



Community News and Events

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



On Tuesday, April 10, Assemblymember Mary Hayashi will co-host an advanced screening of the highly anticipated documentary, BULLY. The screening will take place at 7:30 p.m. at the Tower Theater, 2508 Land Park Drive in Sacramento.

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.

To address this issue, Assemblymember Hayashi introduced [AB 1539](#), directing the DMV to sell California’s first lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) specialty license plate, which will fund anti-bullying programs in schools. Come and discuss the bill and learn more about this important topic.

Download a free screening pass at <http://www.gofobo.com/rsvp>. Enter the code **MARYHHSVF** and follow the instructions to register and print your screening pass. **Seating is limited and is on a first-come, first-served basis.** Arrive early. The screening pass does guarantee you a seat or admission. This discount is made to general public consistent with general public offers. Movie preview can be seen at: http://www.youtube.com/watch_popup?v=rjjeHeAzZZM&vq=large#t=0

Assemblymember Mary Hayashi Named Charmaine Banther “Woman of the Year”



Assemblymember Mary Hayashi named Charmaine Banther as her “Woman of the Year.” A resident of Castro Valley, Ms. Banther is a teacher at James Logan High School in Union City, and is a dedicated advocate for quality public education. She serves as the President of the New Haven Teachers Association and presides as Vice Chair of the California Teachers Associations’ Pacific Asian American Caucus. Ms. Banther was recognized during a floor ceremony at the State Capitol with other Assemblymember-selected Woman of the Year honorees from across California.

“Ms. Banther is a tremendous role model for young women and girls, demonstrating how one person can make a huge difference in both the larger public policy arena and in her local community,” stated Assemblymember Mary Hayashi. “It’s an honor to have this opportunity to recognize Ms. Banther for her efforts and thank her for all the work she has done for our students and schools.”

Ms. Banther has served in several other leadership roles, including chairing the California Teachers Association Service Center for chapters within Alameda and Contra Costa counties, and as a board member of the New Haven Schools Foundation. She has organized press conferences and rallies at the State Capitol to raise awareness about the needs of students in her district and across California. She is also leading the steering committee for a proposed parcel ballot initiative in her community, which will raise the necessary revenues for public education to offset the effects of budget reductions.

Ms. Banther’s service to her community extends beyond her work with California Teachers Association. She has partnered with the local fire department to organize CPR classes and annual toy drives to support the community where she teaches. She has partnered with the non-profit organization, K to College, which brings free school-supplies to children in need around the Bay Area. In addition, Ms. Banther also chairs the Union City Relay for Life event, sponsored by the American Cancer Society.

The Woman of the Year award began in 1987 as a way for the California State Legislature to celebrate Women’s History Month.

Assemblymember Mary Hayashi Honored for Her Outstanding Legislative Record on Labor



On March 19th, Assemblymember Mary Hayashi was honored by the California Labor Federation and the California State Building and Construction Trades Council as a “Labor Warrior” for her 100% voting record on labor issues. The award was provided to only 18 out of 120 legislators who supported legislation that advanced the priorities of California’s working families.

The special recognition was earned by voting on matters important to economic fairness, quality jobs, and financial security. Additionally, Assemblymember Mary Hayashi was recognized for her efforts to build stronger communities that emphasize education, health care, environmental and consumer protections.



Hayward Education Foundation Held Its Annual Spring Gala To Honor Its Heroes



On March 23rd, the Hayward Education Foundation (HEF) held its annual Spring Gala at California State University, East Bay to honor its Heroes of dedicated faculty, staff and parent volunteers. These individuals are recognized for their commitment to volunteering their time, energy and talents and making Hayward's schools better.

HEF holds the annual gala to raise funds in the community to support activities that enrich and expand the learning experiences of students, thereby enhancing their prospects for a brighter future. Hayward Police Chief Diane Urban (pictured left) presented the keynote address. Assemblymember Mary Hayashi provided Assembly Certificates of Recognition for each of the honorees for their accomplishments and service to the community.



More Than 1,000 Attended the Annual Spring Job Fair at Chabot College



With resumes in hand and an opportunity to talk one-on-one with potential employers, more than 1,000 people turned out for the free job fair co-hosted by Assemblymember Mary Hayashi and Chabot College's Career & Transfer Center.

