

# COUNTY OF SAN MATEO



## COUNTY MANAGER'S

# QUARTERLY REPORT *to the* BOARD *of* SUPERVISORS



## SUMMER 2019







*Lathrop House moves next to the San Mateo County History Museum*

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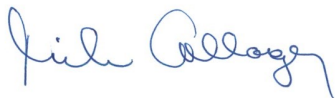
Dear Honorable Board,

Summer is here — time for sunshine, relaxing with family and friends, and appreciating the county where we live, work and play. The time is also here to present with great pleasure, the Summer 2019 edition of the County Manager's Quarterly Report. Building on the foundation we laid with the inaugural Spring edition, this quarter's report includes highlights and updates from even more County departments illustrating how they're providing critical services and programs to our community. With all we collectively do, it can be hard to stay aware of every success, milestone or challenge across the County. This collective chronicle of the last three months aims to provide you a singular place to reflect upon them.

As with the previous edition, the report is organized with specific sections from participating departments, a Legislative Update and a list of anticipated agenda items for upcoming Board meetings. New this time, the report also includes a dedicated segment introducing you to employees of manager level or above who are either new to the County or new to the position. Our staff is integral to delivering on the County's mission and this new chapter is one small way to help you "meet" some of them.

I hope you find this report as informative and interesting as I always do and welcome your feedback.

Regards,



Mike Callagy  
County Manager/Clerk of the Board





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# ANTICIPATED BOARD AGENDA ITEMS

## AGRICULTURE / WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

- Crop Report presentation *August 2019*
- Agreement with UC Cooperative Extension to cost-share a Wildlife Interactions Advisor Position *August 2019*

## HEALTH

- Request to accept \$1.5 M in grant funds from the California Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA) *Fall 2019*

## PLANNING & BUILDING / CODE COMPLIANCE

- Planning Commission recommendation to adopt new CMU-3 zoning district *July 2019*

## PROJECT DEVELOPMENT UNIT

- Consolidated Engineering Laboratories Agreement Increase *July 2019*
- Construction Manager At-Risk Agreement for South San Francisco Health Campus Project *July 2019*
- On-Call Architectural & Engineering Design Space Planning Services Agreement *August 2019*
- Morgue Project Approval *August 2019*

## PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

- Hearing on sewer service rate increases for Crystal Springs County Sanitation District, Fair Oaks Sewer Maintenance District and Harbor Industrial Sewer Maintenance District *July 2019*

## SUSTAINABILITY

- Presentation on the Commute Alternatives Program *July 2019*
- Presentation on the Green Infrastructure Plan *July 2019*



# NEW MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES

## CMO

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### **Rosalinda Jen, Administrative Assistant - Contracts**

Rosalinda began her career as an elementary school teacher in San Jose, CA. After five years she left teaching to open a business with her husband.

In 2004, she joined Foothill College as an administrative coordinator and was there until 2012. A fitness enthusiast, Rosalinda began working in 2011 as a part-time administrative assistant, training specialist, and instructor with Smash Gyms, Inc., in Sunnyvale. In 2015, she also began working as an adjudicator and linguistics tester at Apple/e2f.com, a translation service providing high-quality, human translations in

hundreds of languages.

Rosalinda has a bachelor's degree in liberal studies and linguistics from San Diego State University.



### **Don Grady, Real Property Division Manager**

Don comes to the County of San Mateo with a wealth of experience from his previous career with the County of Santa Barbara.

He began working for the County of Santa Barbara in April 2000 as a real property agent and was promoted to real property division manager in September 2013.

Don began an undergraduate degree at the University of California in Santa Barbara, CA before earning his Juris Doctorate at the Santa Barbara College of Law in Santa Barbara, CA. He received two American Jurisprudence Awards during the course of his studies. Don has a strong background in legal analysis and document preparation, property leasing, management, and acquisition, financial analysis and budget control and allocation, staff supervision and leadership, and intra-county coordination and cooperation.

## DPW

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### **Kevin Sporer, Deputy Director of Public Works, Facilities Services Division**

Kevin comes to the County after a career with the City/County of San Francisco in the Department of Public Works. He started there as a maintenance planner, promoted to assistant superintendent, and then was selected as the superintendent for the Bureau of Building Repair. Prior to his work with San Francisco he moved through the ranks of United Airlines. He started as a project manager, promoted to supervisor for ramp services, then to analyst in the Maintenance, Repair, and Operations Division. He then became supervisor of production, followed by supervisor of engine testing, production manager and, finally, to operations manager.



# NEW MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES

## HEALTH

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### **Scott Gilman, Director of Behavioral Health and Recovery Services**

Scott has 30 years of fiscal, strategic, and clinical leadership in mental health and substance use services. Before coming to County Health, he was the CEO of Network180, the community mental health authority for Kent County, Michigan. He holds a bachelor's degree in psychology from Saginaw Valley State University and a Master of Science in administration from Central Michigan University.



### **Laura Shih, LEAP Institute Improvement Systems Manager**

Laura brings more than six years of experience in Lean management and performance improvement coaching in health care. Prior to joining SMC Health's LEAP Institute in February 2019, she was the goal deployment coach at VA Palo Alto Health Care System. Laura holds a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from Princeton University and a PhD in biomedical engineering from the University of California, Davis.

## HSA

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### **Edwin Alvarez, Fiscal Management Analyst, Financial Services branch**

Edwin serves as a fiscal management analyst in the Budget & Performance Development unit in the Financial Services branch. He joined HSA from County Human Resources.



### **Todd Blair, Director, Administration & Information Services branch**

Todd is the director of the Administration & Information Services branch for HSA. His responsibilities includes directing all IT related projects, facilities, special investigations and fair hearings.

# NEW MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES

## HSA

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**Tammy Chan, Human Services Manager II, Administration & Information Services branch**

Tammy was promoted to the manager II position to manage the daily operations of all the IT systems in HSA. She previously served as the IT Supervisor.



**Karen Chang, Human Services Manager II, Economic Self Sufficiency branch**

Karen serves as the northern region manager II for the Economic Self Sufficiency branch. She joins HSA from outside the County where she previously served as Branch Chief with the California Department of Health Care Services.



**John Fong, Human Services Manager II, Children & Family Services branch**

John serves as the southern region manager II for the Children & Family Services branch. He is responsible for the intake and continuing social workers at the Redwood City and East Palo Alto offices.



**Suzanne Hennes, Human Services Manager II, Economic Self Sufficiency branch**

Suzanne was promoted to the manager II position for the Economic Self Sufficiency branch. She oversees the Intake Processing Unit for all public assistance programs. She previously served as a supervisor in HSA.



**Khalia Parish, Management Analyst, Collaborative Community Outreach branch**

Khalia serves as a management analyst for the Center on Homelessness unit in the Collaborative Community Outreach branch. She monitors contracts with our service providers for housing services and implementing the strategic plan to end homelessness.



# NEW MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES

## HSA

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**Mary Treanor, Financial Services Manager I, Financial Services branch**

Mary serves as our procurement & contracts manager. She joined HSA from Superior Courts and she manages all purchasing procurement agreements and contracts for HSA.

## PARKS

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**Matt Del Carlo, Ranger IV, Superintendent (work out of class)**

Matt is lifelong San Mateo County resident who began his career as a Park Aide in 1991. He was promoted to ranger IV in 2005. He has worked in every park district and currently is the supervising ranger for the coastside district, which includes Tunitas Creek Beach.

