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Take Action –
Vote on Tuesday,
November 2



Immigrants bring strength, diversity, and economic vitality to our state and the whole country, but our voices are not being heard on important issues.

Voting is one way to make our priorities known and to demonstrate our power. Our voice is critical on Election Day. See page 4 and 5 for California Voter Bill of Rights.

President's Message



By Tim V. Tran

Dear CBC members, friends and supporters,

It has been my privilege to serve as CBC's president for 2010. Through my tenure, I have enjoyed leading a fine executive team and group of talented board members. I want to acknowledge and thank the executive team and board for a job well done in keeping our commitment to serve while at the same time face ongoing challenging budget constraints.

Every non-profit organization has its challenges and we are no different, especially during these challenging times. Many of our programs are getting resurgence in revival and interest.

Each year we give thanks to our sponsors, supporters and volunteers. This year, we have been fortunate to raise awareness and solidify CBC's internship program through a generous grant from our partner, AT&T.

In addition to our sponsors, supporters and volunteers, I would like to thank the special guests who attended meetings throughout the year to bring awareness to CBC with issues that impact the community.

As the year end rolls around, we have a couple of annual events that are coming up. On December 5, we will install the CBC 2010-2011 Officers and Board members at a luncheon along with recognizing the 2010 Summer Interns who have done a fabulous job with the legislative offices.

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We've received positive comments from the offices and we are very proud of the students and hope they enjoyed the experience.

We also have the Christmas party with the South Bay Chinese Club on December 11. This is a joyous time to celebrate with the seniors so I hope you can join us.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your President and I look forward to serving another term in 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim V. Tran

Tim V. Tran
CBC President 2009-2011

Upcoming Events...

CBC Installation and Internship Luncheon

On **Sunday, December 5**, Citizens for Better Community will host the 19th Annual Installation of Officers and Directors Luncheon along with recognizing the 2010 Summer Interns.

The Officers and Directors have committed their valuable time during the past year by attending monthly meetings and coordinating various events. With the dedication from the Officers and Directors, CBC has become an organization that is well recognized within the community.

Also, the interns will be recognized for a job well done in the legislative offices during this past summer. It will be a treat to hear short speeches from the interns about their experience. For some, this may have been their first opportunity to develop insight and skills in a very important area.

CBC thanks Anna Muh for coordinating the Summer Internship program once again. Also, CBC is very grateful for the partnership from AT&T and we look forward to continuing and enhancing the program.

You're Invited to the Christmas Party



By Amy Cho

Citizens for Better Community and South Bay Chinese Club will co-sponsor our Christmas party again at Aegis Gardens Senior Retirement Center. Mark down **Saturday, December 11**, 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. now. Make your plans to come see friends and enjoy fun times while spreading the good cheer to others! Come see the beautifully decorated Aegis Gardens.

There will be a fun-filled program followed by a visit from Santa. We'll have dinner hosted by the two organizations and Aegis Gardens afterwards. We always have a great time with the seniors.

Please RSVP by December 6 to Aliene Yee (510) 657-7972 or Amy Cho (510) 797-6426. To help defray expenses, there will be a nominal charge of \$5/person for adults and children over age 10. We are also holding a canned food and toy drive as in previous years. If you want to share something at this time of giving, please make sure to bring it to Aegis Gardens. We will help you deliver it to Tri-Cities organizations.

The address of Aegis Gardens is 36281 Fremont Blvd (across from American High School on Fremont Boulevard. This is different from the other Aegis in Fremont!). Please allow time for parking. Parking at Aegis Gardens is very limited but it can be found easily on side streets.

See you ALL!



Christmas Party 2009

CBC Reception Welcomed Fremont's New Superintendent Of Schools



By Amy Cho

On August 31, CBC hosted a reception at Fremont Bank for Dr. Jim Morris, the new Superintendent of Fremont Unified School District. This reception was well attended. In addition to the CBC board and members, CBC invited members of sister organization South Bay Chinese Club and Chinese School principals.

Dr. Jim Morris served as Assistant Superintendent in the Los Angeles public school system prior to moving here. He has lived in Los Angeles for the past 30 years. In addition to being very impressed with FUSD, Dr. Morris is also very happy to be here because his son lives in the Bay Area. How nice that is!

Dr. Morris is very excited to be the new superintendent of FUSD. He is very personable and easy to talk to. To begin the evening, Dr. Morris first made some comments. His words revolved around the thought "What Makes FUSD Strong?"

- Test scores have risen in FUSD steadily since 1999. Dr. Morris stated that we always want to do better. We have high expectations for all students, not just those coming from high performing schools.
- Dr. Morris also pointed out that we can look at data regarding test scores, for instance we can ask how many children read 75 words per minute. Alternatively, one can target which children did not meet the standards in first grade. We have the data to determine who needs help.
- FUSD has principals who are strong and courageous leaders. He encourages the principals to do what's right for children.
- Training is good for teachers. Everyone needs to continually improve.
- Active and involved parents are strong in FUSD. Both parents and community members provide support and pressure to do better.

