



## Council Pays Tribute to Magowan

This week, at the Bay Area Council's Annual Meeting of Members at AT&T Park, Council members gave tribute to [Peter Magowan](#) – the outgoing President & Managing General Partner of the San Francisco Giants – honoring his significant contribution to the Bay Area. Considered a saviour by his colleagues, Magowan is credited with keeping the San Francisco Giants in San Francisco, building a world-class ball park, doubling the attendance at home games, and providing civic leadership in many ways, including positively influencing the region's transportation plan through his years of work at the Bay Area Council. Magowan was called a true leader and friend of the Bay Area. [Larry Baer](#) will be stepping into Peter's role at both the Giants and the Bay Area Council.

## Greatest Return on Education Investment?

California's education system, once the pride of the nation, is suffering. The Council has been very active on the issue, on a statewide basis, and indeed drove through the legislature this year the only piece that survived of the once grand "Year of Education Reform." The legislation kick starts a new best-in-class education data system. As the battle continues, this week, the [Pew Charitable Trust](#) hosted the Bay Area Council's President and the VP of Education in Colorado with a host of other business leaders, education experts and advocates to look at education policy for the youngest Californians. The high-level participants discussed the payback on investments in critical early "soft skills" and brain development. There is emerging consensus – and hard evidence – that education investment in this age group has the greatest rate of return. This is a top priority for Senate President Darrell Steinberg in next year's legislature and there is much movement afoot statewide on preschool or early childhood education. The Council has been asked to take a leadership role for the state's business community and we intend to do so.

## Articles of the Week

The Bay Area Council's call for a constitutional convention continues to roll forward, and this week popped up in the [New York Times](#) and a [Santa Rosa Press Democrat](#) editorial.

## Quote of the Week

"We're not trying to build a cool car, but to end the dependence on oil." - Shai Agassi, Founder and CEO of Bay Area Council-member Better Place in a [Time Magazine profile](#). [Better Place](#) builds large-scale electric car infrastructure, and is a keynote speaker at our [Green Tech Summit in Shanghai](#).