Matt attended classes at the College of San Mateo with a focus in business and architecture. He holds numerous certifications, including Wildland Fire Control, the 2002 High Performance Supervisor Program, and has a Qualified Applicator License. He manages the department's Invasive Pest Management program, working closely with the Department of Agriculture. His project management experience includes: ADA compliance projects at Memorial, Coyote Point and San Pedro Valley; San Pedro Valley visitor center remodel, Pescadero Creek Fish Barrier Removal; and now the Tunitas Creek Beach Improvement project. He is experienced in the CEQA and Coastal Development Permitting process.

## SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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**Ana Miramon – Director of Food and Nutrition Services**

Ana started her career with the County of San Mateo in the Public Health Division in 1999 as a registered dietitian. In 2007, she left to work at Fort Miley-VA hospital in San Francisco, California Pacific Medical Center, the County of San Francisco in their public health division, and most recently the South San Francisco Unified school district.

# NEW MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES

## SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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### **Gina Sheridan – Executive Analyst**

Gina earned her associate degree in liberal arts from Skyline College while working full time. She has been employed with the Sheriff's Office since 1993. She has worked in the Emergency Services Bureau and Training Unit prior to becoming an admin for the Sheriff's Office Executive Team.



### **Kevin Rose – OES Program Services Manager**

Kevin is a graduate from the University of Puget Sound in Washington State having attained a Bachelor of Arts in communication with a minor in both mathematics and public administration. Kevin came to the Bay Area in 1997 and worked for nine years with a political consulting firm, as a field representative for Congresswoman Anna Eshoo in her district office and as a legislative aide to then-Supervisor Mark Church. He then spent 12 years in emergency management with the EMS Agency.



### **Kelly Smith – Sheriff's Lieutenant**

Kelly studied administration of justice at the College of San Mateo and Shasta College in Redding. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in criminal justice from California Coast University. In 1994, Kelly began his career with the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office. He worked a variety of assignments, which included: corrections, bailiff, patrol and the detective bureau. In 2009, Kelly was promoted to sergeant and worked assignments in the Maguire Correctional Facility, San Carlos Patrol Bureau and most recently as special agent supervisor with the San Mateo County Narcotics Task Force.



# AGRICULTURE / WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

## PROJECTS / INITIATIVES / SUCCESSES

Although the County Department of Agriculture / Weights and Measures is a regulatory agency enforcing state and federal regulations, the department spends considerable time on outreach and education of regulated industries. This year, and in years past, the department sponsored several **fieldworker trainings** in both Spanish and English, as well as **Integrated Pest Management trainings for landscape workers** and a San Mateo County Fair display to educate the community on the **regulation of Certified Farmers Markets**, the definition of “organic” and local agricultural regulatory activities.

**Annual training of fieldworkers** is required by Federal Worker Protection Standards. By providing the training the County office is not only helping growers meet this requirement, but ensuring fieldworkers are properly trained and capable of recognizing hazardous situations regarding pesticide use. The Agricultural Commissioner works with California’s Department of Pesticide Regulation, Worker Health and Safety branch to ensure the trainings meet both state and federal regulatory requirements. Trainings for this period were held June 24 at the **Half Moon Bay Library**. Fieldworker training sessions were also held in April 2019 with over 50 fieldworkers participating in two sessions in Spanish and one in English.

The **Landscaper Integrated Pest Management Training** covers pesticide use regulations and laws concerning the movement of nursery stock. Other topics include Integrated Pest Management (IPM) in urban settings, pollinator protection, tools and techniques for invasive weed control, and continuing education hours as well. These workshops are important for raising awareness regarding invasive species and educate about not packing a pest when transporting landscape plants from one plant quarantine regulated area to another. Landscapers and maintenance gardeners can be hard to reach and these workshops are an effective way to communicate. The latest Landscaper Training on April 16 at the Foster City Library was attended by over 70 participants.



Every year County Agriculture puts together a **San Mateo County Fair display** to educate the community about programs our office enforces, and how they can be better prepared to protect themselves. This year’s fair display focused on direct marketing, particularly certified farmers markets, where growers sell direct to consumers. **Certified farmers markets** are very popular with both the community and farmers, and were made possible through legislation exempting certified producers from regulations concerning size, packaging, and transportation standards. However, produce sold at farmers markets are NOT exempt from quality standards. That there are almost 900 certified farmers markets in California but less than 3000 certified producers creates an incentive for retailing produce rather than only selling produce of one’s own production. **Agricultural inspectors regularly visit farmers markets to enforce regulations** and stop cheaters from “supplementing loads” by representing purchased produce as their own, as well as to enforce national and state organic standards. Staff also send samples of organic produce to the State Pesticide Residue Lab to



screen for prohibited pesticides. Fines are issued for violations, while repeat violators may be suspended – temporarily or permanently depending on the circumstances. This year, 12 Agriculture / Weights and Measures Inspectors dedicated 48 hours to staffing our San Mateo County Fair booth, which was visited by 470 adults and children.

# AGRICULTURE / WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

## New Employees

- Marithza Hernandez, Biologist/Standards Specialist II — *first day March 25, 2019*
- Avneet Kakkar, Biologist/Standards Specialist II — *first day April 22, 2019*
- Michael Wong, Biologist/Standards Specialist I — *first day April 8, 2019*
- John Sorfleet, Biologist/Standards Specialist I, Extra Help — *first day April 22, 2019*



## FUTURE DIRECTION



- **August 6, 2019** – Agricultural Crop Report presentation
- **August 6, 2019** – Ask Board to approve agreement with UC Cooperative Extension to cost-share a Wildlife Interactions Advisor position



