureau of Automotive Repair:	http://www.bar.ca.gov/70_SiteWideInfo/02_Tools/03_VerifyLicense.html
Department of Consumer Affairs:	http://www.dca.ca.gov/consumer/seniors/senior_scam.shtml
(Door-to-Door Sales)	http://consumerwiki.dca.ca.gov/wiki/index.php/Main_Page
Department of Insurance:	http://www.dca.ca.gov/publications/door.shtml
Department of Justice:	http://www.insurance.ca.gov/0300-fraud/0100-fraud-division-overview/
(Free Credit Report)	http://oag.ca.gov/consumers/general/credit_report_free
(Latest Consumer Alerts)	http://oag.ca.gov/consumers/general
National Do-Not-Call Registry	https://www.donotcall.gov/default.aspx
US Social Security Administration:	http://ssa-custhelp.ssa.gov/app/answers/detail/a_id/329

CSUEB Receives \$25 Million in Hayward Promise Neighborhood Partnership Grant

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Hayward will benefit from a recently awarded \$25 million grant over the next five years to implement the Hayward Promise Neighborhood Partnership (HPNP) plan. This important initiative will help transform and significantly improve the educational and developmental outcomes of children residing in the Jackson Triangle neighborhood within the city of Hayward. The HPNP initiative will also benefit the community by providing critical cradle-to-college-to-career academic supports and wrap around services to an underserved population. Most importantly, it will offer the educational and social support services needed by the community to succeed in overcoming the barriers towards academic achievement.

Assemblymember Hayashi recognized the need for such a program and was proud to nominate California State University, East Bay to lead the administration of this grant in partnership with the Hayward Unified School District, Chabot College, and the City of Hayward. Several other existing programs and agencies will assist in collaboratively working to make the HPNP grant a successful initiative to transform the community. For more information about the grant, please go to <http://www.healthycal.org/archives/7314>.

Canyon Middle School of Castro Valley Recognized for Its Academic Excellence



On February 23rd, Canyon Middle School in Castro Valley was chosen by California Middle Grades Alliance (CMGA) under their “Schools to Watch” recognition program to receive the CMGA award at the California Department of Education’s 9th Annual Recognition and Appreciation Luncheon in Sacramento. The award was given to Canyon Middle School for its great progress in striving to meet the goals set forth by the National Forum to Accelerate Middle Grades Reform.

The schools that received the award are academically excellent, responsive to the developmental challenges of early adolescence, and socially equitable. Canyon Middle School has administered all aspects of its operation to provide every student with excellent teachers, resources and support as it strives to prepare all its students for productive and fulfilling futures. Assemblymember Mary Hayashi was pleased to honor Canyon Middle School with an Assembly Resolution for this well-deserved award. Congratulations to all the teachers, staff, administrators, parents, and mostly notably, the students for this tremendous achievement.

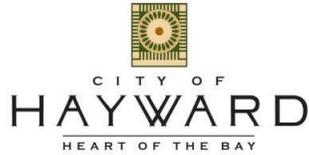
Bridge Housing Corporation Awarded \$8 Million Loan Program for Affordable Housing



The California Department of Housing and Community Development has recently awarded a conditional \$8,000,925 Multifamily Housing Program loan to BRIDGE Housing Corporation. The loan will be used to construct a new affordable housing development in the City of San Leandro. The development includes 100 total units for families earning between 30 and 40 percent of Area Median Income.

BRIDGE Housing creates high-quality, affordable homes for working families and seniors. With over 13,000 homes and counting, BRIDGE has become the leading affordable housing developer in California. In fact, the award-winning quality of BRIDGE developments often serves as a catalyst for transforming and revitalizing communities.

City of Hayward Awarded \$460,000 State Grant to Help Residents with Mortgage Assistance



The California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) announced it has awarded the City of Hayward a \$460,000 grant from the Building Equity and Growth in Neighborhoods (BEGIN) program. The state funding will be used to provide mortgage assistance to first-time, low- or moderate-income homebuyers. The money will assist with the purchase of ten affordable housing units being built by Habitat for Humanity East Bay at A & Walnut Streets in Hayward.

