



Community News and Events

Assemblymember Mary Hayashi Gives Keynote Address at Fremont/Newark YMCA's 5th Annual MLK Celebration



On January 14th, Assemblymember Mary Hayashi presented the keynote address at the Fremont/Newark YMCA's 5th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast Celebration. Assemblymember Mary Hayashi discussed the life and legacy of Dr. King and honored his message of fighting social injustice through nonviolent means of unconditional tolerance, forgiveness and reconciliation.

This year also marked the 25th Anniversary of this national holiday. The Fremont/Newark YMCA held the special breakfast and presented a program with speakers and musical entertainment that expressed Dr. King's ongoing message of diversity and service to others. Assemblymember Hayashi also presented an Assembly Resolution to the local YMCA for their decades of service to the community. We continue to be grateful for Dr. King's legacy of bringing forth social change that provides justice and equality not only for African-Americans but for all people.



Alameda County Transportation Commission Hosted a Central County Transportation Forum – East Bay Greenway

East Bay Greenway Project



Before



After

On January 20th, the Alameda County Transportation Commission held a Central County Transportation Forum at Hayward City Hall. The forum provided the community with an update to the numerous transportation projects currently under construction and those in the planning stages. One of the biggest projects to affect our district is the proposed East Bay Greenway – a 12-mile corridor that will stretch from just north of the Fruitvale BART station in Oakland south to Hayward Downtown BART station. The plan will transform the nearly blighted land area underneath and alongside the elevated BART tracks into a park-like setting with bicycle and walkways for recreation and

sustainable transportation.

The East Bay Greenway will offer an environment to encourage recreation towards a healthier lifestyle for the residential areas surrounding the corridor. Additionally, it will offer school children a new option to walk to more than 15 schools serving 8,600 students along the route. Environmental and engineering studies will continue over the next year to determine a final proposal to the community. For more information, [click here](#).

Keep Your Home California Program Helps Struggling Homeowners



The California Housing Finance Agency Mortgage Assistance Corporation has introduced a new program to help struggling homeowners stay in their houses. With nearly \$2 billion of federal funds, Keep Your Home California provides three new options for low-to-moderate income families facing the possibility of foreclosure to help them stay in their homes, and one new option to help those who have no realistic chance of preventing foreclosure to transition out of their home and into a more affordable place.

According to the agency, some California borrowers will benefit from a principal balance reduction program, which has a dollar-matching component from lenders, others will be able to take advantage of monthly mortgage reinstatement assistance. The largest program, which has been allocated \$875 million, will help thousands of homeowners who are involuntarily unemployed by offering as much as \$3,000 per month toward their mortgage payment while they search for re-employment. For those who cannot realistically remain in their home, there's a program to be used in conjunction with servicer/investor short sale and deed-in-lieu of foreclosure programs to help these families make a dignified exit to affordable, alternative housing. More information is available at www.KeepYourHomeCalifornia.org.

Assemblymember Mary Hayashi Receives a Perfect Voting Score from the Consumer Federation of California



In late December, the Consumer Federation of California (CFC) released its annual legislative scorecard ranking the governor and members of the legislature based upon their votes to protect the rights of Californians. Assemblymember Mary Hayashi received a perfect 100% rating for protecting Californians' financial privacy, health, product and drug safety, and enhanced oversight of false advertising, insurance rate regulation, and real estate lending.

The CFC is a non-profit advocacy organization that was established in 1960. It serves as a voice for consumer rights and campaigns for state and federal laws that place consumer protection ahead of corporate profit.

Clean Water Action Gives Assemblymember Mary Hayashi Its Highest Ranking



Assemblymember Mary Hayashi received the highest ranking by the Clean Water Action for her continuous support and her outstanding voting record to provide increased water quality, reduce plastic container pollution, and the elimination of numerous toxic chemicals and substances in our environment.

Clean Water Action is an organization of 1.2 million members with a mission to empower people to protect America's waters, build healthy communities and carry out their civic duties. For 36 years, Clean Water Action has succeeded in winning some of the nation's most important environmental protections through grassroots organizing, expert policy research and political advocacy focused on holding elected officials accountable to the public.

East Bay Economic Development Alliance Honors Assemblymember Mary Hayashi



On January 7, the East Bay Economic Development Alliance (East Bay EDA) presented Assemblymember Mary Hayashi with an official resolution commending her contributions to the State of California while serving in the State Assembly.

The resolution highlights her outstanding service as Chair of the Assembly Committee on Business, Professions and Consumer Protection and her legislation to protect student athletes, enhance workplace protections for healthcare workers, increase school funding from the state lottery, provide greater transparency of political campaign mailers, and be a strong advocate for measures that promote the health and wellbeing of our community.

Founded in 1990, East Bay EDA's mission is to promote the East Bay region as an excellent place to foster business activity, invest capital, and create quality jobs.

