



Executive Director/Staff Report
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Public Policy and Communications



20th Anniversary of Prop. 10 & Advocacy Day in Sacramento— The First 5 Association invites you to join First 5 Commissions from across the state for the **First 5 20th Anniversary and Family Fun Day** on **Wednesday, May 2nd** in Sacramento. We will have the opportunity to meet with legislators, network with fellow First 5 leadership, and further awareness about the Association and your local commission. [The schedule includes: breakfast and registration/Capitol Lawn (8-9 am); legislative visits (9-11); Children's Activities & Special Legislator Guests (11 am to noon); lunch and event program (noon to 1 pm); and more legislative visits (1-4 pm).] *Commissioners—if you would like to attend, please contact Amy or Michelle so we can register you and pay for meals.*



Breakfast with Jared & Barbara!

Breakfast – 200 people have RSVP'd for First 5 Marin's annual policy breakfast on **Friday, May 11**, with our very special guest speakers, **Congressman Jared Huffman AND Congresswoman Barbara Lee**. They will be addressing us and our community partners “talk show style,” speaking about the impact of national politics on children and families. (8:30 to 10 a.m. at the Embassy Suites Hotel in San Rafael.) **RSVP** to Michelle@First5Marin or REGISTER

at: http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=acqrezcab&oeidk=a07ef4kcs012fbbd834&condition=SO_OVERRIDE

Email invitations and reminders will continue through the registration deadline of Monday, May 7th. (Please share the invitation; we have space for 400!)

There is also a “Facebook event” which may be shared: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1779259602375>

First 5 Express – The Express coming back to Marin! 😊
Locations tentatively West Marin (29th) and Hamilton (30th).



The Express offers activities fun learning activities for young including a bilingual preschool library, karaoke for resources for parents.

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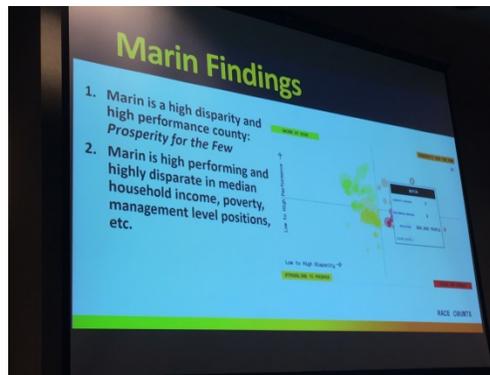
Marin Communications Forum – the monthly forums continue with strong attendance and a very positive response from the community.

- **March 26th – Race Counts: Advancing Opportunity for All Californians**

Nearly 400 people attended the presentation of the report “Race Counts,” which found that Marin County is number one for disparities by race among all California counties. Presenters were John Kim, executive director of The Advancement Project, and Asad Baig, budget analyst. Learn more at: www.racecounts.org and see the Marin County data at: <http://www.racecounts.org/county/marin/>. See also: <http://advancementprojectca.org/>

First 5 Marin hosted a follow up luncheon for a dozen key community leaders and the presenters; the group discussed potential action steps related to race and equity in Marin, and also planning a structure to move the work forward. We will keep you posted on next steps.

Also, there is now a Facebook page for “Race Counts Marin” at: <https://www.facebook.com/RaceCountsMarin/>



The next forums are:

- **April 30 – Childhood Poverty: How Safe is the Safety Net?** (presented by the Public Policy Institute of California). For information, see: <http://www.ppic.org/blog/safety-net-plays-key-role-reducing-poverty/>
- **May 21 – Early Childhood Mental Health** – presentation by Kadija Johnston, LCSW from the Infant-Parent Program at UCSF. For information, see: <http://psych.ucsf.edu/zsfg/ipp>
- **June 25 – Building Latino Power, Presence and Purpose in Marin** – with the Latino Community Foundation and Canal Alliance.

Media –

- The “Race Counts” forum was covered on the front page of the Marin Independent Journal: “Tired of It: Marin Racial Equity Activists Call for Bolder Action.” See: http://www.marinij.com/social-affairs/20180326/tired-of-it-marin-racial-equity-activists-call-for-bolder-action#disqus_thread (Marin IJ 3-27-18) [As of April 2nd, there were 155 e-comments online.] We also shared this article extensively on social media.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Focus groups and surveys to help us assess the landscape for Help Me Grow were completed and an analysis done for the leadership team meeting on April 16th. Work will now focus on developing a vision for and design for a call center and triage system.

Kari, Shirin and Amy continued work on convening a large group of stakeholders to address potential impact of changes in the Public Charge definitions and rules (April 27th). The regulations have been published and are in public comment period. A national effort by advocacy groups and legal groups to halt the implementation of the new rules in light of the impact on both the individuals and families affected and the workforce in general is underway. In addition, the White House just issued an Executive Order that “directs the relevant cabinet departments to provide, within 90 days, a list of potential regulatory or policy changes to the way benefits or services are provided to families and individuals.” The Executive order contains a list of all services that are also referred to in the proposed Public Charge changes.

Amy attended a meeting of First 5 Association, ED’s and Funding the Next Generation to look at the efforts state-wide to develop durable funding streams for young children. There are some good lessons learned and new approaches to be shared and replicated.

The Finance Committee meets on April 11th t review the first draft of the FY1819 Budget.

Amy will be interviewed by Herb Kutchins for KWMR on April 17th to discuss the Race Counts report and First 5’s equity lens.

Meetings

Bay Area ED’s First 5 Association	Marinkids Board Meeting
ECE Work Group/Rise Together	Early Childhood Education Partnership
Bay Area Health Funders Network	HMG Planning Work Groups
Affordable Housing Task Force	Justice Funders (formerly BAJFN)
Food Now Task force and Stearing Comm - HEAL	