

# FP-PAC Summer Update and a Special Thank You!

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## Family Physicians Political Action Committee

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Dear Colleague:

I want to start off with a HUGE thank you to our donors and Key Contact activists so far in 2017! As you'll see in the sections that follow, you have been incredibly active and engaged. Your involvement is so important to family medicine advocacy. A successful advocacy strategy includes three fundamental elements:

1. Lobbying;
2. Grassroots advocacy; and
3. Financial support for candidates who share the Academy's views on critical issues.

In our last newsletter, I highlighted the tremendous effort of students and family medicine residents to support the Family Physicians Political Action Committee (FP-PAC) – contributing to FP-PAC despite their personal financial challenges because they believe in the power FP-PAC has to make positive change. Since that time, family medicine advocacy led to the maintenance of a \$100 million appropriation in the State Budget to create additional primary care residency slots in California. This success would not be possible without donors like YOU!

I don't know how many times I've heard from concerned medical students about whether they would be able to train in California because residency slots are limited. Your contribution lets us fight for those students who want to train in family medicine here.

Despite this incredible win, the battle for the future of health care in the nation, our state and local communities is far from over. **With so much at stake, we can't let up now!** Decision makers must understand that California's family physicians are on the frontlines of health care every day, providing care to millions of men, women and children in communities large and small, rural and urban, wealthy and poor. We must be their voice.

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Sincerely,

Carla Kakutani, MD



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## **FP-PAC EVENTS**

As part of FP-PAC's mission to ensure policymakers and candidates are aware of family medicine's priorities, FP-PAC works to ensure our visibility among California's legislative leaders. Thanks to all of our members who took time out of their busy schedules to attend an event this summer. Haven't had a chance to attend an event? [Contact us](#) to let us know you're interested.

### **FP-PAC Attends Private Dinner for the Senate Pres!**

CAFP Past President and current FP-PAC Board Member Jay W. Lee, MD, MPH recently attended a dinner in Los Angeles for the leader of the State Senate and most powerful legislator in the state, **President Pro Tem Kevin de León** (D - Los Angeles)! The intimate nature of the private event let Dr. Lee spend time speaking one-on-one with Senator De León about issues of importance to family physicians and our patients. Despite juggling a busy schedule of work and family obligations, Dr. Lee felt it was vital to attend the dinner. "It is more important than ever that family physicians rise up and stand on behalf of the patients and communities we serve because health is not a political issue of right or left. Health is a moral issue of right or wrong!"



Jay W. Lee, MD, MPH (left) with Senate Pro Tem Kevin de León

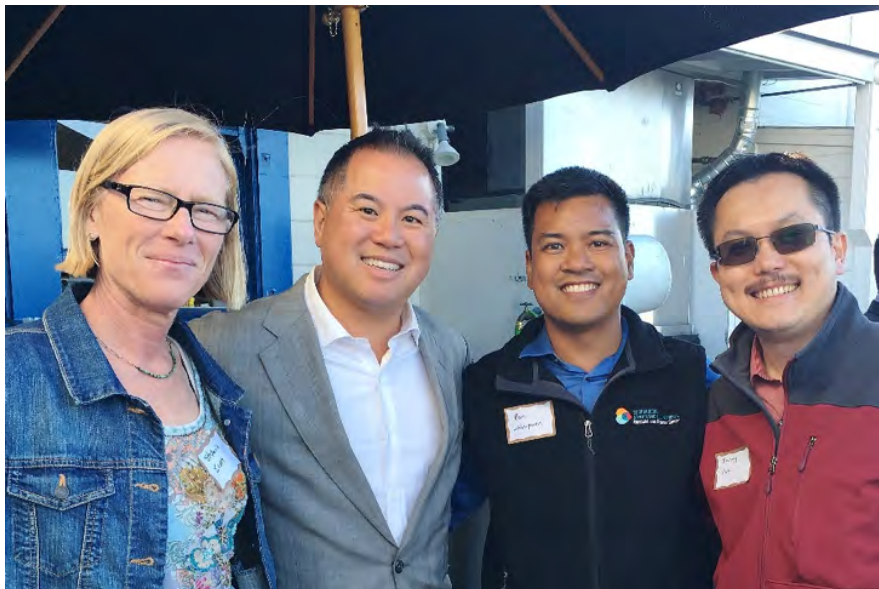
## FP-PAC Chair Tees Off with Senator Pan, MD!

FP-PAC Chair Carla Kakutani, MD recently attended a Mini Golf Tournament fundraiser for **Senator Richard Pan, MD** (D - Sacramento), keeping it fun and casual while offering support to a long-time ally of family medicine. Senator Pan chairs the powerful Senate Budget Subcommittee on Health and Human Services and is an incredible champion of primary care. He is the quintessential example of FP-PAC's mission and, as such, FP-PAC has contributed more money to his campaigns than to any other candidate. As a still-practicing general pediatrician, he has been on the forefront of major legislative battles to support primary care and protect patients. From increasing immunization adherence to improving access to primary care physicians and augmenting Medi-Cal provider payments, California is truly lucky to have him in the State Legislature.



