



Community News and Events

Governor Brown Signs Assemblymember Mary Hayashi Bills into Law



AB 25 – Sports Concussion:

Governor Jerry Brown signed into law Assemblymember Mary Hayashi’s Youth Sports Concussion Prevention Bill, AB 25. It protects young athletes and fosters head injury awareness in youth sports by establishing return to play guidelines for student athletes.

Students suspected of having a concussion or head injury will be removed from activity and will be barred from returning to play until they have been examined and cleared by a licensed health care provider. With strong support from every NFL team in California including our own Oakland Raiders and San Francisco

49ers and with support from parents, teachers and public health organizations, AB 25 will help to prevent life-threatening, multiple concussions that can occur when an athlete returns to the game too soon.



AB 507 – Pain Management:



Pain is one of the most common reasons Americans access the health care system and is a leading contributor to health care costs. AB 507 eliminates inconsistencies in the Intractable Pain Treatment Act. This bill corrects provisions in the law that are inconsistent with current best practices in pain management and may impede the appropriate treatment of pain.

This bill removes remaining legal barriers to optimal pain management for patients with cancer, HIV/AIDS and other diseases or conditions.

AB 655 – Medical Peer Review:



It is essential that California has a robust and equitable medical peer review system that ensures quality healthcare and patient safety. AB 655 improves the quality of care provided to patients in California by enhancing the medical peer review system. With increased fairness and transparency, physicians and surgeons will be continuously monitored and assessed to ensure patients are receiving the best treatment in California.

Assemblymember Mary Hayashi Held a Joint Oversight Hearing on the Development of the Nursing Profession



Assemblymember Mary Hayashi, Chair of the Assembly Business, Professions and Consumer Protection Committee and the Assembly Select Committee on Community Colleges, held a Joint Oversight Hearing on the Development of the Nursing Profession at the State Capitol on September 27th.

Representatives from the Legislative Analyst's Office, the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office, the Board of Register Nursing, and the nursing industry discussed an overview of nursing education in the state of California, including regulation and oversight, trends, shortages and other forecasts. The hearing highlighted the important role of community colleges in training future nurses and discussed different ways to improve outcomes and access.

Castro Valley Library Generates More Power than It Uses



On September 14th, the Castro Valley community celebrated the exciting new rooftop solar power system on top of the Castro Valley Library, which provides 100 percent of the energy used by the library, often surpassing its usage needs. Being the first library in the San Francisco Bay Area to distinguish itself as a net zero electrical energy user, the green facility has achieved the U.S. Green Building Council LEED Gold rating for environmental sustainability.

Libraries provide not only books, but also public access to the Internet, community gathering spaces, and educational opportunities for youth and adults alike. The Castro Valley Library provides all of this through renewable energy, minimizing the building's impact on the global environment. PG&E presented the library with a \$510,000 rebate that will be paid through the California Solar Initiative program over the next five years. Assemblymember Mary Hayashi and Senator Loni Hancock authored a joint resolution to draw special attention to the Castro Valley Library on its leadership in energy and environmental sustainability.

GLOBE Remembers Two Civil Rights Champions



On September 17th, GLOBE (Gays and Lesbians Organized for Betterment and Equality) memorialized two LGBT civil rights champions, Margaret “Meg” Bruynell and Robert Demers, at its annual garden party. These two individuals played an important role in the fight for equality and protecting the community services relied upon by many LGBT Californians.

Meg Bruynell worked at Agnews State Hospital for 29 years as a Developmental Specialist and served one term as President of her local chapter of the California State Employees Association before retiring in 1991. For the next 14 years, she joined her wife of nearly four decades, Bobbie Jarvis, in their income tax practice in downtown Fremont. In 2008, the couple officially married when the State of California briefly allowed same-sex marriages. Meg and Bobbie were among the founding members of the Lavender Seniors of the East Bay, a non-profit that advocates for the needs of and services for LGBT elders in health care and social services.

