

from cities and communities on the project's alternatives. You are encouraged to participate in this public process. Here are a few of the upcoming meetings:

- Thursday, April 15, 2010
  6:30 8:30 p.m.
  Main Library, Oak Room
  55 West 3rd Avenue
  San Mateo, Ca 94402
- April 22: workshop in San Carlos
- May 17: workshop in Redwood City

Comments can be received by the Authority through regular U.S. mail, via email with the subject line "San Francisco to San Jose Section Preliminary Alternatives Analysis Report Comments" sent to <u>comments@hsr.ca.gov</u> or by faxing to (916) 322-0827.

### Job Hunter Boot Camp

Friday, April 30, 2010 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. South San Francisco Conference Center 255 South Airport Boulevard, South San Francisco

Please join me and Congresswoman Jackie Speier (D-San Mateo) for another job hunters boot camp on Friday April 30th. You'll receive resume help and interview tips! Meet with representatives from the Employment Development Department, local HR managers, career coaches, and Peninsula Works. Participate in workshops including interview practice and feedback, social networking, 55 seminar, first impression assistance including issues ranging from your resume to how to dress for success. <u>Click here to view the flyer</u>.

RSVP to speier.events@mail.house.gov or 650-342-0300.

#### **Foreclosure Prevention Resource Fair**

Saturday, May 15, 2010 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Parkway Heights Middle School 650 Sunset Dr., South San Francisco

Mark your calendars for a free foreclosure prevention resource fair on Saturday, May 15. Certified counselors, mortgage experts, and representatives from Wells Fargo, Chase, and other banks will be on hand to offer advice and resources for homeowners facing foreclosure. Please make sure to bring your loan documents and income verification. There also will be presentations about how to avoid rip-off scams and on your legal rights, including a special segment for renters facing eviction due to landlord foreclosures. For more information, please contact my office at (650) 349-1900 or the office of Supervisor Adrienne Tissier at (650) 363-4526.

This event is held in partnership with San Mateo County Supervisor Adrienne Tissier, the City of South San Francisco, and the Housing Leadership Council San Mateo County. <u>Click here to</u> <u>view the flyer</u>.

### Census 2010 Update

You still have time to mail in your census forms. Unfortunately, our return rate is 10% below the 2000 total. More than \$435 billion a year is distributed by the federal government to states based on census-driven funding formulas. California could lose about \$3,000 a year for each resident not counted in the 2010 census.

Residents have until April 19 to mail back their census forms. After that, their answers will have to be collected by census workers going door to door at considerable expense. For more information <u>click here</u> or call 916-327-1000.

### **Child Seat Safety Check**

On Saturday, March 20 I was joined by the Lucile Packard Children's Hospital, Safe Kids San Mateo County, the California Highway Patrol, the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office, and the City of San Mateo for another successful child seat safety check event.

Thanks to all the volunteers for their hard work. If you were unable to attend this free event but you would like to obtain a free inspection, please <u>click here</u> to find a location near you.



It is estimated that 80% of child safety seats are not installed properly. According to the National Transportation Safety Board, 96% of parents who use child safety seats, booster seats and safety belts to protect their children think they are using them correctly. However, check ups continually show that 4 out of 5 unintentionally make mistakes that could result in their child being injured or killed in a crash.

# **Budget Update**

On March 19th I hosted an informational state budget briefing for local governments and schools so we could increase collaboration during these tough budget times. <u>Click here</u> to read more.

The Legislative Analyst, Mac Taylor, provided an informative overview of our current fiscal situation.

Last month, the legislature and the governor, working together in a bipartisan way, took several positive steps to stimulate California's struggling economy and provide funding for important services. In addition, Californians received some good news about the state's finances as revenue came in ahead of projections for the third straight month.

- We passed legislation to increase the amount of money public education receives from the State Lottery.
- We created a tax exemption on the purchase of "green" manufacturing equipment that will spur investment in solar manufacturing, renewable energy, fuel cells and zero-emission vehicles in California, creating jobs and maintaining California's leadership in the field of cleantechnology.
- To encourage transit development, we modified the gas tax structure by replacing the sales tax with an excise tax in a way that keeps gas prices stable while increasing

revenue for public transit.

• First-time homebuyers will be glad to know that we continued the successful personal income tax credit program which will lower taxes on the sale of both new and existing homes, stimulating the housing industry and creating jobs for thousands of Californians.

### Woman of the Year

On March 8th, I honored local physician Josefina Enriquez, MD. as the 19th Assembly District's Woman of the Year for 2010. "Dr. Joy" Enriquez has endeared herself to legions of patients with her caring nature, her compassion and her seeming endless supply of energy that make her an extraordinary doctor and role model. Born and raised in the Philippines, for 27 years Dr. Joy was a staff member at Mills Peninsula Hospital serving a staggering annual case load of 5,000 patients - 85 percent of them uninsured or dependent on low-income state or county care.



Dr. Enriquez also finds the time to run a free RotaCare clinic one day a week and she has helped open another free clinic in Mexico. Her next ambitious projects include fundraising and recruiting doctors to keep the Half Moon Bay RotaClinic open every day and building a shelter for local homeless veterans and people who have been evicted from their homes. The Woman of the Year celebration serves to inspire women and celebrate the achievements of women like Dr. Enriquez who make a difference in our community and who truly make a difference in the lives of others.

# **Dental Exam**

On March 5th, I hosted a free dental screening clinic for more

than 200 pre-kindergarten and kindergarten students at Spruce Elementary School in South San Francisco. Students had their teeth checked for signs of decay and were given lessons on proper brushing and flossing techniques.

A study released by the Pew Center on the States found that at least one in five U.S. children go without annual dental care. Tooth decay is the most common chronic childhood disease, more common than both asthma and obesity, affecting nearly two-thirds of California's children by the time they reach third grade.



The event was made possible through collaboration with the California Dental Association, San Mateo County Dental Society, South San Francisco Unified School District and First 5 San Mateo County. The California Dental Association and the San Mateo County Dental Society arranged for local dentists to conduct the screenings on a volunteer basis.

### St. Matthew's School Visit

On February 16th, I hosted some of the 19th Assembly District's younger constituents at my capitol office. Seventy eighth graders from St. Matthew's School in San Mateo visited with me in Sacramento for a tour of the State Capitol and a discussion about the legislative process. I was most impressed by these students and expect that some of them will end up occupying an office in the State Capitol themselves someday!



If you are going to be visiting the capitol and would like to meet with me, please call my capitol office at (916) 319-2019 to schedule a meeting.

# Mark Your Calendar

Saturday, May 1, 2010 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

San Mateo County Event Center, Meeting Pavilion College Essay Seminar: Writing the Personal Statement for the University of California

Pam Burnett, former Director of Undergraduate Admissions at UC Berkeley and UC Davis and Mary Dubitzky, former Deputy Director of Undergraduate Admissions at UC Berkeley and UC Davis will be making a presentation on what UC wants from the essays, how they play into admissions decisions and the do's and don'ts of writing the personal statement. Students attending will have the opportunity to start their important college essays as well as have them reviewed by the San Mateo Youth Foundation during the summer.

For more information call (650) 341-3557.

# Thank You

Thank you for reading my e-newsletter. If you have information that you'd like me to add to future e-newsletters please call my district office at 650-349-1900.



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