## HONORS

### Retirements

**Leonard Kuwahara:** Biologist/Standards Specialist IV, retired in March after 35 years of service

**Bob Swanson:** Biologist/Standards Specialist IV, retired in March after 30 years of service

### Service Awards

**Mike Garibaldi:** Biologist/Standards Specialist IV, was recognized for 30 years of service on June 4, 2019

### Leadership Appointments

**Ione Yuen:** Biologist/Standards Specialist IV, selected as Secretary for Coast Area Pesticide Enforcement Group

**Jeremy Wagner:** Deputy Director, selected as Secretary for Coast Quarantine and Pest Exclusion Group



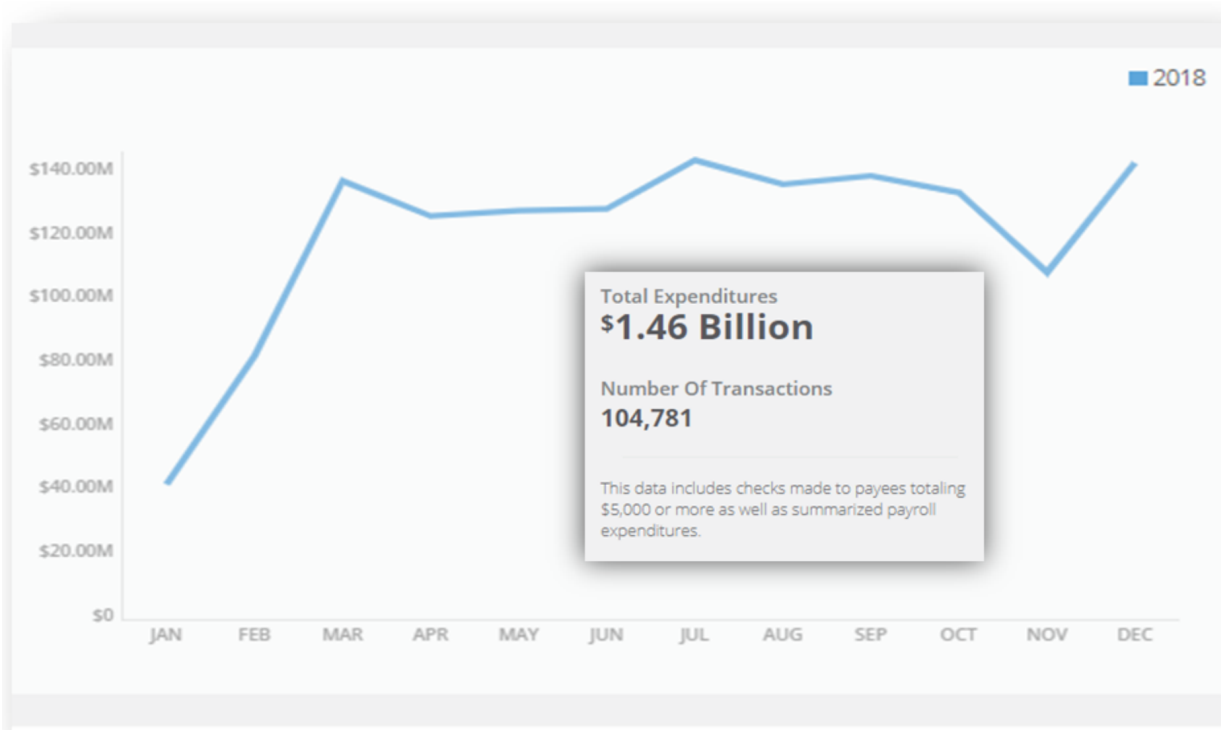
## PROJECTS / INITIATIVES / SUCCESSES

### Refreshed Open Checkbook Launched

The Controller Information System and General Accounting Divisions worked with the Information Services Department to update the County's Open Checkbook (also known as Open Expenditures) website.

This public website provides transparency regarding the County's expenditures. **It includes information about expenditures that total \$5,000 or more**, and provides the ability to **search for, sort, and summarize expenditures** by expense type, payee or department. The new website is more user-friendly, provides drill-down capabilities, and has the ability to chart expenditures over time. The charts below provide samples of the available data.

### SPENDING SUMMARY 2018



#### Agencies

**\$188.61 Million**

##### Top 5

1. Sheriff's Office
2. San Mateo Medical Center
3. Behavioral Health Services
4. Contributions to Medical Centr
5. Probation

#### Vendors

**\$79.85 Million**

##### Top 5

1. Department of Health Care Serv
2. Us Bank National Association
3. California, State of
4. State Treasurer
5. San Mateo County Bar Associati





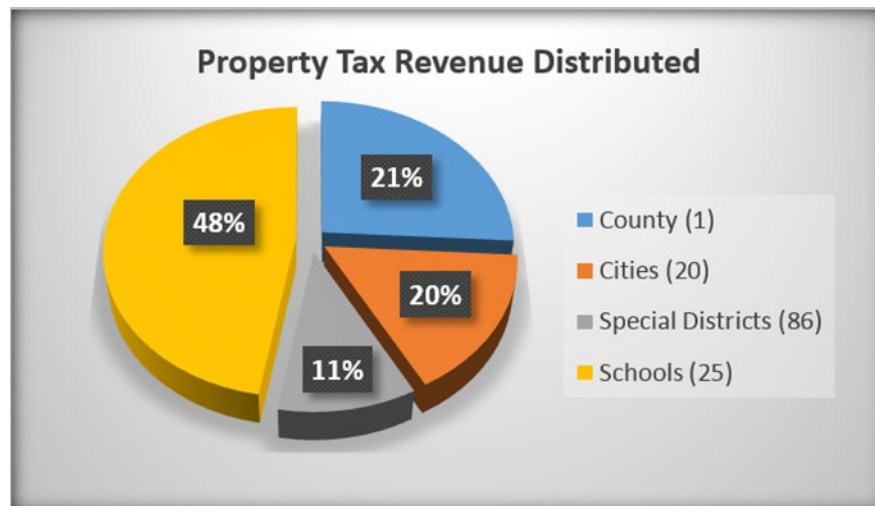
## Property Tax Revenue Distributed

Different types of property taxes (i.e., secured, unsecured, supplemental, special charges, etc.) are distributed throughout each tax year to local government agencies operating within San Mateo County.

**JULY 1, 2018 – MAY 31, 2019**

	TAX	DEBT SERVICE	SPECIAL CHARGES	TOTALS
County (1)	553,141,015	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 553,141,015
Cities (20)	344,619,257	4,819,435	175,755,506	525,194,198
Special Districts (86)	227,829,245	2,674,436	71,640,101	302,143,782
Schools (25)	1,009,214,881	238,346,469	36,485,376	1,284,046,726
	\$2,134,804,398	\$245,840,341	\$283,880,984	\$2,664,525,722

*\*\* Includes Secured, Unsecured, Unitary, VLF, Excess ERAF, and HOPTR*





## Vendors Invited into ACH-Direct Deposit Payment Program

**The Controller's Office re-launched the ACH Program**, which is a Countywide effort to encourage all vendors who are not yet using ACH to sign-up to receive payments electronically. Letters will be sent out to vendors inviting them to register and provide the necessary documentation to get on board with ACH (electronic direct deposits). We want to thank all County departments for their invaluable help with this initiative and for working cooperatively with us and vendors to transition as many vendors as possible onto ACH. This will reduce manual processes, reduce check printing costs and allow vendors to receive payments quicker.

## Audit Manager to Chair State Association Committee



**Audit Manager Michael Wilkison** was selected by his professional peers at the Audit Manager's Committee of the State Association of County Auditors to be the incoming Chairperson in 2020. The Chair is responsible for conducting meetings and appointing Subcommittee Chairs to assist member counties in dealing with audit issues and opportunities. The Committee members share their knowledge and experience for the benefit of auditing throughout California's counties.





### County Fire Adopts Six-Year Operating Plan and Contract

On June 4, 2019, the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors adopted a comprehensive six-year operating plan and contract for fire protection with CAL FIRE, improving fire protection in the unincorporated areas of the county. This holistic plan is the roadmap for the department over the next six years and has numerous service enhancements. **Significant investments are being made** in firefighter staffing, prevention programs, volunteer fire companies, wildland urban interface (WUI) risk reduction, training and outreach. This plan is a bold step in confronting the new fire realities facing much of California.



*Six-Year Operating Plan team. L to R: Battallion Chief Tim Shiffer, Battallion Chief Gary Silva, Division Chief Jonathan Cox, Dep. County Manager Peggy Jensen, Fire Chief Ian Larkin, Local 2881 Pat Griffin*





### Fire Suppression Operations and Response

502 emergency calls for service  
(April 1, 2019 – June 20, 2019)



*A commercial vehicle fire on Skyline Blvd.  
south of Highway 92*

San Mateo County Fire Department (SMCFD) crews have been busy over the past three months responding to a variety of emergencies.

**Storm-related incidents** continued with the late season rainfall, resulting in an **above normal number of traffic collisions**. The above-average

rainfall resulted in a large grass crop, which can act as ladder fuel during fires. There were no significant structure fires within the SMCFD's response area in Q2, but there were multiple vehicle fires and several small grass fires. Additionally, several remote area rescues, ocean rescues and cliff rescues occurred.



