

District 5 e-Gram

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FROM SUPERVISOR GLOVER

Youth seek a place in a brave, new world



SOME people yearn for the days of their youth when they were carefree, the world was wide open to them and the future was full of promise.

Not me.

I look at my grandchildren and I wonder what kind of world they will live in. There is a real possibility that the world they inherit will be less promising than the world my peers and I grew up in and inherited from our parents, members of the “greatest generation,” as Tom Brokaw likes to call pre-baby boomers, who grew up during the depression, stepped up to the plate during World War II, and took advantage of the opportunities provided by a nation that would forever more be the leader of the free world.

From the age of prosperity, we are now counting pennies.



SUPERVISOR GLOVER tells students at Bay Point’s Shore Acres Elementary School that they and other students in their community will be receiving a kit full of school supplies from K to College, a nonprofit group in the East Bay. The nonprofit agency plans to give school supplies to more low-income schools in the fall. The kits were given last April 1 to the students at Bel Air and Rio Vista elementary schools and Riverview Middle School.

From an era when low-cost college for everyone was becoming a reality, we are talking about dismantling California’s educational, once one of the greatest institutions of higher learning in the world.

From walking on the moon, now we’re afraid to walk to the grocery store.

From a time when blue-collar and white-collar jobs were plentiful to today when corporations are sending jobs offshore and American workers must compete with workers in India and China.

From a time when being an American high school graduate meant a ticket to the middle class, to this

time when graduating high school no longer is enough for a good paying job and a college education is becoming more out of reach for low-income and middle-class students.

From an America where if you worked hard and stuck by the rules, you could earn a piece of the American dream, we are becoming a country where the gap between the haves and have-nots is growing wider.

More and more, we are becoming a community of strangers and a hand up just as likely to be a hand pulled back. Our community institutions where we used to seek help are overwhelmed with people who for the first time, are asking for assistance.

In this brave, new world of instant communication, instant gratification, infinite information sources and believing fame is just a reality show away, a kid can easily be overwhelmed by a barrage of influences, some well-meaning but too many are negative. Too many feel entitled and too many have given up hope.

Ever since I was in school and became a manager in the Neighborhood Youth Corps, the welfare of young people is something that has always been close to my heart and has guided many of my efforts as a community leader. Investing in young people is investing in our future.

As a Pittsburg City Council member and as the city's mayor, I encouraged the growth of the city's recreation programs and summer jobs for youth.

At that time I also began the youth summits so that young people could receive valuable information that could affect their future in a friendly and nonthreatening environment. From a city event, the youth summits, an entire day of music, workshops, recreation and physical

challenges, have grown each year with young people coming from all over the county.

It is a time to help young people meet people and programs that might make adolescence a little bit easier to deal with whether it is peer pressure, girlfriend-boyfriend problems, job hunting, financial aid, learn the importance of a

positive mental attitude or furthering your education. The day is also a day to meet new friends, have fun with the latest dance steps, get a manicure, meet and listen to Young Brett and watch a live TV talk show produced.

This year's youth summit will be held on April 24 at Los Medanos College in Pittsburg, 8:30 a.m. to

3:30 p.m. It is free and open to all young people 6th grade through high school.

I am always seeking new ways and programs to provide a better environment for young people to reach their full potential.

Involved young people make for good citizens and good citizens make our communities and neighborhoods better places to live and work.



County prepares for the return of inmates

Here is a recipe for a State Corrections System in Chaos:

- Serious prison overcrowding.
- Involvement of the federal courts.
- Prison healthcare system in receivership.
- State budget crisis and pressures to reduce prison costs and population.

And the result? Counties, local law enforcement, and communities are bracing for unknown impacts that could result from an influx of prison inmates. Depending on outcomes of state budget discussions and a case pending before the U.S. Supreme Court, counties could see upwards of 40,000 state prison inmates gradually released into their communities over the next several years.

A recent Contra Costa Times article highlights efforts in Contra Costa County as well as neighboring Alameda County to put countywide efforts in place so that the formerly incarcerated experience a more smooth and supportive transition back into their communities. As it is today, prison inmates receive little, if any, support upon their release from prison. It's the proverbial \$200 and a bus ticket to their county of last legal residence. So none of us should be surprised at California's 70 to 75 percent recidivism rate, when we are doing very little to help offenders prepare for community reintegration.

If we as a state do not begin to invest in a robust and meaningful reentry model, one that provides a bridge for offenders returning to our community, offers targeted treatment and services, and gives the formerly incarcerated an alternative to returning to a life of crime. It is in all of our best interests to have a reentry system – the best interests of the offenders, community, victims, as well as the state and local governmental agencies and policy makers.

