Hello Everyone,

On January 25th I had the good fortune to accompany Josh, our Executive Assistant, and Nickole, a fellow Council member, to our newly formed Council Action Team a visit with Assemblyman Jim Frazier’s office in Antioch. What an experience! We met with Assemblyman Frazier himself and I was pleasantly surprised that he gave us 90 minutes of his time. He had a staff that was very welcoming and respectful to us and we got down to business right away. We covered a lot of topics and issues important to our council membership (or members) and our community!

This visit was the first time I have personally met with a local legislator and I was astonished by how empowering it was! We got the ball rolling on a few of our issues and laid the groundwork for additional action and outreach, all steps toward achieving our mission as a Council.

Exerting myself like this was a bit out of my comfort zone but in the end, I felt I put a face to the name “Suzanne Anthony” for the staff and community members to see the Council in action. I strongly encourage any other parents, Council members or community members to take advantage of these opportunities to come up through our Action Team. Uniting Assemblyman Frazier “out of the name” for me.

Equally as important, I believe our visit did the same for me. I had the good fortune to accompany Josh, our Executive Assistant, to the February meeting, and for me it was truly a turning point. I look forward to seeing you at the February meeting, Suzanne Anthony, Chair

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Opportunities & Announcements

Regional Center of the East Bay's Diversity & Equity Committee has been hard at work; it previously had several meetings on Purchase of Service (POS) data in a variety of languages & marches. Please click here for a meeting schedule.

Care Parent Network has released their training and events calendar for February/March. Please click here to learn more.

Kaiser has announced a request for proposals for our local community through its Community Benefit Grant program. Areas include Access to Primary Care, Healthy Eating, and Active Living and range from $5,000 to $30,000 per grant. More information can be found here.

Contact the Council for more information.

News & Action Alerts

- 2015- Transition Task Force - Please consider attending if you or someone you know is interested in learning about transitions and related services.
- 2016: WEBinar on IHSS: Overtime & Related Changes - The USC Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities is offering a training to help understand how changes to IHSS will effect our community.
- Social Security Administration, Office of the Commissioner's Notebook - Click here to learn more.
- Affordable & Accessible Housing Seminar - Join Stephen Beard for a free seminar in February to learn more about finding and purchasing an accessible home using a wide variety of tools including down payment assistance programs and Section 8. Seating is limited. Click here to learn more & RSVP.
- EBLC Legislative Townhall - Please consider attending this year’s East Bay Legislative Coalition Townhall. This year’s theme is: Open the Doors to Opportunity - Vocal Advocates. Click here for more information.
- Affordable & Accessible Housing Seminar - Please also consider attending if you or someone you know is interested in learning about mobility management and public transportation. Click here to learn more & RSVP.

Upcoming Events

- 219 - Transition Task Force - Please also consider attending if you or someone you know is interested in learning about transitions and related services.
- 250 - SC Council Board Meeting - Please also consider attending this year’s East Bay Legislative Coalition Townhall. This year’s theme is: Open the Doors to Opportunity - Vocal Advocates. Click here for more information.
- World Premiere of Offices & Accountants and Uno Futures Explored and Inclusion Films will be premiering the latest creation of the practical film under the name “Suzanne Anthony’s Corner”.
- Special Election. Meeting begins at 10:00 AM @ RCEB Concord. 
- 2/25 - Regional Center of the East Bay Diversity & Equity Committee - A look at IHSS & the recent MCO & employment. Meeting begins at 10:00 AM @ RCEB Concord.
- 237 - SC Council Board Meeting - Please consider attending this year’s East Bay Legislative Coalition Townhall. This year’s theme is: Open the Doors to Opportunity - Vocal Advocates. Click here for more information.
- 2/19 - East Bay Legislative Coalition Townhall - Please consider attending this year’s East Bay Legislative Coalition Townhall. This year’s theme is: Open the Doors to Opportunity - Vocal Advocates. Click here for more information.
- 2/9 - Webinar on IHSS: Overtime & Related Changes - The USC Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities is offering a training to help understand how changes to IHSS will effect our community.

Welcome to the Council’s Corner!

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