*SMCFD assisted San Mateo Consolidated Fire Dept.  
with a vehicle and vegetation fire on Highway 92*

#### Incidents by Type

Start Date: 4/1/2019

End Date: 6/20/2019

Jurisdiction: COF

Class: F

Type Code	Total
Fire Alarm	10
Fire Alarm - Carbon Monoxide	4
Fire Alarm - Manual	2
Fire Alarm - Smoke	14
Fire Information	60
Fire	4
Full Assignment	2
Gas Main Break	1
Grass Fire	4
Landscape Fire	1
Lock Out - Vehicle	8
Medical Emergency	217
Odor Investigation	2
Public Assist	19
Public Assist - Water	5
Pole Fire	1
Structure Fire	1
Smoke Investigation	14
Sparking/Arching Wires Down	1
Traffic Accident	87
Tree Down	20
Trash Fire	1
Vehicle Fire	15
Wires Down	7
Water Rescue	2
<b>Total Incidents: 502</b>	



### Fire Suppression Operations and Response (continued)



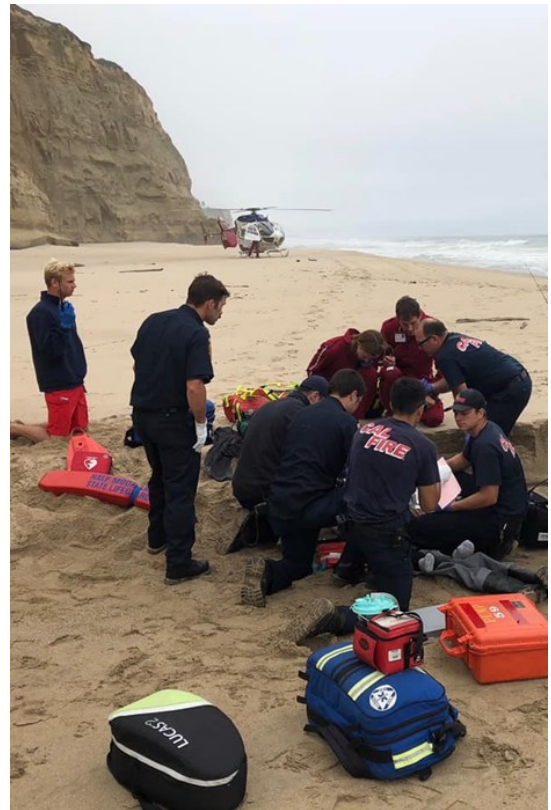
*Fire Captain Jordan Motta at an  
Incident Command Post*



*Firefighters extricated and rescued the  
driver of a car near Cañada Road*



*Firefighters assisted Woodside Fire District with  
a large bus and vegetation fire on Highway 280*



*Firefighters and paramedics treated a  
medical emergency on the beach  
near Pescadero*



*Crews tended to a vehicle accident  
scene on Highway 1*





## Fire Prevention

San Mateo County Fire Department / CAL FIRE staff participated in a special **San Mateo County Fire Safe meeting** focused on post-fire data and assessment. Topics included Light Detection and Ranging (LIDAR) utilization in vegetation mapping and lessons learned in Sonoma County after the devastating 2017 Tubbs fire. The meeting brought together representatives from a variety of organizations,



On June 10, Division Chiefs Jonathan Cox and Rich Sampson joined Supervisor Don Horsley to tour some of the most vulnerable wildfire areas of the unincorporated parts of the county.

Fire Marshal's Office Activity (April-May 2019)			
	April	May	Total
Smoke Detector Inspections	0	0	0
Plan Reviews (Commercial)	5	4	9
Plan Reviews (Residential)	7	24	31
Weed Abatement	10	0	10
Permits	0	0	0
Inspections: Defensible Space (LE-100)	5	9	14
Inspections: Sprinkler/Hydrant/Tanks	10	14	24
Inspections: Other	7	15	22
Inspections: Mandatory (Title 19)	2	6	8
Totals	46	72	118



## Fire Prevention, *continued*



**Firefighters placed a new state-owned chipper** in service in San Mateo County. This important piece of machinery is being used to clear brush around some of the most critical emergency radio repeater infrastructure in the county.

**CAL FIRE firefighters in San Mateo County** began conducting door-to-door defensible space inspections. These inspections are an opportunity for firefighters to educate the public on the regulations that require at least 100 feet of defensible space around each structure.

**San Mateo County Fire Department Office of the Fire Marshal** continues to conduct fire and life safety inspections and review plans for construction in the unincorporated parts of the county.

**Vegetation management work** continues several simultaneous projects throughout the county. Two large projects (Kings Mountain and Quarry Park) have been developed, permitted and are currently out to bid with vendors. Additionally, smaller local projects have been completed, including chipping and small pile burns.



*Firefighters reduced vegetation through pile burning*





### Training

**SMCFD/CAL FIRE firefighters have spent over 3,000 hours training** on a variety of fire, medical and rescue subjects to ensure operational readiness. Training topics included:

- Company Officer Academy
- Firefighter Academy
- Rope Rescue Technician
- ICS 300
- S-212 Power Saws
- Driver Operator 1B
- Fire Control 3
- HAZMAT Incident Commander
- Supervision Level 4
- Annual Skills Evaluation
- C Faller (Advanced Large/Difficult Tree Felling)
- Anaphylaxis
- Seizures
- Strike Team Leader Refresher
- Woodside Wildland Drill
- Confined Space
- Wildland Fire Live Fire Training
- Strike Team Refresher Training



*Volunteer firefighters practice structural fire drills*

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**SMCFD/CAL FIRE firefighters participated with training** Loma Mar Fire Company 55, La Honda Volunteer Fire Brigade Company 57, and Kings Mountain Volunteer Fire Department Company 56 on a variety of topics, including:

- RT-130 Wildland Fire Refresher
- Equal Employment Opportunity
- Defensive Driver
- Driver Operator 1A
- Driver Operator 1B



### FUTURE DIRECTION



- Continue defensible space clearance inspections
- Replace Loma Mar Fire Station 55 fire engine
- Begin work on two major fuel reduction projects
- Hire wildland urban interface risk reduction staff
- Continue to develop standardized wildfire emergency evacuation zones
- Work cooperatively to install multiple fire-verification cameras throughout the county



### HONORS

Several San Mateo County Fire Department CAL FIRE firefighters were honored by the EMS Agency with an **Incident Excellence Award**. These firefighters successfully rescued a person from a car that drove nearly 300 feet over a cliff near Devil's Slide. The recipients included San Mateo County firefighters:

- Fire Captain Rob Anderson
- Fire Apparatus Engineer Bair
- Battalion Chief Ken Lord



*Fire Captain Anderson and Engineer Bair receiving an award*







## State Reviewers Praise BHRS as Pioneer in Delivery of Mental Health and Substance Use Services

Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS) recently completed an extensive review by California's External Quality Review Organization. Since the state has implemented an “organized delivery system” approach to substance use treatment, leaning on early experiments by County of San Mateo and other counties, this was the first year that reviewers conducted a side-by-side audit of both **Specialty Mental Health Services (SMHS)** and **Substance Use Disorders Services (SUDS)**.



The review structure was robust. There were 30 sessions focusing on topics related to program quality, outcomes, timeliness, client satisfaction, and the use of data to inform program design and implementation. One hundred sixteen professional staff, representing San Mateo County Health, contractor agencies, and other County programs, attended at least one session, many in multiple sessions. **Thirty clients participated in focus groups.**

In the exit session for BHRS leadership, state reviewers called the County of San Mateo a “pioneer” in the delivery of SMHS and SUDS services. They were impressed with the expansion of trauma-informed services to the adult population, commitment to quality, and commitment to improving and saving the lives of clients in all of BHRS’ programs and touchpoints. They also complimented the way Substance Use Disorder Services have made gains in countering the stigma in substance use treatment. **Reviewers also praised BHRS’ commitment to putting clients first in structuring service delivery systems.**

The BHRS team will receive a full report outlining areas of opportunity and excellence that will guide ongoing improvement in the system of care.