With the pending release of thousands of inmates, the public must realize that the vast

majority of all state prison inmates are released and come back into our communities without any fanfare or headline stories.

Obviously, some communities are more affected by returning prisoners than others, but few are well prepared to provide the type of idea reentry system we should be striving for. Counties understand all too well that if we can't offer a strong network of supportive services – effective and plentiful alcohol and drug treatment, meaningful access to mental health services, to name a few – and if our public safety systems are constrained by declining resources, we have little hope of helping turn the tide on the cycle of reoffending.



A concerted effort – that includes sufficient county and community

resources to address offenders' needs and builds on innovative partnerships – is imperative if we have any hope as a society of driving down the recidivism rate and getting a handle on the problems of prison and jail overcrowding.

The poor economy and depleted county budget forces us to seek creative solutions and by forming a stronger partnership between local governments and community-based nonprofit organizations. This is what we are trying to forge with the county's Re-Entry Initiative. I urge everyone to work with our community's local public safety, employment, social services, city and nonprofit partners to explore issues around prisoner reentry and to collaborate to identify and address service gaps.

This is one area we can ill afford to ignore.

OUT & ABOUT



YOUNGER MEMBERS of the East County Kids 'n Motion (above) gathered around Supervisor Glover after a performance commemorating Black History Month in Bay Point. At left, Supervisors Glover and Piepho give commendations to East County Planning Commission chair Ed Stevenson (second from left) and the chair of the San Ramon Valley planning commission after those commissions were dissolved. All the duties of those two commissions were transferred to the County Planning Commission.



Town Hall sheds light on the county budget

SUPERVISOR GLOVER, (above) addresses the audience at the April 12 Town Hall in Antioch to discuss the upcoming County budget. County administrator David Twa, bottom left, along with social services director Joe Valentine and health services director Dr. W. Walker talked at length how state raids on county coffers have hurt the county's ability to deliver services. At left, after the meeting, the supervisor meets with some of the residents of The Commons at Dallas Ranch, where the Town Hall was held.



BAND DIRECTOR Jennifer Martinez accepted a proclamation from Supervisor Glover honoring the Pittsburg High School Marching Show Band for representing Contra Costa County at the Macy's Thanksgiving Parade in New York City last November. Representative band members (facing audience) marched into the Board of Supervisors Chambers to accept the award.



THE FIVE Municipal Advisory Councils of East County representing the unincorporated communities of Bay Point, Bethel Island, Knightsen, Byron and Discovery Bay meet periodically to hear county staff reports and discuss common issues. Above, Supervisor Glover speaks at the recent all-MAC meeting held in Discovery Bay. Sitting next to him is Supervisor Mary Piepho of District 3. In left photo, Pittsburg city officials shared ribbon cutting duties with Supervisor Glover at the opening of the new fire station on Loveridge Road in Pittsburg.

It counts to be counted

Come on people. Turn in those Census forms. It is important for your country, state, county and your community to get an accurate census.

The foundation of our American democracy is dependent on fair and equitable representation in the halls of government. In order to achieve an accurate assessment of the number and location of the people living within the nation's borders, the U.S. Constitution mandates a census of the population every 10 years.



When I first was elected as supervisor for District 5 in 2000, the district was huge, covering almost a third of the county – from Bay Point eastward to Bethel Island and Discovery Bay.

The 2000 Census shows that Antioch is now the county's second largest city. Oakley has grown tremendously since it became a city. With 24,000 residents, Bay Point is the largest unincorporated community in Contra Costa County. Pittsburg is almost built out with thousands of new homes planned for the last open spaces in its city limits. Brentwood, for several years straight, was the fastest growing city in the state.

The district changed in other ways too. It is more diverse than ever before: more languages spoken in our schools; a wider gap between the richest and poorest, and more newcomers than those who have lived here for 10 years or more. Agricultural lands have been reduced. The areas between the cities have disappeared. City boundaries have blurred, merged and become

indistinguishable. You can drive from Brentwood to Bay Point without seeing one almond orchard, tomato field or vineyard.

District 5 was reconfigured in 2001 to its present boundaries because the 2000 Census showed enormous growth in Bay Point, Pittsburg, Antioch and Oakley. I lost Discovery Bay, Brentwood, Knightsen and Byron to District 3, which needed to add more people to the district which traditionally represented the area from Walnut Creek in the West through the San Ramon Valley.

The Census also determines the amount of state and federal funding communities receive over the course of the decade. 2010 Census data will directly affect how more than \$4 trillion is allocated to local, county, state and tribal governments over the next 10 years. In order for this funding allocation to be accomplished fairly and accurately, the goal of the decennial census is to count everybody, count them only once, and count them in the right place.