Held at Chabot College's gymnasium in Hayward, the job fair provided an opportunity for those seeking employment to learn more about current job openings within the Bay Area, interview with employers, and discover the services offered by those who help with resume writing assistance, interviewing tips, employment one-stop employment centers, and how to start a new company.

Some of the Bay Area's leading companies participated in the job fair, including Caltrans, CBS – Channel 5, Farmers Insurance, Fremont Bank, Lowe's Home Improvement, Patelco Credit Union, San Jose Police Department and Sutter Health.

Education Advocates Rally for Greater Funding for Local Schools



On March 31st, education advocates from throughout the New Haven Unified School District gathered together to increase awareness about the need to improve funding for K-12 education. The effort was led by the New Haven Teachers Association and joined by supporters, including community leaders, parents, and students. The event began at James Logan High School in Union City where hundreds rallied and walked in the rain to the Union Landing shopping center.

Assemblymember Mary Hayashi commended the supporters for their commitment and efforts in increasing awareness about the need to better fund local schools and the need to invest in all New Haven Unified students. Extra local revenue would help improve the quality of school curriculum and increase resources for preparing students for advanced placement, college or a dedicated career path.

Hayward's Bret Harte Middle School Receives a New Netbook Computer Lab



Assemblymember Mary Hayashi hosted a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on March 1st for the new Bret Harte Middle School Netbook Computer Lab in Hayward. Assemblymember Mary Hayashi nominated the middle school for GTECH's After-School Advantage Program due to its formerly outdated computer lab equipment and the need to improve academic outcomes.

The new computer lab consists of 40 state-of-the-art Netbook Laptop computers, a projection screen, online technology, and advanced software to provide individualized learning assistance. Not only will students have access during regular school hours, the lab will also serve as a learning resource center for Bret Harte Middle School's Saturday Academy and after-school programs.



The GTECH After-School Advantage program is a national community investment program, which provides non-profit community agencies and public schools with state-of-the-art computer labs in states where a GTECH office is located. These centers are designed to provide inner-city children aged five to 15 with a meaningful and fun learning experience during the critical after-school hours, in a safe environment. The initiative is meant to provide an otherwise unavailable educational experience and bridge the digital divide for at-risk children.

Alameda County Women's Hall of Fame Inducted 11 New Honorees



On March 31st, the Alameda County Commission on the Status of Women inducted eleven honorees into the Women's Hall of Fame. Inductees were honored for their outstanding accomplishments in a broad range of cultural, educational and civic endeavors. Through their work, the inductees have made significant contributions to their communities, and have become role models for those who will follow in their paths. Alameda County Commissioners, community leaders, family, and friends gathered for the celebration hosted at the Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Oakland.

Assemblymember Mary Hayashi recognized the inductees with Assembly Resolutions for their exceptional talents, skills, and commitment to improving the quality of life of residents throughout Alameda County. Honored for their accomplishments were: Terry Alderete for Business & Professions, Barbara Bernstein for Community Service, Mildred Howard for Culture & Art, Oral Brown for Education, Connie Malloy for Environment, Pamela Arbuckle Alston, DDS, for Health, Jocelyn Larkin for Justice, Nicole Taylor for Philanthropy, Dawn Shaughnessy for Science, Deborah De Angelis for Sports & Athletics, and Arooj Haq for Youth.

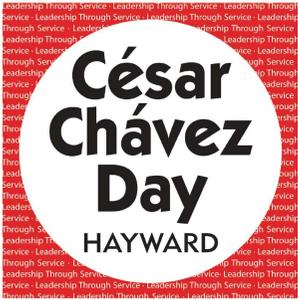
Gail Steele Wellness & Recovery Center Opened in Hayward



On March 21st, the community and Alameda County Health Care Services Agency celebrated the grand opening of its new behavioral health care services facility in Hayward, the *Gail Steele Wellness and Recovery Center*. Named in honor of former Alameda County Supervisor Gail Steel, this new center will expand the County's ability to provide health care services under the South County Crisis Response Program (CRP), the Geriatric Assessment Response Team (GART), and the Family Education and Resource Center (FERC).

Funded through the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Capital Funding, the new facility demonstrates Alameda County Health Care Services' commitment to improving the delivery of vital health services to individuals and families in our community. Assemblymember Mary Hayashi, who also sits on the Mental Health Oversight and Accountability Commission, authored a proclamation recognizing former Supervisor Gail Steele for her outstanding advocacy related to these vital health programs.