Robert Demers worked and lived in the Bay Area as a technical writer with several tech companies. He dedicated much of his spare time committed to the mission of the Lighthouse Community Center (LCC) in Hayward and equality for the LGBT community with his husband, Wayne Bennion of Castro Valley. The couple met in 2000 at the LCC during a social function founded by Mr. Demers. The couple was active not only in functions at LCC, but also with the East Bay Network, GLOBE and the Human Rights Campaign.

Assemblymember Mary Hayashi authored two memorial resolutions recognizing their contributions to civil rights and making life better in California. Pictured is Assemblymember Mary Hayashi’s district director, Chris Parman, presenting a memorial resolution to Ms. Jarvis.

San Lorenzo Community Gathers to Recognize Nancy Van Huffel’s Contributions and Retirement



On September 16th, the San Lorenzo community held a retirement celebration to honor Nancy Van Huffel’s 22 years of service as the Administrator of the San Lorenzo Village Homes Association. Residents, former co-workers and elected officials came to recognize her contributions.

Besides her position with the Association, Ms. Van Huffel dedicated much of her time to organizations and causes throughout the community. She served on the Alameda County Budget Advisory Committee, the Library Advisory Committee, Sheriff’s Advisory Committee and numerous other county committees involving youth and climate action. Additionally, Ms. Van Huffel has played an invaluable role in Eden Area League of Women Voters since 1990. She has previously served as the League’s President for three terms, as its Treasurer, and as a member of its program and membership committees.

Assemblymember Mary Hayashi authored an Assembly Resolution honoring Ms. Van Huffel’s service to the community and extending best wishes for a rewarding and gratifying retirement.

Korea Foundation Marks Its 20th Anniversary



The Korea Foundation held its 20th Anniversary Celebration on September 17th with a Korean Culture Day special event at the Asian Art Museum of San Francisco.

In keeping with its mission to promote a better understanding of Korea within the international community, the Foundation increases friendship and goodwill between Korea and the rest of the world through major overseas exchange organizations. It serves to educate global neighbors about the beauty and charm of Korean art and culture, its heritage, values and traditions.

Assemblymember Mary Hayashi commended the foundation's efforts and recognized its milestone with an Assembly Resolution for twenty years of dedicated commitment to its mission.

Local Heroes Honored by the American Red Cross



On September 28th, the Bay Area Chapter of the American Red Cross and the Alameda County Leadership Council teamed up to honor ordinary local citizens who have shown extraordinary courage, dedication and character by performing acts of heroism and kindness.

Assemblymember Mary Hayashi was pleased to honor them by providing Assembly Certificates of Recognition to:

Lifesaving Heroes:	Officer Benjamin Sarno and Officer Erich Cumby;
Act of Courage Heroes:	Sammy Johnson and De Mario Hawkins;
Community Services Heroes:	Oakland Starlings (Organization) and Lisa Klein;
Act of Kindness & Philanthropy Heroes:	Peggy Santa Maria and Barbara Crawford;
Animal Rescue Hero:	“Charlie”, the Adelman Family Dog;
Blood Donation Hero:	Charles Westbrook.

J-Sei Celebrates 40 Years of Community Service



In 1971, J-Sei began its work as a service organization called East Bay Japanese for Action. Its mission was to support first-generation Japanese immigrants with bilingual case management and nutrition programs. Four decades later, the organization has grown in size and scope to serve a multi-ethnic and multi-generational client base.

Today, J-Sei provides resources for a broad range of senior programs as well as services and programs to families and younger generations. It helps seniors who want to continue to live independently in their homes and provides low-income senior housing and a licensed residential care facility for seniors who cannot. Along with classes, transportation, a caregiver registry, and referrals, J-Sei has

built its organization on the Nikkei values of traditional Japanese culture. Its successful record of providing critical assistance to an underserved population was ample cause for celebration as they marked this important milestone at their 40th Anniversary dinner on September 10th. Assemblymember Mary Hayashi honored the organization by authoring an Assembly Resolution recognizing their history of community service.