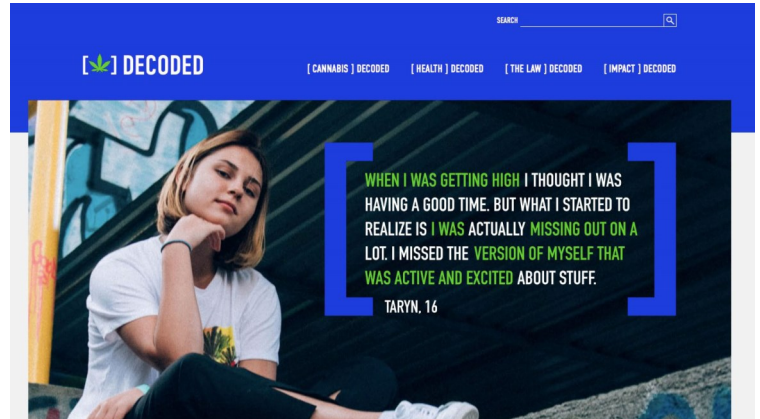




## Cannabis Decoded Campaign Expands with State Funding

*Youth-targeted awareness efforts enter second phase*

From January to June 2018, Behavioral Health and Recovery Services partnered with the San Mateo County Youth Commission to develop a public awareness campaign about the health risks of using marijuana and cannabis products. **Cannabis Decoded** was developed on the premise that young people need facts and tools to make informed decisions about cannabis. Youth Commission members provided direct guidance in the selection of messages and the look and feel of the campaign, which developed a new website and Instagram account.



 **DECODED**



PEOPLE WHO WANT YOU TO BUY THEIR STUFF TELL YOU ONE THING ABOUT WEED AND PEOPLE WHO DON'T WANT YOU TO USE TELL YOU SOMETHING ELSE. **DON'T TRY TO SELL ME OR SCARE ME. JUST GIVE ME THE FACTS.**

SAMANTHA, 16

This past winter, an online survey of youth 14-25 and parents across the San Francisco Bay Area collected baseline data about knowledge, attitudes, and behaviors related to cannabis. **Memoranda of Understanding** are currently being processed to allow counties across California to use the products developed by the Cannabis Decoded campaign.

**The campaign pilot resulted in 7.6 million impressions.** With additional funding from the California Department of Health Care Services, Cannabis Decoded will expand to billboards, bus and theater ads, and other spaces in San Mateo County in the coming months.



## Emergency Medical Services to Develop Health Information Exchange for First Responders and Receiving Hospitals

San Mateo County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) responded to a competitive local assistance grant funding opportunity and has been awarded **\$1.5M in grant funding from the State of California Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA)**. EMS is currently negotiating the associated contract with EMSA, and County Health will bring a request to accept the grant funds to the Board of Supervisors on its behalf in the next couple of months. Completion of the Health Information Exchange (HIE) initiative is projected to occur by June 30, 2021.

EMS will lead a **collaborative effort with County Health's Connected Care Health Information Exchange** to develop and implement an interoperable electronic health information exchange among American Medical



Response, the San Mateo County Pre-hospital Emergency Medical Services Group (Fire Joint Powers Authority), and EMS-designated receiving hospitals participating in the county's EMS system.

Actions taken by EMS providers at the scene and en route to the hospital affect outcomes, quality of care, and patient satisfaction. Secure, electronic, HIPAA-compliant movement of patient health information among hospitals and daily emergency medical services will allow providers in the field to access and share a patient's vital medical information, providing the following benefits:

- Paramedics and emergency medical technicians on ambulances, and non-transport first responders, will be able to access individual patient information relevant to an emergency case to **enhance clinical decision making for individual patients**.
- Patient outcome data will be returned to EMS providers for quality and system improvement.
- Hospital emergency departments' **receiving real-time patient information** from EMS providers will lead to improved clinical decision support and will create an environment where time-sensitive treatments can be expedited through advance notification, such as in the areas of trauma, chest pain, or stroke.
- **The integration of electronic pre-hospital care records** into hospital electronic health record (EHR) systems will allow clinical care providers in both urban and rural communities to support a more comprehensive, longitudinal, and unified patient record for seamless continuity of care.

The **San Mateo County EMS Agency** is one of only six entities in California awarded grant funding from the EMSA for this innovative and important work.



## Grant proposal for \$3.6M submitted for expansion of Pathways Mental Health Treatment Court

*State to announce recipients this summer*

In April, County Health partnered with the courts, Probation Department, District Attorney, Private Defender's Office, and Sheriff's Office to apply for a **Department of State Hospitals diversion grant** to build on County of San Mateo's well-established Pathways Mental Health Treatment Court (Pathways). The grant would allow Pathways to **expand its capacity to serve the target population** of individuals with significant mental health challenges who are justice involved and are found or at risk of being found incompetent to stand trial on felony charges. The partnership supports an approach that, based on an individual's specific circumstances, uses criminal justice sanctions and incentives and behavioral health treatment and recovery supports to divert seriously mentally ill and dually diagnosed offenders from incarceration and help them achieve better lives. Pathways' goals are to reduce recidivism and incarceration, stabilize housing, reduce acute care utilization, and engage and maintain active participation in personal recovery.

Pathways was initially created and funded through the local Mental Health Services Act Plan in 2006 through the collaboration of consumers, family members, criminal justice representatives, advocates, and policy makers committed to preventing the criminalization of people with mental illness by providing community-based mental health treatment for non-violent offenders. **Pathways is well positioned to engage seriously mentally ill and dually diagnosed offenders**, connect them with the diverse array of services they need, and follow them across the continuum of care.

Pathways' current post-plea policy requires the defendant to plead guilty or no-contest to charges. Through this grant opportunity, there will be a **new path for pre-plea referrals of people with felony charges**. The new path will include, among others, the population targeted by the grant—people whom the Private Defender has "declared a doubt" as to their competency and have a "diagnosis by a qualified mental health expert (Pen. Code §1001.36)" of schizophrenia, schizoaffective disorder, or bipolar disorder. These will be people who have felony charges but are not a danger to the community and who, rather than going through the incompetency to stand trial evaluation and waiting in jail for a state hospital bed, might be candidates for the Pathways' alternative, either pre- or post-plea.

**The proposal requested \$3.6 million for three years:** \$1.1 million for FY 2019-20, \$1.2 million for FY 2020-21, and \$1.3 million for FY 2021-22 to serve eight to 13 individuals per year with lengths of stay of two years in the diversion program. All the grant resources will be used for direct services for clients. The state will announce grant recipients later this summer.