Senator Richard Pan, MD and Carla Kakutani, MD

## FPs Enjoy an Evening on the Pier with Asm. Ting



Stephanie Scott, MD (left), Ron Labuguen, MD and Sunny Pak, MD (right) got in on the

FUNdraising action during a June celebration on the San Francisco Pier for the chair of the Assembly Budget Committee, **Assemblymember Phil Ting** (D - San Francisco, pictured in the gray suit). It is important that FP-PAC representatives attend fundraisers so legislative leaders know family physicians are politically active, particularly in their communities, and that we'd like to be seen as a resource on health care issues. After the event, Dr. Labuguen noted, "We thanked Assemblymember Ting for all his work to grow the primary care workforce, discussed the importance of maintaining coverage for our more vulnerable patients and got his views on the concept of a single-payer health care system. We really appreciate FP-PAC for providing the opportunity to present the views of family physicians to a key member of the Assembly. It's important to have ways to communicate with legislators face-to-face so that we can express what's important to family medicine and our patients."

## FPs "Do Coffee" with Local Legislators



Dr. Newman (left) and Senator Newman



Dr. Davis with Assemblymember Bocanegra

Several of our members sat down over a cup of coffee with their legislators in July and August. These "one-on-one" get-togethers provide a unique opportunity to establish a more personal relationship between family physicians and local legislators. Glenn Nathan Newman, MD got things started when he joined **Senator Josh Newman** (D - Fullerton) for what he called "a fantastic and productive exchange of ideas over expensive, complicated coffee." KP Los Angeles FM Residency Director John Su, MD, MPH, FAAFP and Aetna Medical Director Jay linuma, MD enjoyed lunch with **Assemblymember Chris Holden** (D - Pasadena). The same week, Pam Davis, MD, Program Director of the Dignity Health FM Residency Program at Northridge, had coffee with **Assemblymember Raul Bocanegra** (D - San Fernando Valley). The meeting was so productive and enjoyable that they are forming plans to collaborate on a health fair. Not to be completely outdone by their Southern California counterparts, Drs. Walter Mills and Steven Harrison joined **Senator Bill Monning** (D - Monterey) for coffee. The two have met with Senator Monning on multiple occasions in the past and called it "yet another wonderful, mutually informative meeting."

## FP-PAC Attends Fundraiser for Senator Nguyen

Dr. Newman was very busy getting his mingle on this summer, as he attended a second event in July, representing FP-PAC at a garden party for **Senator Janet Nguyen** (R - Orange County). Senator Nguyen serves on the Budget Committee and is Vice Chair of the powerful Senate Health Committee. Thank you to Dr. Newman and all the other physicians who take



time out of their very busy schedules to help advance the mission of FP-PAC and support family medicine.



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## FP-PAC NEWS

### **Fresno to Host House Party for Asm. Arambula**



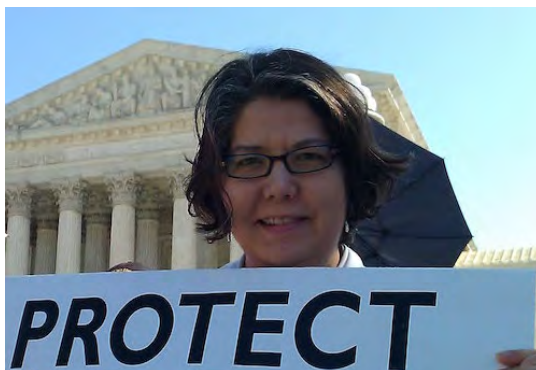
FP-PAC will sponsor a fundraiser for Assemblymember Jaquin Arambula, MD, to be held this fall at the home of Fresno Chapter President, Raul Ayala, MD. The Fresno chapter has been extremely supportive of FP-PAC over many years and this event is just the latest in their stellar advocacy efforts. Assemblymember Arambula is an emergency room physician at Adventist Hospital in Selma and serves as a mentor for the UCSF Fresno Doctor's Academy, encouraging local students to enter health care professions. Asm. Arambula brings his medical training and unique experience to the committees on which he serves, including the Assembly Business and Professions Committee, which weighs in on all scope of practice expansion legislation. He also chairs the Assembly Budget Subcommittee on Health and Human Services. Central Valley family physicians should stay tuned for details and a party invitation soon!

### **Family Medicine Advocacy Wins Prestigious Award**



Earlier this month, CAFP won the American Association of Medical Society Executives (AAMSE) Profiles in Excellence (PoE) Advocacy Award in the large organization division for submission of "Securing \$100 Million for Primary Care Residency Programs in California." The award was presented during the AAMSE Annual Conference in Minneapolis where CAFP staff were on hand to receive it. Congratulations to all of our members; without your advocacy efforts this would not have been possible.

### FP-PAC Donor of the Month



The FP-PAC August Donor of the Month is Trudy Singzon, MD! Each FP-PAC Donor of the Month has shown continuous support for our efforts through contributions and by being active at local FP-PAC events. Please [click here to find out more](#) about how Dr. Singzon has demonstrated her commitment to family medicine advocacy.

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## Thank You 2017 Contributors!

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