

An Introduction to the San Mateo County Attorney's Office

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Outline



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2. WHAT WE DO



3. QUESTIONS

Who are we?



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Who are we (cont.)?

33 Attorneys

19 non-Attorney staff members

- Legal Secretaries
- Paralegals
- Legislative analyst
- Administrative managers

Who are we (cont.)?

All experienced attorneys and one fellow (recent law graduate). We come from lots of places:

- DA's Office
- Attorney General's Offices and other State and Federal agencies
- Large law firms
- Non-profit agencies

Purpose

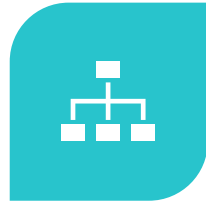
The Office of the County Attorney provides quality and timely legal services to the Board of Supervisors, the County Executive's Office, elected County officials, all County departments, and boards and commissions. We also provide services to school districts, special districts, and other public agencies operating within the county, allowing them to carry out their responsibilities in a manner fully consistent with the law.

What do we do?

General Counsel to:



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



COUNTY EXECUTIVE
AND CEO OFFICE



COUNTY DEPARTMENTS



ELECTED OFFICIALS



SCHOOL DISTRICTS, BY
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SPECIAL DISTRICTS, BY
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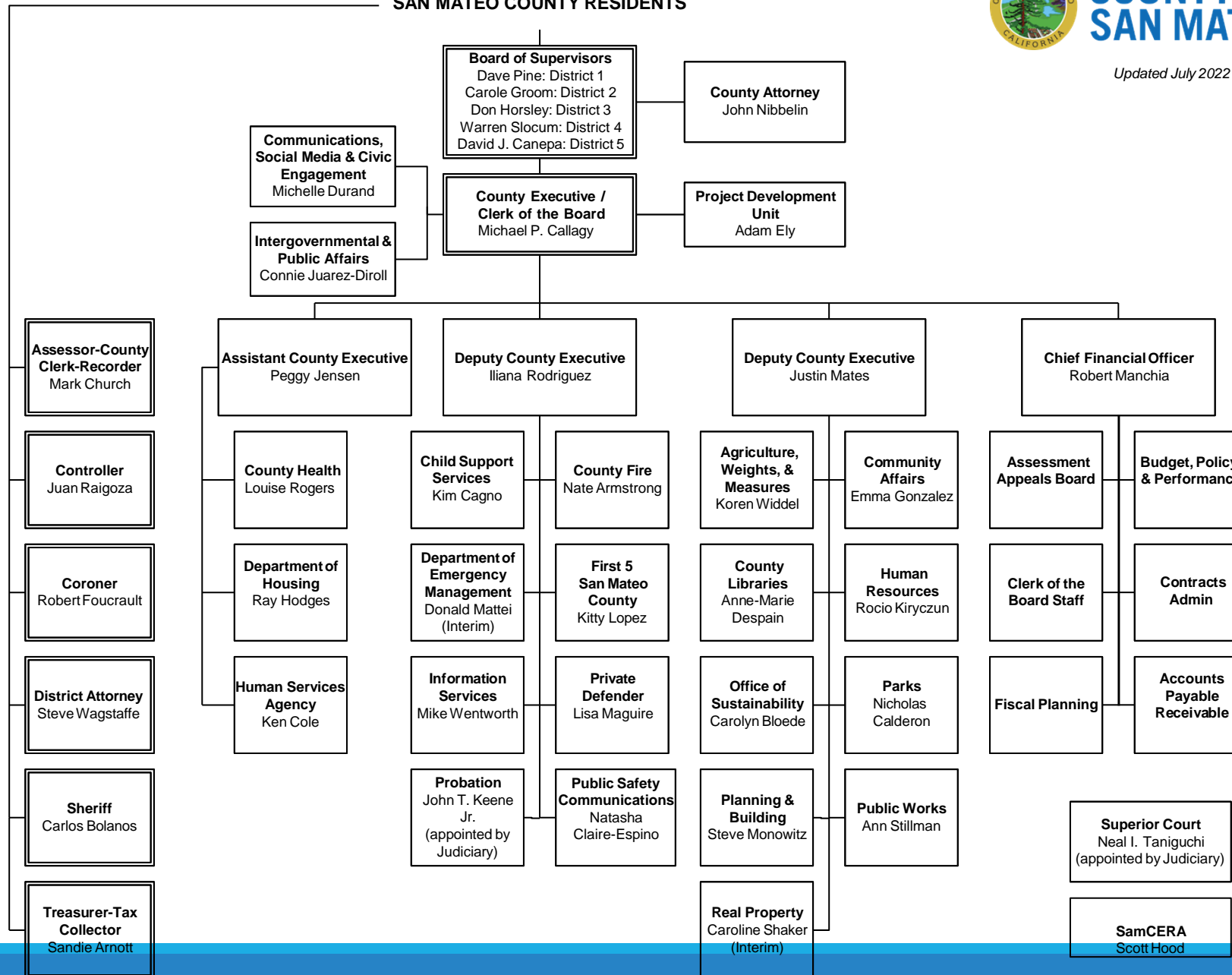
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SAN MATEO COUNTY RESIDENTS



