

# Newsletter: November 2021



**FIRST 5 MARIN**

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## Spotlight:

### Race Counts Marin

A report update from the  
Advancement Project California

**Wednesday, November 10th -  
9:30 am to noon**



In 2017, The Advancement Project found Marin to be number one for racial disparities among all California counties! (see [www.racecounts.org](http://www.racecounts.org))

This week, they will be posting updates to their report online-- and presenting that to the Marin Communications Forum on Wednesday, November 10th.

It's time for us to gather the community together once again-- to hear the data, to listen to people from all neighborhoods across the county, and to talk about racial disparities issues and the need for change. JOIN US on November 10th!

**RSVP** to [Michelle@First5Marin.org](mailto:Michelle@First5Marin.org).

*\*\*\* Save the date for the next forum: "Fair and Affordable Housing" on Wednesday, December 8th.*

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR and join us!**

**First 5 Marin's next Commission meeting is Wednesday, November 17th, from 5:15 pm to 7:15 pm-- online. Email [Michelle@First5Marin.org](mailto:Michelle@First5Marin.org) for the Zoom link.**

## **THANK YOU to our long-time commissioner David Bonfilio!**

Dave is a founding member of First 5 Marin, joining the Commission soon after its inception in 1999 and serving most of the time since then. His final term of service concludes with our November 2021 commission meeting.



Dave holds a wealth of knowledge about First 5 history, the programs we have initiated over the years, and our community investments on behalf of children and families in Marin County.

Dave has been a critical member of our Finance Committee, and his attention to detail has been invaluable. We have relied on his careful scrutiny of our budgets, the audit and anything with numbers!

As a proud parent and *really* proud grandparent, Dave's heart shines through in his caring about the children we serve and the programs we offer to them and their families.

First 5 Marin will miss Dave's contributions to the work of the commission, but we will also miss him personally as a friend and colleague. (*And we hope he will continue as "commissioner emeritus" in the coming years!*)

**THANK YOU DAVE!**

## **DESKTOP: What We're Reading**

Take a look at some of the recent articles about important issues related to

children and families:

**The Washington Post:**  
**Why haven't U.S. mothers returned to work? The child-care infrastructure they need is still missing.**



**San Francisco Chronicle:**  
**Child care in California hasn't rebounded, and many workers aren't coming back**

**The New York Times:**  
**How Public Preschool Can Help, and How to Make Sure It Doesn't Hurt**

Congress is considering universal pre-K and subsidies for child care. Research shows how these policies can benefit children, and when they can backfire.

**The Washington Post:**  
**Five Myths about Child Care**

**Ms. Magazine:**  
**Paid Leave: If It's Good Enough for Members of Congress, It's Good Enough for the American People** - by Rep. Rosa DeLauro

**Business Insider:**  
There's a straightforward way for businesses to attract young workers in a competitive labor market: affordable childcare

**Marin Independent Journal:**  
**Marin parents scramble for child vaccine appointments**

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## **NEW DATE:**

**First 5 Marin's Policy  
Breakfast has been changed  
to **Friday, May 6, 2022.****

**This event is being planned  
for the Embassy Suites  
Hotel in San Rafael. Agenda  
and keynote speaker  
coming in the new year!**