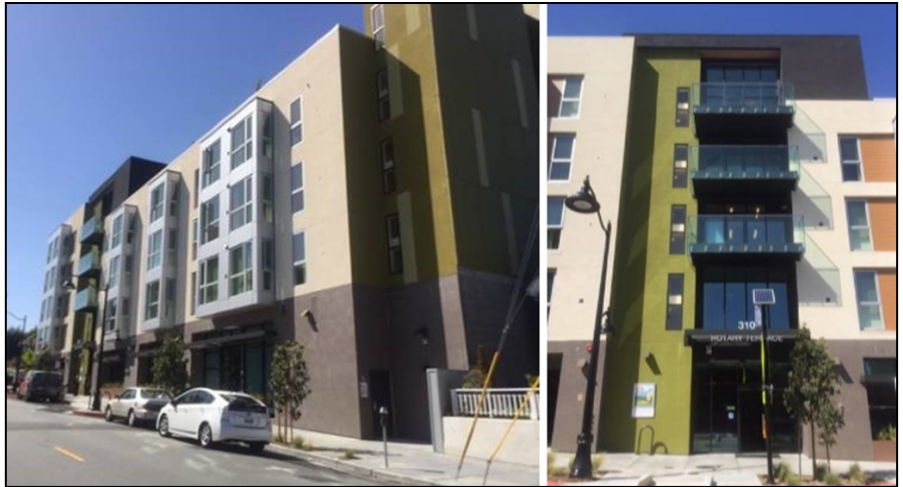
# HOUSING

## PROJECTS / INITIATIVES / SUCCESSES

### Rotary Terrace Senior Apartments – South San Francisco

COMPLETED DEC. 2018 | Grand Opening held May 3, 2019

- Fully occupied
- 91 units senior housing
- \$1.5 million AHF (Affordable Housing Fund) 3.0
- \$952,000 HOME FY 2017-2018
- Housing Authority of the County of San Mateo (HACSM) providing eight Section 8 project-based vouchers



### Colma Veterans Village - Colma

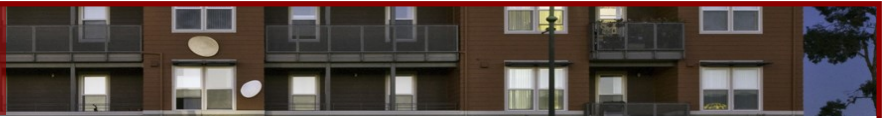
COMPLETED



- 66 units for veterans
- \$1,196,467 HOME FY 16-17
- \$500,000 AHF 2.0
- \$1.5 million AHF 3.0
- \$1,303,533 AHF 4.0
- Housing Authority providing seven Section 8 project-based vouchers and 59 Veterans Administration Supportive Housing (VASH) vouchers



# HOUSING



## Bay Meadows Affordable – San Mateo City

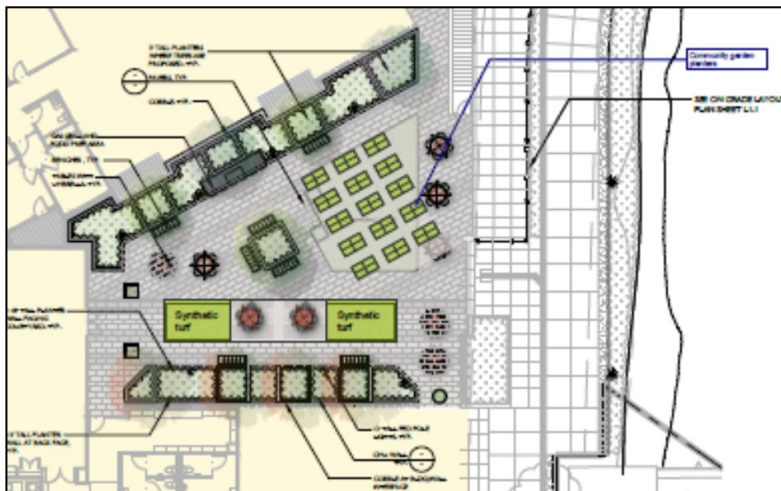
68 Units of Affordable Housing | Under Construction – Completion Estimated March 2020

- \$1,738,413 CDBG FY 17-18
- \$7 million AHF 5.0
- HACSM providing 34 Section 8 project-based vouchers and 12 VASH vouchers



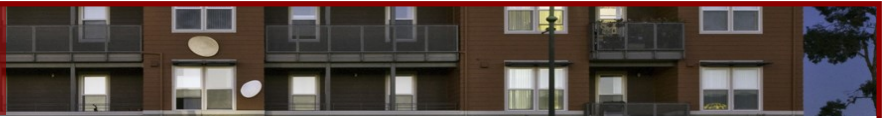
## Arroyo Green Senior Apartments – Redwood City

117 Units Senior Housing | Under Construction – Completion Estimated November 2020



- \$2.5 million AHF 4.0
- \$3,994,726 AHF 5.0
- \$623,566 AHF 6.0
- \$641,556 CDBG FY18
- \$1,217,857 HOME FY18
- HACSM providing 89 Section 8 project-based vouchers and 10 VASH vouchers

# HOUSING



## Redwood Trailer Village

- 8 units replaced to date from Phase I
- 16 units ordered for Phase II
- 23 units to be ordered for Phase III
- County-funded demolition of old units, repaving of lots, and purchase of new units. New units are purchased by residents with a 0.25 percent 30-year loan from the County, which covers the cost of the new unit, a portion of the demolition costs and a portion of the paving costs.



## State Awards More Than \$38M to Two Affordable Housing Projects

The state awarded two projects in the San Mateo County affordable housing pipeline more than \$38 million in Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities funding. **The Gateway at Millbrae** being developed by Core Affordable Housing has been recommended for \$18,042,459, with \$11,809,959 going to housing development and \$6 million to transportation capital funding. The apartment complex will provide 80 units for veterans, including homeless veterans. **Light Tree Apartments**, being developed by Eden Housing and EPA Can Do, has been recommended for \$20 million, with \$13,651,295 going to housing development and \$6 million to transportation capital funding. The project will provide 128 new and replacement units for very-low and extremely-low income families in East Palo Alto. **The two projects will bring a total of 208 units to the San Mateo County affordable housing inventory.**



The Gateway at Millbrae (planned)



## HONORS

### American Planning Association – California Chapter Northern - Best Practices Award ADU Second Unit Center



On June 7, 21 Elements/Home for All/ San Mateo County received an **Award of Excellence for Best Practices** from the Northern Section of the California Chapter of the American Planning Association for our **San Mateo County Second Unit Center**. The award is particularly notable because the APA does not have a specific award category for housing. We are now eligible to compete for a 2019 statewide award.

## PROJECTS / INITIATIVES / SUCCESSES

### Fellowship Program: Attracting our Future Leaders

The County of San Mateo Management Fellowship Program began in 2015 to **provide master's degree graduates with hands-on work experience** in local government and to create a pipeline of talent to boost County succession planning efforts. Participating departments have added capacity to take on more complex projects that require the talents of Fellows who have certain areas of expertise.



**The Fellowship program is designed for individuals willing to make a two- to three-year commitment to the program.** To maximize each Fellow's experience, they receive a number of professional development opportunities to help them become effective local government leaders. Opportunities include 1:1 coaching sessions, attending professional conferences, and participating in Learning Forums and classes and networking events.

