

WEEKLY FLASH



D.C. Leaders Pay Council Great Respect

There were moments where you just had to pinch yourself to make sure you weren't dreaming on the Bay Area Council's trip to Washington D.C. this week. The comingled feeling of raw power, stunning access and like-minded agendas left us convinced that in the years ahead the Bay Area's political influence can be leveraged to secure our biggest goals. We had about an hour with Speaker Pelosi in her private conference room (leaving her staff agog as they whispered to us that she never spends more than 15 minutes with a group). We met with the Bay Area House delegation, Senators Boxer and Feinstein, White House officials, the Department of Energy, and senior staffers of the committees that most affect our common agenda. We agreed to partner with these leaders on our shared vision of 21st century infrastructure, health care, higher education, immigration reform, emergency transportation and more. The stage is set for action.



Article of the Week

The *Merc. News* reports [new population estimates showing](#) Calif. growing more urban and dense.

Quote of the Week

“Jim! You're spilling wine on yourself!” Senator Feinstein, interrupting her talk to members to act on matronly instincts and wipe spilled white wine off of Jim Wunderman's suit and tie.

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