Castro Valley Unified School District Programs Awarded the Golden Bell Award



Assemblymember Mary Hayashi is proud to announce that three educational programs at Castro Valley Unified School District were recognized by the California School Boards Association (CSBA) for their efforts to empower Latino students in achieving academic excellence. Mujeres, Esperanza and Palms programs – “Our Families” - were honored with CSBA’s 2010 Golden Bell Awards. Nearly 300 entries were received for nomination, but only 62 programs achieved this outstanding commendation.

In 1979 the California School Boards Association established the Golden Bell Awards program. It promotes excellence in education by recognizing outstanding services in school districts and county offices of education throughout the state of California. Congratulations!

Hayward Honors Its Finest at the Annual HCC Gala



On January 22, the Hayward Chamber of Commerce held its annual Gala to recognize the city’s finest public safety officers, educator and business person. These individuals and their outstanding contributions to the community are nominated by their peers and acclaimed by all.

Each year, Assemblymember Mary Hayashi honors the winners with official Assembly Resolutions commending their achievements.



This year’s honorees were from left to right:

Officer Michael Carpenter, Police Officer of the Year; Hayward Police Department
Captain Jason Livermore, Firefighter of the Year, Hayward Fire Department
Ms. Lisa Davies, Educator of the Year, Principal of Bret Harte Middle School
Mr. Robert Sakai, Business Person of the Year, The Law Office of Robert Sakai

The annual Gala celebration was held at CSU East Bay’s new student union. The photo to the right is the proud men and women who serve in the Hayward Fire Department. Congratulations!

CSUEB President Mo Qayoumi Presented With the Vision Award



The East Bay Economic Development Alliance presented Dr. Mohammad H. Qayoumi with its Public Sector Vision Award at their Legislative Reception on January 7th. Dr. Qayoumi serves as President of California State University, East Bay and possesses over 30 years of experience in the field of university administration.

East Bay EDA honored Dr. Qayoumi for his long range academic and strategic plans for the university that focus on science, technology, engineering and math, as well as the science of modeling and teaching environmental sustainability. In addition to his role as head of CSUEB, Dr. Qayoumi, whose field is engineering, has made significant contributions to his community serving as a board member of many diverse technical and civic organizations.

Assemblymember Mary Hayashi was joined by Assemblymembers Joan Buchanan and Nancy Skinner, and Senator Loni Hancock in authoring an Assembly Resolution recognizing Dr. Qayoumi for his vision to refine the direction of the university to effectively prepare students in realizing their career opportunities.

Regional CPA Students Honored at CalCPA of the East Bay's Honorees Night



The East Bay Chapter of the California Society of Certified Public Accountants (CalCPA) held its annual awards event on January 27th. It recognizes outstanding students majoring in accounting at Bay Area universities and colleges and provides each with a scholarship. Assembly Certificates were presented to this year's eleven East Bay Chapter Scholarship Recipients from UC Berkeley, CSU East Bay, and St. Mary's College.

Assemblymember Mary Hayashi also recognized outgoing chapter president Ms. Joelyn Carr-Fingerle with an Assembly Resolution for her contributions to the profession of public accounting, and being this year's recipient of the LeVerne W. Garcia Award for Outstanding Achievement, the highest award presented by the chapter. It honors Ms. Carr-Fingerle for her service to the profession and the community. She entered the accounting profession in 1972 when only 1% of all accountants in the United States were women. Today, women make up more than 60% of all accountants. Congratulations!



California State University East Bay Opens Its New Recreation and Wellness Center



On January 11th, students, faculty, staff and administrators of California State University, East Bay gathered together for a formal ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the grand opening of the new Recreation and Wellness Center at its Hayward campus. The new center is an environmentally sustainable 54,000 square foot facility that has a multi-court gymnasium, an elevated indoor running track, a wellness center, state-of-the-art cardio and weight area, locker rooms, two studios for aerobics, martial arts, dance classes and a Jamba Juice selling healthy beverages and food.



The design, construction and operation of the Center were made possible through a student fee proposed by Associated Students, Inc. and supported by a vote of the entire student body.

Assemblymember Mary Hayashi authored an Assembly Resolution recognizing the students for their desire to promote a healthy lifestyle and acknowledging the historic grand opening of the Recreation and Wellness Center.

Wa-Sung Community Center Opens in Oakland



The Wa-Sung Community Service Club hosted its 58th Annual Inaugural Dinner on January 6th with enormous pride as it also marked the grand opening of the Wa-Sung Community Center.

Since its beginning as a social club for Chinese-American males interested in athletics in 1920s, it later disbanded in 1938 and reorganized in 1952 as a service club. Its mission evolved into charitable and educational services designed to promote goodwill, understanding and friendship among the community. It has grown from a small number of members to several hundred consisting of men and women of all ages, races, and ethnic backgrounds.

Assemblymember Mary Hayashi authored an Assembly Resolution commemorating the historic grand opening of the community center as it furthers the organization's mission to play a dynamic role in improving the quality of life of its members and the Chinese-American Community. Congratulations!