Hayward Community Celebrated Cesar Chavez Day with a Teach-In



On March 29th, Hayward City Council honored the late Cesar Chavez by hosting a teach-in to discuss his important work on labor issues and his lasting legacy. The event was held at Hayward City Hall where speakers from labor and educational backgrounds discussed Cesar Chavez's advocacy and the labor movement. He gained national attention as the founder of the National Farm Workers Association, which later became the United Farm Workers union. Along with Dolores Huerta, he improved the working conditions and compensation for tens of thousands of farm workers in California and beyond.

Teach-In speakers at the community forum included Dr. Maria Ochoa, Professor of Interdisciplinary Social Science, San Jose State University; Ms. Cindy Chavez, Director of the South Labor Council; and performing corridos in memory of Cesar Chavez,

Bay Area Musicians Jorge Gabriel Martinez and Hector Perez. For more information about the life of Cesar Chavez, go to:

<http://www.ufw.org/page.php?inc=history/07.html&menu=research>

New Smart Grid System Unveiled at Alameda County's Correctional Facility



On March 22nd, Alameda County unveiled its latest phase of the County's sustainability improvements at Santa Rita Jail with the CERTS (Consortium for Electric Reliability Technology Solutions) Smart Grid system. The system utilizes its own energy production garnered through solar, wind, and hydrogen fuel-cell energy and stores its excess production in an advanced energy storage battery system. The new system allows the correctional facility to operate fully even if power is lost to the rest of the area. Not only does this project make the facility nearly 100% sustainable, it also provides greater safety to the community.

Santa Rita Jail is the fifth largest county prison complex in the nation, covering over one million square feet and requiring 3

megawatts (MW) of dependable electricity to power its facilities twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. A first-of-its-kind, the smart grid was funded by the U.S. Department of Energy, California Energy Commission, California Public Utilities Commission, as well as Alameda County and neighboring partners.

Assemblymembers Mary Hayashi and Joan Buchanan, and Senator Loni Hancock authored a joint resolution to commend the many public and private agencies and individuals for the completion of this environmental conscious project.

Eden Housing Celebrated the Grand Re-Opening of Eden Lodge in San Leandro



On March 23rd, Eden Housing hosted the grand re-opening & “Flip the Switch” celebration of one of its senior housing facilities, Eden Lodge in San Leandro.

Eden Lodge is unique in its ability to provide residents with high quality, affordable housing. The completely renovated facility features 143 apartments, beautiful landscaping, courtyard, walking path, fitness room, library with computers, and so much more. The addition of solar panels to the housing community helps lower its energy costs and reduces its carbon footprint. The renovation was made possible by public and private partnerships, including the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development, Cal Solar Initiative-Thermal Program, the City of San Leandro, Prudential Mortgage, HUDSON Housing, and others.

Assemblymember Mary Hayashi recognized Eden Housing for its efforts to provide seniors with quality, affordable housing with outstanding decor and for refurbishing its buildings for energy efficiency through many green upgrades.

Deadline Extended for Independent Review of 2009-2010 Home Foreclosure Process

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

Independent Foreclosure Review

Homeowners of a primary residence who believe they were financially harmed during a mortgage foreclosure process between January 1, 2009 and December 31, 2010 now have a right to a free independent review. The Federal Reserve Board has recently announced a deadline extension to July 31, 2012 for homeowners whose primary residence was foreclosed on by one of nearly two dozen mortgage service providers.

According to the Federal Reserve, independent consultants will perform a review of the foreclosure and determine whether errors, misrepresentations, or other deficiencies resulted in financial injury of the homeowner. If the independent review proves an injury, then the mortgage service provider is mandated to compensate borrowers for such loss. For more information about this important program and to learn about your rights, go online to: <http://www.federalreserve.gov/consumerinfo/independent-foreclosure-review.htm> or call toll-free (888) 952-9105.

Fremont Dentist Steve Chan Becomes 38th President of the California Society of Pediatric Dentistry



On March 31st, Dr. Steve Chan of Fremont was installed as the 38th President of the California Society of Pediatric Dentistry. The California Society of Pediatric Dentistry is the state's leading advocate for the optimal oral health of infants, children, and adolescents, including those with special needs. The Society serves its members and represents the specialty of Pediatric Dentistry in California to achieve excellence in practice, education, and research.