Supervisory Districts



DAVE PINE, 1ST DISTRICT

Cities of Burlingame, Hillsborough, Millbrae, San Bruno (everything east of Interstate 280 and areas west of 280 and south of Sneath Lane), and South San Francisco (east of Junipero Serra Boulevard and south of Hickey and Hillside Boulevards). Unincorporated Burlingame Hills, San Mateo Highlands, and San Francisco International Airport.



CAROLE GROOM, 2ND DISTRICT

Cities of San Mateo, Foster City, and most of Belmont (excluding southeast portion).



DON HORSLEY, 3RD DISTRICT

Cities of Atherton, southeast Belmont, Half Moon Bay, part of Menlo Park (west of El Camino Real), Pacifica, Portola Valley, San Carlos, and Woodside. Unincorporated Devonshire Canyon, El Granada, Emerald Lake Hills, Harbor Industrial Park, La Honda, Ladera, Loma Mar, Los Trancos Woods, Menlo Oaks, Miramar, Montara, Moss Beach, Palomar Park, Pescadero, Princeton By-The-Sea, San Gregorio, Skyline, Sequoia Tract, Skylonda, Stanford Lands, Vista Verde, and West Menlo Park.



WARREN SLOCUM, 4TH DISTRICT

Cities of East Palo Alto, part of Menlo Park (east of El Camino Real), and Redwood City. Unincorporated North Fair Oaks.