Family Emergency Shelter Coalition Opens New Housing Facility



On September 9th, the Family Emergency Shelter Coalition (FESCO) celebrated the conversion of a 4-unit transitional housing facility to long-term permanent housing apartments for homeless families.

The project took two years of collaborative work with the Alameda County Housing and Community Development Department, the Housing Authority of Alameda County, and other partners. Four families were selected as residents for the new one-bedroom apartments that could accommodate a family of up to four. Residents were delighted to open their doors to share their new spaces, as well as program success stories and future goals.

Assemblymember Mary Hayashi presented a proclamation in honor of the addition of the permanent housing program. FESCO has been serving Alameda County for more than 25 years. Its mission is to end homelessness in Alameda County by providing homeless shelter, transitional housing, and permanent housing programs.

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:

Thursday, October 13, 2011 at 10:00 am
Location: State Capitol, Room 113

[MEETING NOTICE CLICK HERE](#)

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

Events

Assemblymember Mary Hayashi Hosts the 2nd Annual Senior Health Fair in San Leandro



Assemblymember Mary Hayashi will host the 2nd Annual Senior Health Fair on Monday, October 24, 2011, from 9:00 am to 11:00 am at the new San Leandro Senior Community Center located at 13909 E. 14th Street in San Leandro. This free fair provides seniors with an opportunity to access important health screenings and information about senior healthcare services available in our community. Reservations are required as space is limited.



What: Assemblymember Mary Hayashi's 2nd Annual Senior Health Fair
Free Health Screenings and Information about Senior Healthcare Services

When: October 24, 2011 from 9:00 am to 11:00 am

Where: San Leandro Senior Community Center, 13909 E. 14th Street, San Leandro

RSVP: Call the District Office at (510) 583-8818, Space is limited.

For more information or to reserve your attendance, please feel free to contact the District Office (510) 583-8818

League of Women Voters of the Eden Area Holds Forum on Federal Role in Education



The League of Women Voters of the Eden Area will hold a forum on Friday, October 21st, beginning at 11:30 am, entitled, *Federal Role in Pre-K to 12 Education – too little, just right, too much?* at the San Lorenzo Village Homes Association, 377 Paseo Grande in San Lorenzo. The forum is co-sponsored by the League of Women Voters Eden Area (LWVEA) and the American Association of University Women—Castro Valley-Hayward Branch (AAUW).

The speakers scheduled include Jo Loss, Castro Valley School District Board Member and former State PTA president; Dr. Dennis Byas, Superintendent of the San Lorenzo School District, and Fernando Yanez, principal of Longwood Elementary, Hayward Unified School District, who was recently commended for his school's significant test score improvement.

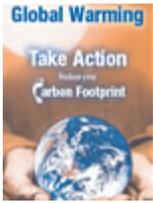
To find out more about the forum, go to www.LWVEA.org.

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	Assemblymember Hayashi's Website (Click Here)
California League of Conservation Voters	100% Rating	
California Public Interest & Research Group	100% Rating	Assemblymember Hayashi's Biography (Click Here)
California Small Business Association	Highest Ranking	
California State Sheriffs' Association	Highest Ranking	Email Assemblymember Hayashi (Click Here)
Children's Advocacy Institute	Highest Ranking	
Clean Water Action	Highest Ranking	District Events (Click Here)
Congress of California Seniors	100% Rating	
Consumer Federation of California	100% Rating	Assemblymember Hayashi's District Map (Click Here)
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	

Resources Available

Publication Available



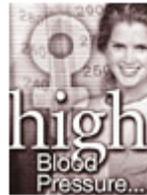
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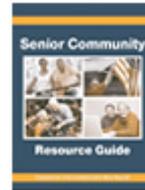
Public Safety Resource Guide



Child Immunization Law



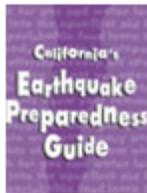
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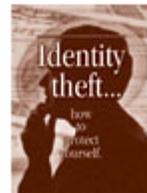
Senior Resource Guide



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.

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.