The facts gathered in the census also help shape decisions for the rest of the decade about public health, neighborhood improvements, transportation, education, senior services and much more. Cities and counties need the Census information to help governments distribute federal funds through various programs including the Community Development Block Grant program.

In 2000, 72 percent of the people sent back their forms. Here we are with a month to go to

turn in their forms and East County returns are between 45 to 52 percent.

The run-up to the 2010 census has featured a lot of razzle dazzle, but one of the neatest offerings from the national head count is an interactive map showing how well — or badly — people are mailing in their completed questionnaires.

To see the map, go to:

<http://2010.census.gov/2010census/take10map/>.

People are always asking me how they can make improvements in their community and

neighborhood. This is one simple way to get involved and help.

It is estimated that for every person who is not counted costs the community \$12,000 per year of government funding. That means for every 10 people not counted, we would lose \$120,000; 100 uncounted persons equals \$1,200,000 less money to build roads, schools or provide health care.

The information from the Census helps us learn what America looks like, what we need and who we are. Those are answers we all need to know.

Here's another way to get involved

Are you tired of sitting on the sidelines? Do you want to be more involved with your community?

District V Supervisor Federal D. Glover is looking for individuals interested in public service to act as District V representatives on the following commissions Aviation Advisory Committee, Contra Costa County Mental Health Commission (at-large, consumer and family), and Mobile Home Advisory Commission (tenant).

The current openings are created by vacancies created by a member's resignation or term expiration. Commissioners are appointed by the Board of Supervisors based on the recommendation of the District V Supervisor.

Interested individuals should contact Supervisor Glover's office at (925) 427-8138 to obtain an application form or additional information. Completed applications must be received in Supervisor Glover's office by close of business Friday, April 23, 2010.

Additional information and staff contacts on each of the commissions are indicated below.

Aviation Advisory Commission: The Commission provides advice and

recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on aviation issues as they relate to the airports in Contra Costa County. Commissioners serve without compensation. The successful applicant will serve a term ending on March 1, 2011. For additional information specific to this Board, please contact Natalie Olesen at (925) 646-5722.

Contra Costa County Mental Health Commission: To review and evaluate the county's mental health needs, services, facilities, and special problems. The current openings are seats for an At-large, Consumer



and Family representative. For additional information specific to this commission, please call Nancy Schott at (925) 957-5140.

Mobile Home Advisory Board: This board meets to discuss issues and problems raised with regard to mobile home parks in Contra Costa County. The board is comprised of four

members representing mobile home park owners and managers, four members representing tenants and three members representing the public. The current opening is for a tenant representative seat. For additional information specific to this Commission, please contact Tom Brooks at (925) 335-1168.

Supervisor supports Earth Day activities

This year marks the 40th Anniversary of Earth Day, and there are many events taking place throughout East County to commemorate the anniversary. As a long-time advocate for the Urban Limit Line, public transit and the greening of county offices and East County communities and businesses, the supervisor believes it is imperative that we all participate in the protection and restoration of our natural environment. He encourages everyone to attend one of the many Earth Day events in District V.

- **Free Electronic Recycling Day:** 9 a.m.-5 p.m. April 24. Proceeds benefit middle and high school church camp programs. Drop off your unwanted TVs, computers, microwaves and more. Sponsored by Laurel Ridge Church, 2459 Laurel Road, Oakley. For a full list of acceptable items, call 925-625-9500 or e-mail info@laurelridgechurch.org.

- **Earth Day Work Party** — 10 a.m. April 24. Join the Sierra Club for a spring cleanup of Frederickson Lane adjacent to Contra Loma Regional Park, Antioch. Meet at the trailhead parking area. Tim Donahue, 925-754-8801.



- **Free Family Fishing Day** — Fishing lessons 8 a.m., derby 8:30 a.m. April 24. Enjoy a day of fishing in a beautiful setting. Lots of prizes for kids. Los Vaqueros Marina, 9990 Los Vaqueros Road, Brentwood. For details and registration: 925-371-2628.

- **Earth Day** — 10 a.m. April 24. Join the city of Oakley and Friends of Marsh Creek to plant trees and shrubs in your neighborhood parks and areas. Check in at Oakley City Hall, 3231 Main St.