#### Some of the projects Fellows worked on include:

- Created and managed a new SMC Health Network system
- Conducted data analysis on patients' medical and behavioral health outcomes
- Redesigned and improved workflow process systems
- Developed new exam-based training manuals and processes
- Designed and implemented performance management pilot



*"As a Management Fellow, I have the unique opportunity to impact the health emergency preparedness program in San Mateo County. My projects have a direct impact on residents and staff; they include writing a field guide to address the medical and behavioral health needs at shelters, developing an emergency health alert program to communicate with healthcare providers during disasters, creating the continuity of operations plan for County Health, serving as the project lead for three full-scale disaster exercises, and more. The support my supervisor has provided throughout my fellowship has been key in providing me opportunities to make professional connections."*

*~ Emma Hunter, County Health, EMT Fellow*

**22**  
Fellows hired

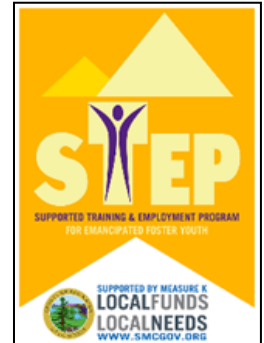
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## Internship Programs: Developing our Future Workforce

Our internship programs include **Jobs for Youth, Supported Training and Employment Program (STEP)** and other **county and regional programs**. HR assists in regional talent development through the two-county **Next Gen Committee** comprised of the cities within San Mateo and Santa Clara counties. The programs provide an introduction to public service and develop the next generation of leaders.

With support from our community and professional partners, we host several **Learning Forums** throughout the year for all regional fellows and interns. These workshops teach leadership development, networking, and how to take that next step in their career.



**2018**

Internships



**292**

Interns



**16**

Departments

**Intern Host Departments:** Board of Supervisors, County Manager's Office, County Health, Coroner, Information Services, Human Resources, Human Services, Housing, Libraries, Parks, Planning & Building, Probation, Public Works, and Sheriff's Office.

*"I'm working at the San Mateo Medical Center and I absolutely love it. I admire and look up to my coworkers and my team. It's nice to have people who genuinely care about you and that's what helps motivate me to get up every morning. If it wasn't for the STEP program I wouldn't have the experience and the knowledge I have today. I'm still learning every day and that's because of STEP and San Mateo County for giving me that opportunity."*

*~Rebecca Labonte STEP Intern, Medical Center*



Regional Intern Forum FY 2018-19

## Future Employees: Jobs for Youth

On May 16, the County hosted the **37<sup>th</sup> Annual Jobs for Youth Fundraising Breakfast at Crowne Plaza Foster City**. This event supports the Jobs for Youth Al Teglia Scholarship Fund, which has provided \$289,000 to 252 high-need youth since 2005.

At the breakfast, **20 Jobs for Youth Scholars received \$1,500** each for their higher education and vocational training goals. Jobs for Youth also recognized and celebrated the program's generous sponsors and partners from throughout San Mateo County.



The theme of this year's breakfast was "JFY Scholars are Llamazing!" and all of the attendees had a llamazing time! A special thank you goes out to **Supervisor Carole Groom** for serving as the Honorary Chair and to **County Manager Mike Callagy** who served as the emcee.





## Talent Pipeline Built through Strategy

The Human Resources (HR) Department has made **expanding the talent pipeline** a strategic initiative. Through the work of our Talent Acquisition Division and Organizational Development Division, HR promotes local government careers and brings new talent into the organization.

The competitive job market in the Bay Area requires **innovative marketing, branding, and communication strategies** to attract, source, and recruit qualified candidates. To meet these demands, we continue to expand our presence on social media and our associations across industries and with educational institutions.

Because of the competitive nature of filling positions, **our recruiters have become social media experts**. Successfully sourcing candidates, engaging them through outreach emails, and encouraging them to apply have led to many hires. We actively recruit on LinkedIn, which has generated interest in our positions. In addition to our standard advertising on industry job boards and professional “niche” websites we have **increased use of social media sites including LinkedIn, Zip Recruiter, The Ladders, Indeed.com, and Handshake**.



In the last two years we have significantly increased our presence at industry and college job fairs, and community events. **In FY 2018-19 we attended 18 events.**







### 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Veterans Open House and Resource Event Held



As part of our outreach and engagement strategy, HSA is conducting community wide outreach events and outpostting of our County Veterans Service Office staff at various locations throughout the county. Last year, HSA hosted the Veterans Open House & Resource Fair in Redwood City. On June 7, we hosted the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Open House on the coastside at Half Moon Bay. The Open House brings awareness to our veterans of the benefits, resources and services available to them through the VA and our local service providers. HSA engaged about 50 veterans at the event and connected them to the services they have earned.

### STEM Awards Honors Educators, Students

On April 15, HSA hosted the 2018-2019 San Mateo County Board of Supervisors' Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Awards at the Office of Education. Eleven teachers were recognized with Teacher Innovation Awards, five high school students were recognized as Stanford Ignited Teacher Fellows, and four local organizations received Out of School STEM Program Grant Awards.







## Annual Report Released

HSA released its 2018 Annual Report with a completely new layout design to display the accomplishments in 2018. The new version features success stories and photos from each branch, highlighting the services and various program data on how the agency performed in 2018. There are no stock photos in the report as every image is of our clients, our employees and the community events HSA attended in 2018.



## CLIENT SNAPSHOT



**Medi-Cal individuals**  
128,002 (May)



**CalFresh individuals**  
18,824 (May)



**Children & Families cases**  
353 (May)



**CalWORKs individuals**  
1,664 (May)



### Upcoming Calendar:

**July 16 & 18:** HSA will host the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Transitional Age Youth Summit at Beresford Park and Skyline College.



## Dad of the Year Overcame Barriers to Raise Six



*Mykel Hall with his daughters at Dad & Me @ the Park event*

HSA and the Dad's Workgroup are proud to award the 2019 Dad of the Year to Mykel Hall. Mykel overcame various barriers in his fatherhood journey. He was formerly incarcerated, didn't have custody of his children, and finally left the system last year. Since his release, he has worked hard on building his relationship with his kids to be the best dad possible. Today, he is employed full time at Project WeHope as the Assistant Program Coordinator, with the responsibility of managing the Dignity on Wheels vehicle which brings hygiene services to homeless residents. He is the proud father of three daughters (two 3-year olds and one 4-year old). Mykel also adopted three other youth and has the full responsibility to raise six girls. Mykel prioritizes his children and works hard to provide for them.

He takes each one out individually on a date night to teach them how they should be treated as girls and to show them they are each special and loved. Each day, he dresses them, fixes their hair, and provides everything he can to give them a good life. Like many others in this county, Mykel is facing the financial challenges of raising a family in this region. He previously received financial assistance from Samaritan House South and services from the Black Infant Health program with Family Health. Going to Baskin-Robbins is a family outing for him. The Dad's Workgroup is awarding Mykel with resources to help him with family engagement activities.



## FUTURE DIRECTION



### HSA Finalizing New Commercials to Recruit Foster Families

HSA filmed five sets of resource families (formerly known as foster families) and captured some amazing testimonials about their experience. The footage will be developed into short advertisements airing on television and across social media sites to recruit new families. Post-production is currently underway with an anticipated completion date later this summer. The commercials will target the demographic needs of San Mateo County and be leveraged with Comcast's TV and Internet customer analytics to ensure the greatest reach.