For more than 27 years, Dr. Chan has been in private practice in the City of Fremont specializing in pediatric dentistry. He has served as a former president of the California Dental Association, and currently serves as a Regent for the American College of Dentists, the oldest honor society for the dentistry profession in the United States. Dr. Chan is also active in community and civic affairs and is married to Fremont City Councilmember Suzanne Chan.

Castro Valley Adult & Career Education Director Jerry Green Announced His Retirement

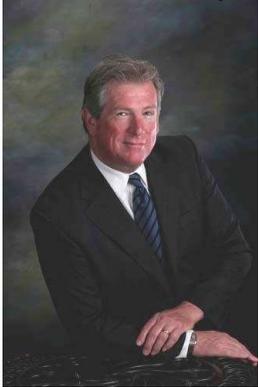


On March 16th, Castro Valley Adult & Career Education (CVACE) held a retirement celebration to recognize the contributions provided by its Director Jerry Green.

Mr. Green began his career with the Castro Valley Unified School District in 1974 as a school counselor at Creekside Middle School, then known as Earl Warren Junior High School. While working 25 years at Castro Valley Unified School District, he gained experience in K-12 education as a teacher, counselor, and site administrator. As CVACE's director for the last eight years, Director Green multiplied the Center's number of literacy and career training classes, upgraded classroom technology, and rewarded teachers who developed creative and effective ways to extend instruction and communicate remotely with their students. Over the course of his career, Mr. Green brought the Castro Valley School District into a collaborative partnership with Chabot-Las Positas Community College District to expand career opportunities for its students.

Assemblymember Mary Hayashi recognized Director Green with a California State Assembly Resolution for his 38 years as an educator.

St. Rose Hospital's CEO Michael Mahoney Announced His Retirement



St. Rose Hospital's President and Chief Executive Officer Michael Mahoney announced his retirement effective March 31st after 21 years of dedicated service. On March 27, 2012, the hospital hosted a celebration attended by elected officials, community leaders, hospital board members, doctors, and staff.

Mr. Mahoney has compiled an impressive record of career and civic achievements, a record that has earned him the admiration and respect of his colleagues and friends. During a heartfelt expression of gratitude, board members and hospital staff noted Mr. Mahoney's ability to provide accurate and comprehensive hospital direction in the utmost level of professionalism and poise, one of his many strengths.

Assemblymember Mary Hayashi commended him through an Assembly Resolution for his long and distinguished record of professional service and his outstanding display of civic leadership. She extended her sincere best wishes for a happy retirement.

Events

Earth Day Events in the East Bay



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The month of April celebrates many "Green Holidays" such as National Garden Month, Earth Day (April 22nd) and Arbor Day (April 27th). California has been at the forefront in passing legislation to conserve energy, reduce greenhouse gases, and protect its natural resources. In 2006, AB 32 was signed into law to fight global warming. AB 32 set the course to help reduce the state's greenhouse gas emissions to 1990 levels by the year 2020. In addition, Executive Order S-3-05 was signed calling for further air pollution reductions by the year 2050. To help achieve these goals, California has implemented new policies that aim to increase fuel standards for cars and trucks, call for thousands of greenhouse gas absorbing trees to be planted, establish energy efficient standards for buildings and appliances, and build renewable energy centers to power homes, offices and transit

There are many things that you can do at home, school and work to help conserve energy, reduce waste, and fight global warming. Not only does it promote healthier living, it also saves you and the state money in healthcare, clean-up costs and climate change mitigation requirements. Best of all, it beautifies America and makes California better for current and future generations.

20 Steps You Can Take Now to Help Green California

1. Plant a tree, grow a garden
2. Switch out old light bulbs for CFL or LED light bulbs
3. Use natural cleaners for your home and office
4. Purchase energy efficient appliances, computers and televisions
5. Bike or walk to work and/or school
6. Take mass transit or carpool whenever possible
7. Purchase fuel efficient or electric vehicles
8. Keep up the maintenance of older vehicles
9. Plan your errands to reduce automobile trips
10. Buy organic foods to prevent harmful chemicals from getting into the environment
11. Buy locally grown and sustainable foods
12. Shop with reusable totes instead of using plastic bags
13. Recycle product packaging
14. Reuse or donate for reuse older items such as clothing, shoes, & household items
15. Dispose of waste properly – litter cleanup by Caltrans costs \$41 million annually
16. Weatherize your home to conserve energy
17. Install water conservation equipment at home and office
18. Unplug household or office equipment when not in use.
19. Report gross polluting vehicles at 1-800-EXHAUST
20. Help clean-up and remove trash from waterways, streets and sidewalks

Local Green Events

Alameda County - Eastshore State Park

What: Annual Park and Shoreline Cleanup. Register at Calparks.org or call 1-888-98-PARKS.

