



# First 5 San Joaquin E-Update

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## SPECIAL ISSUE: GOVERNOR'S BUDGET UPDATE!



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*In an effort to provide you with up-to-date information on the Governor's recent budget proposal and its potential impact to First 5 funding, this issue of the e-update contains information and resources to keep you informed and equipped to address this potential challenge to our efforts to continue serving our Counties youngest.*

*For resources and ongoing updates, please visit the First 5 Association website at: <http://www.f5ac.org/>.*

*If you have any questions or ideas to share, please feel free to contact us directly at 209-953-5437 or [sickids@sjgov.org](mailto:sickids@sjgov.org).*

**THANK YOU!**

### The Governor's Budget Proposal: A Brief Overview

The Governor has once again proposed a ballot measure to divert more than \$1.5 billion from Prop 10 to the State General Fund. It's a "Prop 1D Re-Do" with \$1.2 billion slated to come directly from county First 5 commissions. **The same proposal was rejected by California voters just eight months ago.**

The Governor's budget proposal calls for diverting \$242 million from Prop 10 for five years, along with a sweep of \$308 million from First 5 California's fund balance - well over 50% of the money that would otherwise go to programs supported by First 5. The Governor's proposal transfers the counties' portion of the funds next year to the Department of Developmental Services, but it is unclear where it will go in future years.

### What You Can Do To Help

- **Contact your legislators.** Click here for a sample letter, which can be modified as you see fit: [Letter to Legislators -- General](#).
- **Ask your community partners to contact your legislators.** The more objections they hear at this early stage, the better. Remember, this is the easiest time for county commissions and others funded by First 5 to speak out because the proposal is not yet an initiative, so there is not yet a prohibition on addressing it.
- **Identify significant individuals who could be spokespeople** against the Governor's proposal, such as County Supervisors, other elected officials, educators, health care

professionals, etc.

### Contact Your Legislators

To ensure you know who your legislators are, go to the “Find My District” tab on the left side of the Assembly home page, <http://www.assembly.ca.gov/defaulttext.asp>. You can also find your legislators at: <http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/yourleg.html>.

### Fact Sheets & Other Helpful Resources

- First 5 San Joaquin Fact Sheet – available at [www.sjckids.org](http://www.sjckids.org)
- Return on Investment Fact Sheet – available at [www.sjckids.org](http://www.sjckids.org)
- First 5 California Fact Sheets (Statewide Impact): <http://www.f5ac.org/item.asp?id=4192>
- Talking Points for First 5 Advocates: <http://www.f5ac.org/item.asp?id=4207>

### Other News

#### Free Dental Clinic for Kids

Free dental screenings for children through age 17 will be held **February 5, 2010 (Friday), 10:00 a.m. to 2 p.m.** at St. Raphael’s Dental Clinic at St. Mary’s Interfaith Community Services, 545 W. Sonora St., Stockton. Children in need of immediate treatment may be treated that day, while others with less urgent needs will be referred to a participating dentist for free treatment during a follow-up appointment. Ten dentists from the San Joaquin Dental Society have volunteered for the nationwide Give Kids a Smile Day event, as well as several dental hygiene students from University of the Pacific. Information: Liz at (209) 476-0703.

#### Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) Grants

RWJF invites proposals for Communities Creating Healthy Environments: Improving Access to Healthy Foods and Safe Places to Play in Communities of Color. [Communities Creating Healthy Environments](http://www.rwjf.org/applications/solicited/cfp.jsp?ID=20961) is a national RWJF program that aims to prevent childhood obesity by increasing access to healthy foods and safe places to play in communities of color. The program is designed to advance RWJF’s efforts to reverse the childhood obesity epidemic by 2015 by supporting diverse, community-based organizations and federally chartered tribal nations in the development and implementation of effective, culturally competent policy initiatives to address childhood obesity at the local level. Awards will be up to \$250,000 per site for up to ten communities nationwide. Grants are for a three-year period scheduled to commence in October 2010. For more information, visit: <http://www.rwjf.org/applications/solicited/cfp.jsp?ID=20961>

#### Dollar General Literacy Foundation (DGLF) Grants

DGLF is currently accepting applications for its Family Literacy and Adult Literacy Grants Programs. Family Literacy Grants provide funding to family literacy service providers. The foundation uses the federal government’s definition of family literacy when reviewing grant applications. Organizations applying for funding must have the following four components: adult education instruction, Parent and Child Together Time (PACT), children’s education, and parenting classes. The maximum grant amount is \$20,000.

Adult Literacy Grants provide funding to nonprofit organizations that provide direct service to adults in need of literacy assistance. Organizations must provide direct literacy-based programs and services that focus on one or all of the following adult literacy issues: adult basic education, general education

diploma preparation, or English as a second language. The maximum grant amount is \$20,000. Applicants must be a qualified 501(c)(3) organization, a K-12 private or public school, a college or university, or a public library. For more information, visit: <http://www.dgliteracy.com/grant-program>.

For more information about **First 5 San Joaquin** or any of its funded efforts, please contact us at:

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