Happy Retirement to Three Professionals Who Made Life More Enjoyable in the East Bay

Dr. Gerard Clum



Dr. Gerard W. Clum, the founding president of Life Chiropractic College West in Hayward, retired last month after thirty years of nurturing the new school from offshoot of Life Chiropractic College in Georgia to the leading educational institution it is today. Its more than 4,000 graduates now practice around the world.

Dr. Clum has also been deeply involved in many state, national and international chiropractic associations which serve to advance the profession and education of chiropractors worldwide. He has also served his local community in other ways, as a board member of the Family Emergency Shelter Coalition for most of its 25 years, and the Hayward Rotary Club.

He leaves behind a robust institution that will continue to lead the profession in educating future generations of chiropractors. Assemblymember Hayashi authored an Assembly Resolution honoring his service and success in the field of chiropractic care.

Mr. Pat O'Brien



East Bay Regional Park District's General Manager Pat O'Brien has retired after serving the District for 22 years. Under his capable leadership, the EBRPD has grown tremendously, from 48 to 65 parks, adding more than 40,000 acres of new parkland. The park district has also doubled the size of 12 regional parks and added more than 200 miles of trails.

Additionally, Mr. O'Brien leaves the District in a secure financial position, having guided it successfully to a stable, ongoing level of funding, ensuring its continued growth. His dedication to provide the East Bay with the parks and open space to meet the recreational needs of the population is consistent with his "desire to make substantive contributions to society and to people's lives."

It is with immense gratitude that Assemblymember Hayashi presented him with an Assembly Resolution and sincere wishes for a happy retirement.

Mr. Dennis Diemer



Assemblymember Mary Hayashi honored Mr. Dennis Diemer with an Assembly Resolution for his tenure as General Manager of the East Bay Municipal Utility District. For the last fifteen years, he provided outstanding leadership to the public agency that serves 1.3 million customers.

Among his accomplishments is the \$200 million, ten-year seismic improvement program, undertaken following the Loma Prieta earthquake. He guided the agency through both drought and recession with competence, and resolved the forty-year battle between the East Bay and Sacramento with the partnership that produced the Freeport Regional Water Project. This project provides protection for Sacramento's groundwater while mitigating potential effects of drought on the East Bay.

Mr. Diemer leaves the District in excellent shape to meet the water and wastewater needs of its customers well into the future. Happy Retirement!

Assemblymember Mary Hayashi's Jingle Tails Holiday Party and Food Drive Raises 830 Pounds



Thanks to the more than 1,000 friends and neighbors who joined us at the Fourth Annual Jingle Tails Holiday Party and Food Drive at the Oakland Zoo this past December.

Your enthusiasm and generosity added up to a new record donation from the event for the Alameda County Community Food Bank, which provides food assistance to more than 49,000 people locally each week. The record donation from Jingle Tails filled a mini-van and tipped the scale at 830 pounds! This was up a whopping 60% increase over last year's donation!



We hope all who came enjoyed the holiday refreshments and the splendor of ZooLights.

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, February 11th, 10:00 am

Location: State Capitol, Room 113

[MEETING NOTICE CLICK HERE](#)

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

Events

Assemblymember Mary Hayashi and the National Football League Host a Town Hall Meeting



In recognition of March being Brain Injury Awareness Month, and in cooperation with the National Football League, you're invited to a special Town Hall Meeting concerning AB 25, a bill that helps prevent concussions in young athletes.

What: Town Hall Meeting Concerning Concussion Prevention in Young Athletes

Who: Assemblymember Mary Hayashi and the National Football League

When: Friday, March 4, 2011 from 10 am – 12 pm

Where: Castro Valley Center for the Arts, 19501 Redwood Road, Castro Valley

The Town Hall will feature presentations from:

Former NFL players, who will talk about their personal experiences with concussions
Leading public health professionals



FREE ADMISSION – Advance reservations are required by calling the District Office at (510) 583-8818.

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](#))

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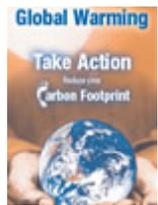
Assemblymember Hayashi's District Map ([Click Here](#))

Resources Available

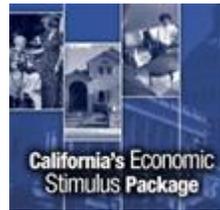
Publication Available



H1N1 (Swine) Flu



Global Warming – How to Reduce Your Carbon Footprint



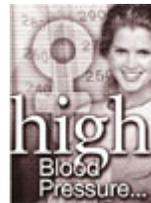
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Public Safety Resource Guide



Child Immunization Law



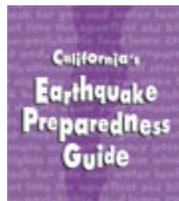
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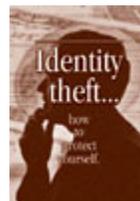
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Home Mortgage Crisis Resource Guide



Earthquake Preparedness Guide



ID Theft Guide



Diabetes Guide



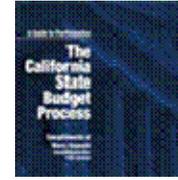
Stroke: Don't ignore the risk factors!



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.