Hayward qualified for the grant through providing regulatory relief to assist in the development and expansion of local affordable housing. The funding for the program is provided under Proposition 46, the Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Fund Act of 2002. It is another step toward meeting our community's need for additional affordable housing through partnership between California's HCD and local government. Hayward may take great pride in qualifying for this significant grant, which will help strengthen our local community.

Fargo Senior Center of San Leandro Awarded With A \$5.2 Million State Loan Program



The California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) conditionally awarded a low-interest loan for \$5,205,466 for the Fargo Senior Center in San Leandro. The loan is being funded through the Multifamily Housing Program – Supportive Housing and will be used to construct 75 units, including 45 studios, 28 one-bedroom, and 2 two-bedroom units. Half of the units will be dedicated to Supportive Housing populations.

Services provided to these residents will include In-Home Supportive Services and other daily activities. The remaining units will be rented to low-income seniors. This project will be funded through the Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Fund Act of 2006 (Proposition 1C) and expresses California's commitment to increase affordable housing options in response to the increasing needs of low-income seniors and persons with special needs who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.

FESCO Receives \$60,000 Grant for Its Les Marquis House



The California Department of Housing and Community Development has awarded Family Emergency Shelter Coalition (FESCO) with a \$60,000 grant for its Les Marquis House under the Federal Emergency Shelter Grant Program.

These funds are awarded to non-profit organizations and local governments to provide emergency shelter, transitional, and permanent housing for homeless individuals and families. The grant will be used to continue FESCO's mission of providing basic shelter assistance combined with services such as counseling, substance abuse treatment, and job training to help homeless families move toward self-sufficiency.

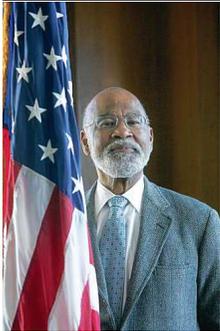
Coca-Cola Refreshments in San Leandro Continues Its Path to Environmental Sustainability



On February 10th, Coca-Cola Refreshments held a ribbon cutting ceremony to showcase its new fleet of hydrogen fuel cell forklifts and pallet jacks at its bottling plant in San Leandro. According to Coca-Cola, its conversion from electrically charged battery-operated equipment to hydrogen fuel cell equipment will help reduce the plant's carbon footprint by saving 1.6 mil KWH of electricity per year, enough energy to power 130 homes. Hydrogen fuel cell powered equipment is virtually greenhouse gas emission free, increases its productivity by 15%, and lowers operating cost by up to 30%.

Assemblymember Mary Hayashi authored a proclamation congratulating Coca-Cola Refreshments on its latest move towards environmental sustainability. The plant has also been recognized for its efforts to implement other technology over the years that reduced its water usage by millions of gallons each year and recycled more than 5 million pounds of waste in 2011, registering an outstanding landfill diversion rate of 96.76%. Not only is Coca-Cola Refreshments a true environmental leader, it is also a great corporation employing 452 workers in our local economy.

Three Prominent Individuals Honored for Their Practice of Law and Service to the Community



On February 24th, three prominent individuals were recognized for their outstanding service in the practice of law at the Alameda County Democratic Lawyers Winter event. The Honorable Thelton Henderson was named “Outstanding Jurist” and recognized for his tireless work, extraordinary intelligence and skill as a Federal Judge of the United States District Court for the Northern District of California. With great integrity, and by providing consistent interpretation of the law, he has ensured equitable treatment for all citizens.

Mr. Jon B. Eisenberg received the “Outstanding Practitioner” award for his many career and civic achievements in law. He was recognized by his peers for improving the quality of life within the local community and throughout the state.

The final event honoree was Dr. Fania Davis recognized for receiving “Outstanding Public Service” award. Dr. Davis spent two decades advocating for civil rights, Black liberation, women prisoners, peace, and anti-apartheid movements. Dr. Davis is a founder and the current director of Restorative Justice for Oakland Youth.

Assemblymember Mary Hayashi recognized all three honorees for their individual and unique contributions to the State by presenting them with Assembly Resolutions.