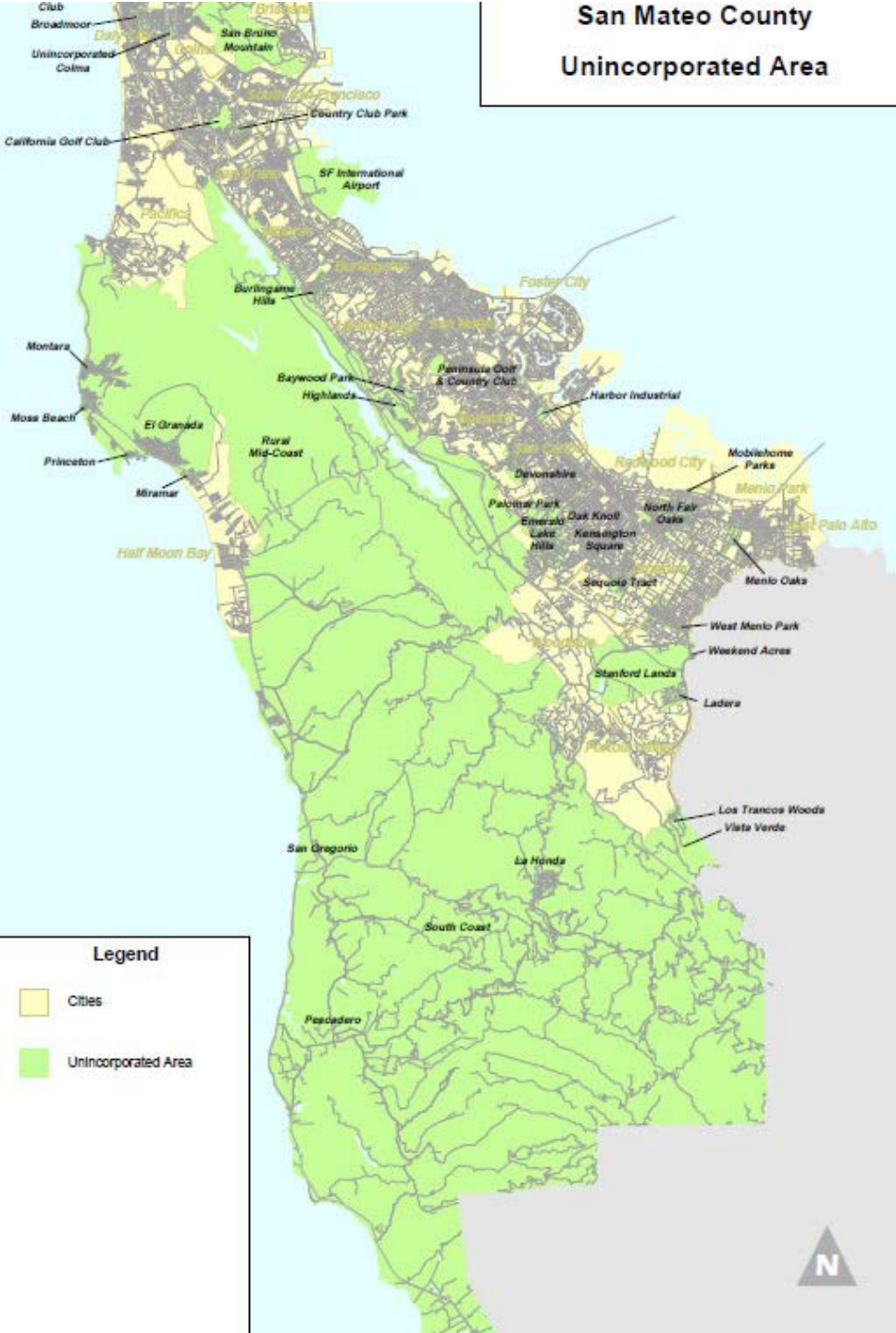
DAVID CANEPA, 5TH DISTRICT

Cities of Brisbane, Colma, Daly City, San Bruno (north of Sneath Lane and west of Interstate 280), and South San Francisco (east of Junipero Serra Boulevard and north of Hickey and Hillside boulevards). Unincorporated Broadmoor Village.

Cities/Towns

20 Cities/Towns in SMC

1. Atherton
2. Belmont
3. Brisbane
4. Burlingame
5. Colma
6. Daly City
7. East Palo Alto
8. Foster City
9. Half Moon Bay
10. Hillsborough
11. Menlo Park
12. Millbrae
13. Pacifica
14. Portola Valley
15. Redwood City
16. San Bruno
17. San Carlos
18. San Mateo
19. South San Francisco
20. Woodside



Unincorporated San Mateo County

County & City Functions

Cities - Municipal powers/services (public works, planning & building permits, parks, etc.)

The County “acts like a city” for residents in the unincorporated areas

The County is a “political subdivision” of the state

- Fulfills certain “state” functions (i.e., implementation of programs re social services, health services, prosecution of crimes, etc., at the local level)

The County has no authority over the cities but sometimes acts on cities’ behalf

- Limited examples: animal control, environmental health, contracts for law enforcement services, etc.

Some of Our Clients/Acronym Soup

Probate

Grand Jury

Public Administrator

LAFCO

LPS

SMMC

CPS (CFS)

Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer

Property Assessment (and Appeals Board)

