****

**Contact**

Kimberly Ellis/[kellis@svlg.org](mailto:kellis@svlg.org)

(408) 501-7853

**April 18, 2017**

**MEDIA ADVISORY**

**A Silicon Valley Fireside Chat with U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein –**

**How to Keep Momentum on Caltrain Electrification and Modernization & Other Issues**

This Friday, April 21st, Silicon Valley Leadership Group will host Senator Dianne Feinstein at Juniper Network’s Aspiration Dome as she lays out the latest strategies to keep the Caltrain electrification and modernization project on track and what Bay Area businesses and residents can do to influence its future on Capitol Hill and here in California.

State, regional elected officials as well as business and community leaders will join the senator for a robust discussion on timely federal issues such as the latest H-1B visa executive order, tax and health reform, as well as current world events particularly in the countries of Syria, North Korea and Russia.  The four-term senator provides a unique perspective serving as:

* Vice chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence
* Member of the Senate Appropriations Committee
* Subcommittees:
* Energy and Water (Vice Chair)
* Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and related agencies
* Commerce, Justice, Science, and related topics
* Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies
* Senior member of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary
* Subcommittee: Immigration and Border Security
* Senior member of the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration

There will also be time for celebrating wins and opportunities in the Bay Area including the latest progress on Measure AA, the Bay Area Flood Protection and Restoration project and some discussion about what comes next for the BART extension to Downtown San Jose and Santa Clara.

Of course, the discussion will dive deep into the $1.98 billion electrification upgrade and modernization project funded by local, regional, and state funds and is currently at a critical juncture, needing sign-off for federal funding by the Secretary of Transportation and the Trump Administration.

Media can RSVP with Kimberly Ellis, SVP of Communications and Marketing at [kellis@svlg.org](mailto:kellis@svlg.org)  or call (408) 501-7853.

**###**

**About the Silicon Valley Leadership Group**

The Leadership Group, founded in 1978 by David Packard of Hewlett-Packard, represents more than 400 of Silicon Valley’s most respected employers on issues, programs and campaigns that affect the economic health and quality of life in Silicon Valley, including education, energy, environment, health, housing, tax policies, tech and innovation and transportation. Leadership Group members collectively provide nearly one of every three private sector jobs in Silicon Valley and contribute more than $3 trillion to the worldwide economy. For more information, visit [svlg.org](http://svlg.org/).