City of Dublin Honored Its “All American City” Volunteers



On February 24th, Dublin Mayor Tim Sbranti and Dublin Councilmembers hosted their 2011 Volunteer Recognition Extravaganza at Shannon Community Center. The event was held to recognize outstanding individuals and groups who have contributed to the quality of life in Dublin this past year. Assemblymember Mary Hayashi honored the volunteers for their outstanding service to the community with framed State Assembly Certificates.

Recognized for their achievements and dedication are the following:

- Mr. Edwin Osada, Citizen of the Year
- Ms. Rachel Reed, Young Citizen of the Year
- OneDublin.org, Organization of the Year
- Ms. Gloria Gregory, Mayor’s Award Recipient

Events

League of Women Voters and AAUW Holding an Affordable Care Act Forum – March 2nd



The League of Women Voters Eden Area and the American Association of University Women – Hayward/Castro Branch are inviting the public to attend an Affordable Care Act (ACA) Forum with special guest Mr. Alex Briscoe, Director of Alameda County Health Care Services Agency, on Friday, March 2nd from 12:15 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the San Lorenzo Village Homes Association located at 377 Paseo Grande in San Lorenzo.

The free informational forum will describe the comprehensive health insurance reforms that have taken place since its implementation as well as significant changes that will occur in 2014. For more information or to RSVP, you can contact lwvea@aol.com or call Nancy at (510) 562-4473. There is also an opportunity to join the luncheon at 11:30 a.m. but requires a \$15 payment at the door.

Assemblymember Mary Hayashi and the Chabot College – Career & Transfer Center Host a Job Fair – April 3rd



Assemblymember Mary Hayashi and Chabot College’s Career & Transfer Center are hosting a FREE JOB FAIR at Chabot College, Gymnasium, 25555 Hesperian Boulevard in Hayward on Tuesday, April 3, 2012 from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm.

The Job Fair will allow you, a family member or friend an opportunity to meet with some of the leading Bay Area companies that are currently seeking skilled employees for a wide variety of professions in demand. The Job Fair is open to the public regardless of enrollment status at Chabot College.



What: Job Fair

Who: Assemblymember Mary Hayashi and Chabot College's Career & Transfer Center

When: Tuesday, April 3, 2012 from 11 am to 2 pm

Where: Chabot College, Gymnasium, 25555 Hesperian Boulevard, Hayward

Free Parking Available in Lots A, B, & J; Public Transportation: From Downtown Hayward BART Station – Transfer to AC Transit Bus Route 22

Wells Fargo Home Mortgage Workshop in Oakland – March 8th & 9th

Wells Fargo is hosting a free two-day workshop to assist customers that are facing mortgage challenges with a loan provide by Wells Fargo or the former Wachovia Bank. Representatives will be available to answer questions about financial concerns and provide more information about federal loan modifications and other available resources that may help homeowners avoid foreclosure.

What: Wells Fargo Home Mortgage Workshop

When: March 8 & 9, 2012 from 9 am to 7 pm

Where: Oakland Convention Center, 550 10th Street, Oakland 94607

For more information or to sign up, please contact Wells Fargo Home Mortgage at 1-800-405-8067.

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, March 9, 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
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](#))

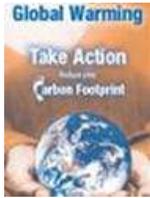
Email Assemblymember Hayashi ([Click Here](#))

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Assemblymember Hayashi's District Map ([Click Here](#))

Resources Available

Publication Available



Global Warming – How to Reduce Your Carbon Footprint



Public Safety Resource Guide



Child Immunization Law



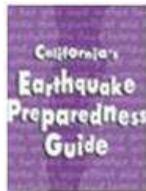
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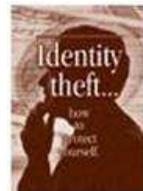
Senior Resource Guide



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.

If you prefer not to receive email updates or correspondences from the Office of Assemblymember Mary Hayashi, please opt-out by emailing your request to Christopher.parman@asm.ca.gov.