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The Portantino Press: News from Assemblymember Anthony Portantino [Thank You ~ Presidential Primary ~ Budget ~ Donate Blood ~ Sofia](#)



Dear Catherine,

A big "thank you" to all those who helped me reach my fundraising goal for 2007. This was the first time that I've asked my friends and supporters for such direct help through the internet and you responded tremendously. Additionally, all of our events leading up to the end of the year were great, in particular the New Year's Legislative Update Breakfast in Altadena.

Ellen and I truly appreciate your help in getting my re-election started off with a bang!

Anthony

[February 5th Presidential Primary](#)



California's
Presidential
Primary

will be held on February 5th and I continue to believe that John Edwards is the best among a great group of candidates. I'll be voting for John and additionally will run as an Edwards' delegate, myself. Twenty-two states vote on February 5th and given the current dynamic of the race there's a chance that no Democrat will have enough delegates to secure the nomination. After spending two weekends with the campaign in Nevada, plus a week in Iowa, I continue to see a strong group of committed volunteers in the Edwards camp.

[Budget Deficit Is Hurting our Children](#)

I don't know about you but it makes me angry to see the Governor propose a \$4 Billion cut to public

education during his designated "Year of Education." The Governor continues to be unwilling to clamp down on the UC and CSU for offering exorbitant pay raises to their executives at the same time they increase student fees. Our children deserve our investment now more than ever. Write the Governor and ask him to not cut public education.

- [Email the Governor](#)

Blood and Platelet Donors Needed

The New Year often represents a time of resolutions and giving back. This year, please consider a much-needed and often overlooked opportunity for giving the gift of a blood and platelet donation at City of Hope's Blood Donor Center. As a cancer center, City of Hope has extraordinary needs for blood products. On an average month at City of Hope, over 1,000 units of platelets are transfused to their patients.

Having regular platelet donors is particularly important at City of Hope because each donated unit has only about two days' shelf- life. Additionally, while demand for platelets and other blood products remain strong year- round, the supply often falls short during the cold and flu season, which reduces the pool of eligible donors.

Donating platelets and blood is a fast and free way to help someone in need. All it takes is to set up an appointment and a brief screening prior to the procedure. For more information or to make an appointment, please call 626-471-7171 or visit the City of Hope blood donor center web site.

Thank you in advance for your time, energy and generosity to help save the lives of others - a mother, father, child or friend - as they battle life-threatening diseases. A little of your time can mean a lifetime for someone else.

- [City of Hope blood donor center web site](#)

Sofia

Sofia still hasn't taken her driver's test but I'm very proud of her involvement with the YMCA Youth in Government Program. In our weekly father-daughter film series, we are currently watching the Beatle's Hard Day's Night. It was my turn to choose after she made me watch Blades of Glory last week.

May each of you have a blessed and Happy New Year and may the New York Giants beat the Patriots on February 3rd!!!!

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