After these initial remarks, Dr. Morris entertained questions from the audience. A few members brought out the need for FUSD to collaborate and support other schools such as the Fremont Chinese schools and Friends of Children with Special Needs. These are schools that provide something others can't. There are also other kinds of worthwhile outside activities. Members pointed out that outside activities sometimes require the use of FUSD school

facilities and that FUSD needs to be consistent in the custodial fees charged. People have found that some schools are very accommodating, others are not. Some expressed instances where custodial services, number of hours required and number of people needed were sometimes excessive. Dr. Morris promised to look into the custodial fees. He noted that many school districts have this problem.

Members wanted to know how we can help the school district amidst the financial budget crisis. First of all, Dr. Morris pointed out that unlike many other school districts, Fremont Unified's board has acted financially responsible. They cut \$20 million from the budget. Our board has maintained reserve accounts. Legally they have been responsible. Dr. Morris said our board has fought to be responsible while other school districts have depleted their reserves without thinking. Dr. Morris also urges support of Measure K that is coming up for a vote in November. It shows that this community supports basic skills. Even though many taxpayers don't have children in Fremont schools, good schools keep properties up. Dr. Morris pointed out that Measure K does have a sunset clause, is not to be used for administrative purposes, and exempts those taxpayers who are older than 65.

A few members brought out the need for FUSD to collaborate with Ohlone College and other close-by schools such as Cal State East Bay. Dr. Morris agrees with all that we must attempt to make relationships. Public agencies need to collaborate. Dr. Morris has already been in touch with these. He calls this "interagency collaboration" and he says that we mustn't stick to ourselves and not know what others are doing.

With all the spirited discussions, the night could have gone on for a few more hours, but the next day would be September 1, the first day of school for FUSD!

We are all fortunate to have such an energetic and qualified incoming Superintendent. Dr. Morris was planning to see if he could get to all 43 schools on September 1! As the reception ended, Dr. Morris told everyone that he will miss his old relationships and routines. But on the other hand, he has incredible opportunities now to make new friends and do great things in Fremont Unified School District.

Welcome to Dr. Morris!



Mobilize the Immigrant Vote ~ 2010 California Campaign

Courtesy of Asian Law Caucus

- Your polling place location will be listed on the back cover of your sample ballot, which will be mailed to you before the election. You can also find it online at www.smartvoter.org.
- The polling place will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- You will be asked for your name, address and signature.
- If you are newly registered, you may be asked to show some form of identification, such as a driver's license or other photo ID, or a telephone or other utility bill showing your name and address. If you do not have identification with you, you can still vote on a "provisional" ballot.
- You can also vote by mail with an "absentee ballot." You can get an absentee ballot by returning the request form that comes with your sample ballot by **October 26, 2010**.

**VOTE on
Tuesday, November 2**

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO:

Vote if you are in line on Election Day when the polls open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m. Cal. Elec. Code §§ 14212 and 14401

Vote without showing identification if you are eligible to vote and your name is on the election roster at the polling location, UNLESS you are a first-time voter who registered by mail and did not provide proper identification during registration. § 14216

Bring someone with you if you are physically disabled, unable to read or write English, or unable to mark the ballot. If you are physically disabled, and your polling place is

inaccessible, you have the right to vote in a nearby accessible location.

§§ 14282(c), 14282(a); 42 U.S.C. § 1973 et seq.

Take time off work to vote if you do not have sufficient time to vote outside of working hours. You may take up to two hours to vote at the beginning or the end of your regular working hours without a loss of pay. § 14000(a)-(b)

Vote by provisional ballot if you are properly registered to vote, but your name is not listed in the election roster. §§ 14217, 14310(a)

Vote if you have moved within the same county but have not yet re-registered at your new address. You can vote by a provisional ballot in the election precinct of your new residence, at the office of your

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• 您的投票站地點印在您的樣本選票的背面。在選舉前，我們將會將您的樣本選票郵寄給您。您還可以通過網站www.smartvoter.org獲取該樣本選票。

• 投票站將於上午7時至晚8時開放

• 您需提供您的姓名、地址並簽名

• 如果您是初次登記，則您需要出示某種證件，例如駕駛執照或其他帶照片的身份證件，或者是能夠顯示您的姓名和地址的電話或水、電帳單等。如果您不能出示上述證件，您還可以投票“臨時”選票。