Coroner

First Five

Cool Stuff and Major Initiatives

-Covid 19 Response

- Health Orders
- Economic Assistance/Recovery

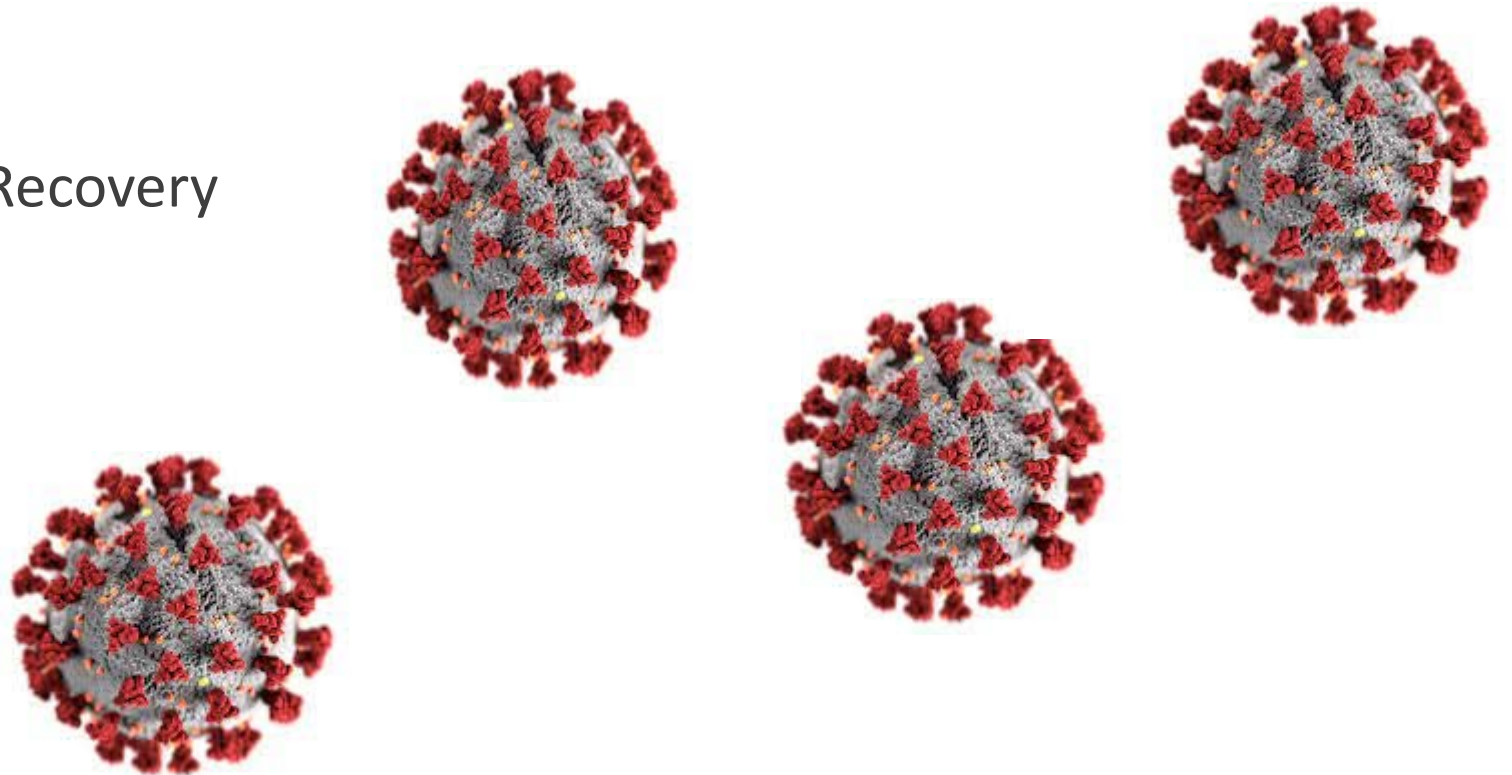
-Housing

-Homelessness

-Procurement

-DEI Work

-Sheriff oversight





Cool Stuff (cont). (unintentional t. pun)

CZU Fire

- Entry onto property
- Exclusion of people
- Disposition of animals
- Clean up



Cool Stuff (cont).

Forming Peninsula Clean Energy

- Billion Dollars of Power (negotiations)

- New Public Entity

- Expansion

- Credit rating

- 7 years later

Cool Stuff (cont).

Cannabis
Permitting

Tobacco

Noise

Prostitution

Firearms
(e.g., GVROs)



Cool Stuff (cont).



- PCBs
- Chevron
- Opioids
- Lead Paint
- Elder Abuse
- Heart of Hearts



Cool Stuff (cont).

Redistricting

Tasers

Cosco Busan Oil Spill

