

# Policy Updates

*A monthly snapshot of the policy work being done by Supervisor Ellenberg*

## D4 POLICY SHORTS

To be an effective Supervisor for the County and particular advocate for District 4, I will always diligently review all information and research available to me and I will seek input from a range of experts, stakeholders and community members in an effort to make well-informed decisions that will benefit District 4 residents and the County as a whole.

### Stabilizing Families

As a County, our culture is to lead by example. We are the **third largest employer** in Silicon Valley –behind only Apple and Google. Providing our workforce – approximately 20,000 Santa Clara County residents – with access to affordable, quality child care will help not only stabilize our families but also have a positive impact on our children’s success in school, within their communities, and their overall preparedness for the Silicon Valley workforce.

That's why I directed the County Executive Staff to report to the Board of Supervisors on a work plan for implementation of onsite child care at one or more County facilities and an increased child care subsidy for child care for County employees to be implemented during the 2019-20 fiscal year.

### Empowering Foster Youth

Santa Clara County is dedicated to supporting foster youth and seeing that they are successful citizens. It was with this in mind that my colleagues and I on the Board of Supervisors voted to extend the Summer Intern & Earn Program to Learn, Earn, And Progress (L.E.A.P.), year-round paid internship program. This program will help foster youth ages 18-24 acquire the skills needed to enter the workforce.

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### BOARD ASSIGNMENTS

I was appointed to serve on CASA- Committee To House The Bay Area to work with this team to bring affordable housing to Bay Area families. This appointment to the committee took place at the recent Board of Supervisors meeting on **March 19**.

You can find more information at **CASA**.

I serve as Chair of the Public Safety and Justice Committee and Vice-Chair of the Health and Hospital Committee.

I also serve on the following:

- California State Association of Counties, Board of Directors—Delegate
- County Library District Joint Powers Authority—Alternate
- National Association of Counties—Delegate
- First 5 Santa Clara County—Delegate
- Joint Committee on Child Care—Delegate
- Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council—Delegate
- Local Agency Formation Commission—Delegate
- Santa Clara County Emergency Operational Area Council—Alternate
- Silicon Valley Clean Energy Authority—Delegate
- Strong Start Leadership Team—Delegate
- Urban Counties Caucus—Delegate
- Valley Medical Center Foundation—Liaison
- Valley Transportation Authority Board of Directors—Alternate
- Valley Transportation Authority El Camino Real Policy Advisory Board—Delegate
- Valley Transportation Authority Vasona Light Rail Policy Advisory Board—Delegate