• 您還可以通過郵寄“缺席選票”參加投票您可以通過寄回申請表(該表格隨同您的樣本選票於2010年10月26日前郵寄給您)來索取一張缺席選票。

您有權：

參加投票，

如果在選舉日上午7時投票站點開始工作至晚上8時站點關閉的時間內您已經在排隊等候投票。
§§ 14212 and 14401

參加投票而無需出示證件，

若您有資格參加投票並且在投票地點的選舉名冊上有您的名字；除非您是通過信件登記的初次投票的選民，並且在登記時未提供相關證件。
§ 14216

讓其他人陪同您投票

讓其他人陪同您投票，若您身體有殘疾、不能閱讀或寫英文，或者不會填寫選票。如果您身體有殘疾，而且您前往投票地點有困難，則您有權選擇一處較近的、方便的投票地點進行投票。

§§ 14282(c), 14282(a); 42 U.S.C. § 1973等等

抽出一部分工作時間來投票，

若您在工作時間以外沒有充分的時間投票。您可以在您日常的工作時間開始後或結束前花上最多兩個小時進行投票，而不會有工資損失。

§ 14000(a)-(b)

通過臨時選票進行投票，

若您已經正確登記參加投票，但是您的名字卻沒有被列入選舉名冊內。

§§ 14217, 14310(a)

參加投票，若您在縣內遷居

而尚未在新址重新進行登記。您可以在您的新居住地所屬選區內的縣選舉官辦公室或由您的縣選舉官指定的一個集中投票站通過臨時選票進行投票。

§ 14311(a)-(b)

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county elections official or at a central location designated by your county elections official. §14311(a)-(b)

Vote if you have changed your name since you registered to vote. § 14218

Receive up to two replacement ballots if you make a mistake or "spoil" your ballot. § 14288

Vote without being intimidated or photographed if you are within 100 feet of a polling place entrance. You have the right to cast a secret ballot free from intimidation. §§ 18541, 2300(a)(4)

Vote without having your eligibility to vote challenged by anyone other than a poll worker. § 14240(a)-(b)

Vote if you have been convicted of a felony, but have completed your sentence, including any period of parole, after re-registering to vote. § 2101

Return your completed absentee ballot in person to any precinct in the county. §§ 2300(a)(7), 3017(a)

Bring your child into the voting booth, if the child is under 18 years of age. § 14222

Receive information in your own language including sample ballots, general information, and interpreters. Languages vary by county. Please call your county registrar of voters to ask which languages are available in your county. You can also sign up to get translated voting materials sent to you before every election. You can find your county registrar at http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/elections_d.htm. Cal. Elec. Code § 14201; 42 U.S.C. § 1973 et seq.; 67 Fed. Reg. 48,871

REMEMBER!

- You do not have to vote on everything.
- Do not feel rushed; ask for help if you need it.
- You have the right to take this Bill of Rights and any other materials into the voting booth with you.

To report any problems at the polls, call 1-800-345-8683
TDD: 1-800-833-8683

For more information on **Mobilize the Immigrant Vote 2010 California Campaign**
Visit www.mivcalifornia.org

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在您登記參加投票後改換了名字,也可以參加投票。
§ 14218

獲得最多兩張替換選票,
若您填錯了選票或“損壞”了您的選票。
§ 14288

在不受脅迫,或不被拍照(若您距投票站入口不足100英尺)的情況下進行投票。您有權不受脅迫地進行秘密投票。
§§ 18541, 2300(a)(4)

在不受任何人對您的投票資格提出質疑的情況下進行投票,選舉工作人員除外。
§ 14240(a)-(b)

在曾被判重罪,但是在重新進行投票登記後已經服滿刑期(包括任何假釋期)的情況下參加投票。
§ 2101

親自將您已填寫好的缺席選票
交回到本縣內的任何選區。
§§ 2300(a)(7), 3017(a)

帶您的孩子進入投票站,若您的孩子不滿18周歲。
§ 14222

收到以您自己的語言提供的資料,包括樣本選票、綜合資訊以及解釋材料。各縣所提供的語言不同。請與您的縣選務登記處聯繫,詢問您在縣提供的語言種類。您還可以登記要求在每次選舉之前將翻譯好的選舉資料寄給您。您可以通過網站 www.sos.ca.gov/elections/elections_d.htm 查詢您的縣選務登記處。
Cal. Elec. Code § 14201; 42 U.S.C. § 1973; 67 Fed. Reg. 48,871

· 您無需對所有項目均投票。

· 不要覺得很匆忙;需要時可尋求幫助。

· 您有權帶上本權利法案以及其他任何資料進入投票站。

若詢問任何有關投票方面的問題,請致電

1-800-339-2857

動員移民為2010年

加州移民們給我們的州乃至全國帶來了活力、多元化以及經濟繁榮,但是在各個重大問題上,我們的呼聲卻並未得到傾聽。投票是使我們的優先項目被了解以及展示我們的力量的一種方式。我們需要在選舉日發出更強烈的呼聲。

行動起來吧!!