When: Saturday, April 14, 2012 from 11:00 am – 3:00 pm

Where: Eastshore State Park and Crown Memorial State Beach

Oakland Zoo's Earth Day 2012: Saving Wildlife Every Day of Your Life!

What: Have a great time while learning how you can save animals in your daily life! More than 50 demonstrations and exhibits offering hands-on activities, music, entertainment, face-painting, and of course, beautiful animals. Dozens of local environmental nonprofit groups will be represented.

Shop for Earth-friendly and conservation-based gifts at the zoo's Island Gift Shop. Bring an old cell phone for recycling and get a free ride on the zoo train. Free with regular zoo admission.

When: Saturday, April 14, 2012 from 10 am – 3 pm

Where: Oakland Zoo, 9777 Golf Links Road, Oakland

Oakland EarthEXPO 2012

What: Oakland's annual EarthEXPO is a popular and festive lunchtime environmental fair and the region's lead-off event connected to Earth Day.

When: Wednesday, April 18, 2012, Lunchtime (10am - 2pm)

Where: Frank H. Ogawa Plaza (14th Street & Broadway, in front of Oakland City Hall)

City of Hayward – Earth Day Activity

For updated events in Hayward, please visit the City's website at www.hayward-ca.gov

City of Pleasanton's Family Earth Day Festival

What: Event features informational booths, exhibits and craft tables with a 'green' focus.

When: Saturday, April 21, 2012 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Where: City of Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Avenue, Pleasanton

City of Fremont and Washington Hospital's Earth Day Celebration

What: Interactive booths promoting environmental sustainability, conservation, pollution prevention, and waste reduction, as well as games and special activities for young and old alike.

When: Saturday, April 21, 2012 from 11 am – 3pm

Where: Washington Hospital, 2500 Mowry Avenue, Fremont

Oakland Zoo's Arroyo Viejo Creek Crew Work Day

What: Bring your gardening gloves and comfy clothes to help clean-up the creek. You can volunteer, learn about nature, and meet new friends while working at the Oakland Zoo Creek Restoration Site on Arroyo Viejo Creek.

When: Saturday, April 21, 2012 from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Where: Oakland Zoo, 9777 Golf Links Road, Oakland

Castro Valley Sanitary District's Earth Day Clean-up & Recycle

What: Help clean-up Carlos Bee Park, Palomares Hills Park, Cull Canyon Regional Recreation Area, Castro Valley Creek & BART Parking Lot.

Dispose of old pharmaceuticals, bring your reusable goods to recycle, and receive free shredding services of important paper files.

Receive free compost (Three 1-cubic foot bags per person on first come, first served basis. Must be a business or resident receiving services from Castro Valley Sanitary District. Must bring photo ID.) For more information, go to: www.cvsan.org

When: Saturday, April 28, 2012 from 8:00 am – 2:00 pm

Where: Canyon Middle School, 19600 Cull Canyon Road, Castro Valley

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:

Wednesday, April 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](#))

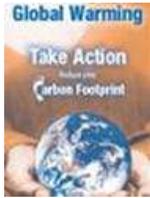
Email Assemblymember Hayashi ([Click Here](#))

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

Resources Available

Publication Available



Global Warming – How to Reduce Your Carbon Footprint



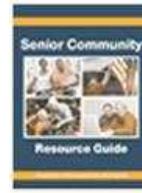
Public Safety Resource Guide



Child Immunization Law



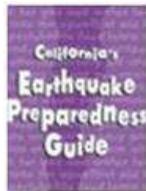
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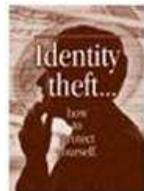
Senior Resource Guide



Home Mortgage Crisis Resource Guide



Earthquake Preparedness Guide



ID Theft Guide



Diabetes Guide



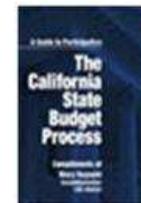
Stroke: Don't ignore the risk factors!



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.