DISTRICT V EVENTS

April 24, 8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Youth Summit

Los Medanos College, Pittsburg
Call (925) 439-5933

April 24, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Day of the Young Child

Fun activities for kids up to 5-6 years old
Small World Park, Pittsburg

April 28, 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Public Forum: Save Our Schools

Riverview Middle School
Pacifica Ave., Bay Point

May 8, 9 a.m. to noon

Bay Point Yard Sale

Pancake breakfast, \$2
Ambrose Center, 1151 Willow Pass Rd., Bay Point

May 22, 7:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m.

Bethel Island Clean Up

BIMID Mitigation Site (Residents only. Appointments required. 684-9592)



May 22, 7:30 am. – 2:30 p.m.

E-waste Event

Scout Hall, 3090 Ranch Lane, Bethel Island (Must show proof of East County residency.)

May 22, 8 a.m. – noon

Bay Point Clean Up

Willow Pass & Clearland (Must show proof of residency)

May 31, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Memorial Day Parade and Festival

Ambrose Center, 1151 Willow Pass Rd., Bay Point

May 31

Memorial Day Ceremonies

Pittsburg Veterans Memorial, Small World Park

May 31

Memorial Day Holiday

Supervisor Glover's office is closed



GOVERNMENT MEETINGS

ANTIOCH

Antioch Unified School District: 7 p.m., second and fourth Wednesdays, district offices, 510 G St. 925-706-4100.

Antioch Area Public Facilities Financing Agency (Mello-Roos District): 7 p.m., Antioch Unified School District boardroom, 510 G Street. 776-2030. Meets every other month, first Monday. Call to confirm meeting date.

City Council: 7 p.m., second and fourth Tuesdays, City Hall, Third and H streets. Parks and Recreation Commission: 7 p.m., second Thursday, City Hall, Third and H streets. 925-779-7070, Ext. 0.

Board of Supervisors meetings

9:30 a.m., First four Tuesdays of each month

651 Pine Street, 1st Floor, Martinez

View Agenda here <http://www.co.contra-costa.ca.us/index.asp?nid=2225>

BAY POINT

Municipal Advisory Council: 7 p.m., first Tuesday, Ambrose Community Center, 3105 Willow Pass Road. 925-458-1601.

Ambrose Park and Recreation District, 6:30 p.m., second Thursday, Ambrose Center: 3105 Willow Pass Road, Bay Point. 925-458-1601 or www.ambroserec.org

BETHEL ISLAND

Bethel Island Municipal Improvement District, 7 p.m., third Thursday, 3085 Stone Road

Municipal Advisory Council, 6 p.m. second Tuesday, Scout Hall, 3090 Ranch Lane.

OAKLEY

City Council: 7:30 p.m., second and fourth Tuesdays, 3231 Main St., Oakley. 925-625-7000.

Liberty Union High School District, 7:30 p.m., second and fourth Wednesdays, District Offices, 20 Oak St., Brentwood. 925-634-2166

Oakley Unified School District, 7 p.m., third Wednesday, District offices, 91 Mercedes Lane, Oakley, 925-625-0700

Ironhouse Sanitary District: 7:30 p.m., first Tuesday, district offices, 450 Walnut Meadows Drive, Oakley. 925-625-2279.

PITTSBURG

City Council: 7 p.m., first and third Mondays, council chamber, third floor, City Hall, 65 Civic Ave, 925-252-4850.

Planning Commission: 7 p.m., second and fourth Tuesdays, City Hall, 65 Civic Ave. 925-252-4920.

Pittsburg Unified School District, 7:30 p.m., second and fourth Wednesdays, 2000 Railroad Ave.



COUNTY & REGIONAL

Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors: 9 a.m., first four Tuesdays, Room 107, County Administration Building, 651 Pine St., Martinez. 925-646-2371.

Delta Diablo Sanitation District: 5:30 p.m., second Wednesday, district offices, 2500 Pittsburg-Antioch Highway, Antioch, 925-778-4040.

Contra Costa County Local Agency Formation Commission: 1:30 p.m., second Wednesday, room 107, County Administration Building, 651 Pine St., Martinez. 925-646-4090.

State Route 4 Bypass Authority: second Thursday, Tri Delta Transit building, 801 Wilbur Ave., Antioch. Call for starting time. 925-686-0619.

East County Transportation Improvement: second Thursday, second Thursday, 801 Wilbur Ave., Antioch. Call for starting time. 925-686-0619.

East Contra Costa Fee & Financing Authority: second Thursday, Tri Delta Transit building, 801 Wilbur Ave., Antioch. Call for starting time. 925-686-0619.

Transplan: 6:30 p.m. second Thursday, Tri Delta Transit building, 801 Wilbur Ave., Antioch. 925-335-1201.

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- More pictures and activities of Supervisor Glover at: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Federal-D-Glover/103356261388>