選舉日-

Tuesday 11/2 2010

Fun with the South Bay Chinese Club

By Fran Sabado-Gin
SBCC President 2010-2011



This year the South Bay Chinese Club promises to be filled with plenty of activities to keep our membership engaged and connected. Our goal is to expand our scope of activities to include our youth and "elder" members. With this in mind we recently held a well-attended youth golf clinic at Mission Hills Golf Course. This was the first exposure many of the children had to golf and we hope that the clinic inspired them to continue playing and eventually participate in our annual golf tournament held every May. Who knows? Maybe we have a future Tiger or Tigress in our midst.



The month of October will be busy with a Hawaiian Luau Potluck on October 2, complete with live entertainment and wonderful food, and on October 23 a special dim sum lunch to celebrate and honor our "elder" club members. Then on the evening of our November board meeting we have planned a games night to include poker, mahjong and board games for children. As December rolls around we will be co-sponsoring the annual Christmas Party at Aegis Gardens with CBC.

The next 3 months will be filled with fun times meant to encourage camaraderie and fellowship. CBC members are more than welcome to join us at any of our functions. We'd love to get to know more of you. Please check our club website, www.sbccclub.org, for more information or contact us at SouthBayChineseClub1@gmail.com

Alsion Montessori Foundation Community Honoree

On Saturday, September 18, the Alsion Montessori Foundation recognized Garrett Yee as the 2010 Montessori Community Honoree at the Best House located on Palmdale Estates.



Pictured: Michael Leahy, the Headmaster of the School, honoree Garrett Yee and Former Assemblymember John Dutra.

Congratulations, Garrett!

Membership Dues

The new membership year will begin on November 1, 2010. The membership renewal form will be sent via US Mail (or see form on page 7). Please complete the form and send in your dues. Better yet, become a lifetime member and never worry about your annual dues. Your dues help to pay for our CBC newsletter. Thanks in advance for your support!

CBC MEMBERSHIP NEWSLETTER

We welcome your questions, comments and feedback. You may send them to Citizens for Better Community, P.O. Box 1, Fremont, CA 94537, or you may contact Kathy Jang, Executive Director, at (510) 790-0740, or email kjang25@yahoo.com.

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL (October 31, 2010 – November 1, 2011)

If you like what you see in this newsletter and want to remain informed, please join CBC.

Please check one of the following and include a check payable to *CBC* and send to:

CBC, Membership, P. O. Box 1, Fremont, CA 94537-0001

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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$20 Individual
<input type="checkbox"/> \$25 Family
<input type="checkbox"/> \$50 Corporate/Organization
<input type="checkbox"/> \$100 Individual: Life Membership
<input type="checkbox"/> \$200 Family: Life Membership
<input type="checkbox"/> \$500 Corporate/Organization: Life Membership | <input type="checkbox"/> New
<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal |
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Please complete the following member(s) (contact person) information:

Member: _____

Last Name	First Name	Chinese Name
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Spouse: _____

Last Name	First Name	Chinese Name
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Address: _____

Street	City	State	Zip
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CBC's Mission Statement:

"To initiate, sponsor and promote community events, which will affect the well being of Chinese Americans with an emphasis on education, health, business and community involvement."

Calendar of Events

Toastmasters (Citizens for Better Communicators)

When: Saturdays (10:15 am – 11:45 am)

Where: Intero Real Estate Services

43225 Mission Blvd, Lower Level
Fremont, CA 94539

Contact: ChenChen Fan at gsdchops@gmail.com

Homeless Shelter Meal Service

When: Sundays, November 14 & December 12
(dinner)

Contact: FendiFuh@yahoo.com

CBC Installation/Intern Luncheon

When: Sunday, December 5, 2010 (11:30 am – 1:30 pm)

Where: World Gourmet Buffet

Contact: kjang25@yahoo.com or (510) 790-0740

CBC/SBCC Christmas Party

When: Saturday, December 11, 2010 (3 pm – 6 pm)

Where: Aegis Gardens, Fremont Blvd

Contact: amytcho@yahoo.com or (510) 797-6426

Upcoming CBC Meetings

**Note: Prior to each meeting, there will be set-up and a social "hour" from 7 pm.*

CBC Board Meeting

Wednesday, November 3, 2010

Place: Carlton Plaza – 7:30 pm

CBC Board Meeting

Wednesday, December 1, 2010

Place: Carlton Plaza – 7:30 pm

CBC Board Meeting

Wednesday, January 5, 2011

Place: Carlton Plaza – 7:30 pm

**Please renew your membership NOW!
See page 7 for membership form.**

Thank you!