

Policy Updates

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

D4 POLICY SHORTS

When we invest in children and strengthen their families, outcomes improve in every direction: we have safer neighborhoods, a better educated workforce and a more stable economy.

Supervisor Ellenberg spoke to Early Childhood Providers at a Silicon Valley Council of Nonprofits (SVCN) forum on Jan. 10 about her commitment to early childhood development and how she sees synergy between her role as a brand-new Supervisor and Governor Newsom's proposed spending \$1.8 billion for early childhood education and child-care programs. During this forum she pledged to advance five principles of investment:

1. Supporting a complete continuum of development for all children from pre-natal care through third grade
2. Creating a culture of inclusivity (culturally responsive, atypical abilities, all economic levels)
3. Crafting a program that recognizes the vital role that families play in a child's early development
4. Leading Initiatives that are supported by current data and research
5. Leadership in partnership with a wide range of stakeholders to implement the vision

RECYCLING

Recent changes in China's trade import policies are threatening to throw recycling markets into chaos, potentially damaging public health and increasing residential garbage rates.

In partnership with the California State Association of Counties, Supervisor Ellenberg persuaded her colleagues on the Board of Supervisor to pass a resolution urging Governor Gavin Newsom to convene a statewide panel to address this impending crisis.

INPLAY

Supervisor Ellenberg joined Board President Supervisor Joe Simitian on a referral to ask the County Administration to include in the mid-year budget process a report for a grant program proposal for school districts in the County to participate using InPlay.

InPlay is a mobile solution tool to help parents or other caregivers find out-of-school time programs for their child or youth. It is Supervisor Ellenberg's hope that this resource will provide much needed access to a diverse range of afterschool and summer programs. If you want to watch the discussion on this item, you may do so at this link:
<http://bit.ly/InPlayDiscussion>.

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BOARD ASSIGNMENTS

Supervisor Ellenberg serves as Chair of the Public Safety and Justice Committee and Vice-Chair of the Health and Hospital Committee.

She is also serves 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