## PROJECTS / INITIATIVES / SUCCESSES

## Big Sur International Marathon

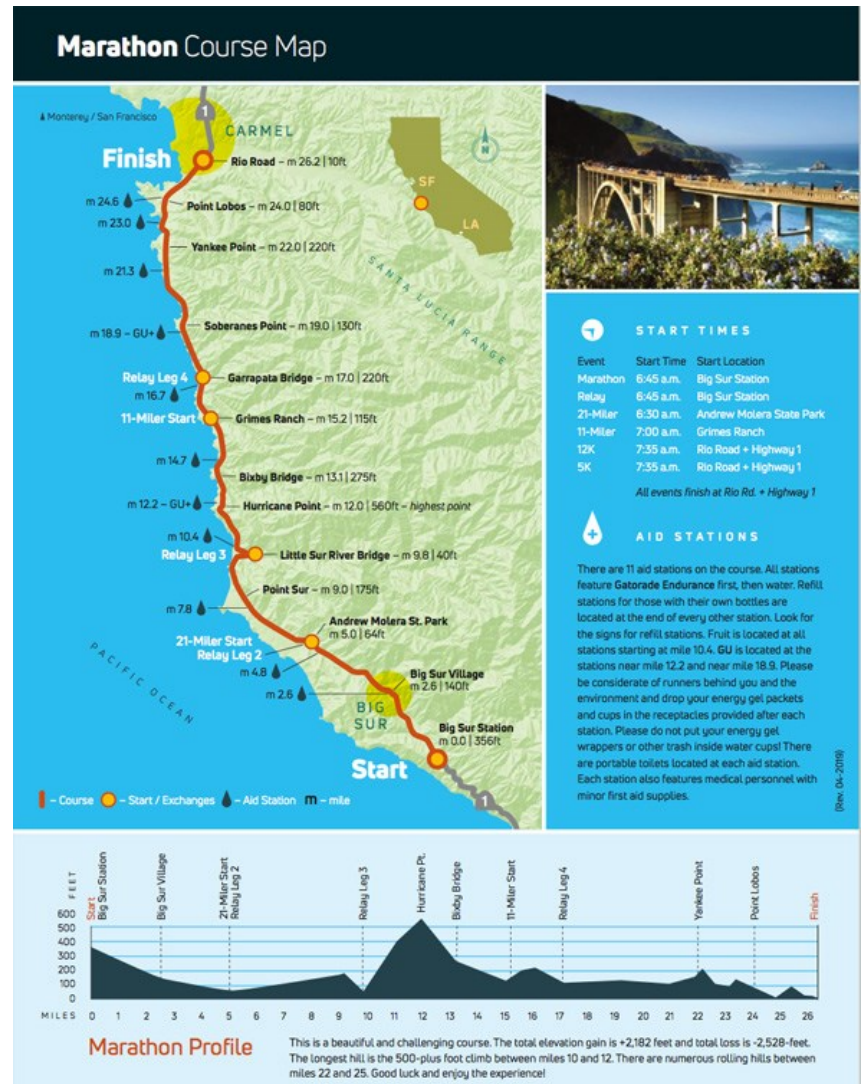
### Provided technical assistance for the Advanced Communication System

The **Big Sur International Marathon** is an annual race held in Northern California, along the Pacific Coast Highway (Highway 1). The marathon attracts approximately 4,500 participants annually, with the Boston Marathon held two weeks prior being a qualifying race for elite entrants. **Since 2013, the San Mateo County Sheriff's Auxiliary Communications Unit, in partnership with the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES), has been providing enhanced public safety communications for Fire/EMS (Cal Fire) and Highway Patrol (CHP) along the marathon route.**

ISD Radio Services team members Bill Dunbar, Dan Ryan and Al David helped provide specialized technical assistance in the engineering design, development and deployment of the enhanced communications system to support the marathon. The marathon route from Big Sur to Carmel transits Highway 1, which is closed to traffic during the event. **This 28-mile route is particularly challenging**

**to radio communications** due to the geographical nature of the coastal terrain. To ensure public safety communications on the marathon route, a network of communications equipment is utilized to provide coverage and dispatch capabilities at the marathon command center, located near the finish line.

Though the marathon event itself is only five to six hours in length, the deployment and setup of equipment took several days. Even prior to the deployment, at least two weekends were dedicated to the **configuration, programming and testing of the Mobile Interoperability Gateway Unit(s) (MIGU)** which are owned by the State and used to provide communications capabilities between multiple responding agencies. One unit is hosted by San Mateo County, and for this year, the second unit came from Fresno County, with the additional support of the Mobile Dispatch Communication van (COM-25) from Cal OES.







## Big Sur International Marathon (*continued*)

**ISD Radio team members** working with the other MIGU volunteers from the Sheriff's Auxiliary Communications Unit, along with the Auxiliary Communications Team from Cal OES, **took the lead in delivering high quality enhanced communications for Cal Fire and CHP.** This work, the design, and setup/configuration methods translate to having personnel, systems and infrastructure capable to deploy not only in a timely manner, but also to be able to provide immediate solutions based on the training and designs utilized at the marathon.

With a complex configuration, there are always issues, most of which were mitigated by staging and testing the configurations in the weeks prior to the event. **This year, the biggest challenge came with the communications link from Point Sur to Point Lobos.** Traditionally, the Point Sur Light House is used to stage radio equipment; however, this year, the lighthouse site was unavailable due to construction on the access road. Instead, the abandoned Naval Station adjacent to Point Sur had to be utilized. It had geographical challenges and produced unacceptable attenuation to the link signal from there to Point Lobos. To help decrease the attenuation, the antenna array had to be relocated from the ground area to the roof of one of the abandoned buildings before retesting the communications and determined to be adequate.



This event provided the opportunity for the **County Radio Shop, OES, and its emergency response partners to practice setting up a complex communications environment.** The practice and coordination of setting up a stand-alone emergency communications system further strengthen the County's ability to respond to emergencies.



- Approximately 4,500 participants
- More than a dozen agencies worked on coordination and safety (CHP, Cal OES, Monterey County, Cal Fire)



Communications utilized four temporary sites, and the configuration of a temporary radio network consisting of over 20 radios, utilizing the VHF, UHF and 800 interoperability channels, in one of the more complex configurations utilized for a temporary installation

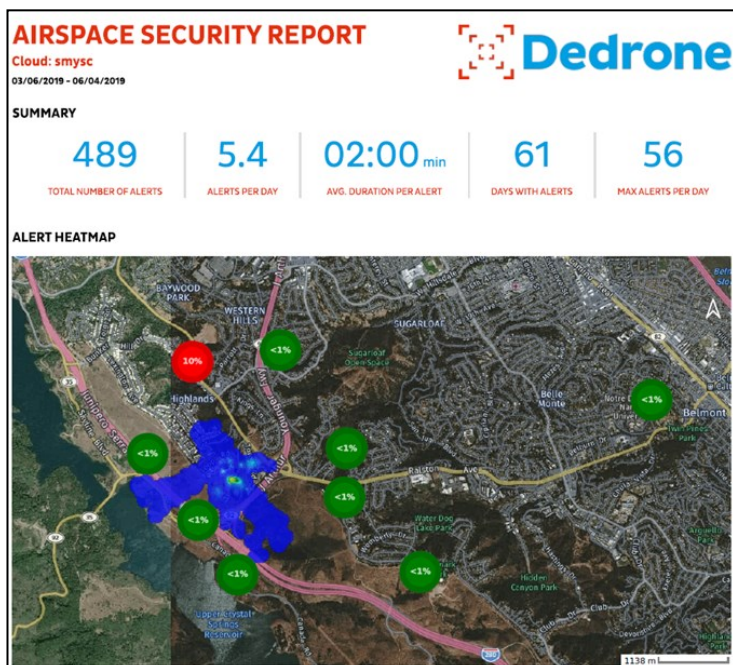


## Drone Detection

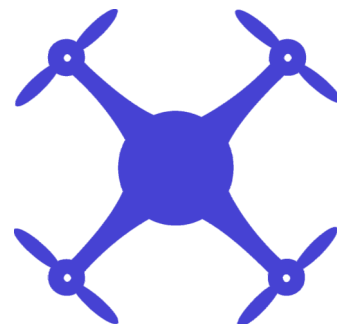
In an effort to prevent illicit drone activity around sensitive government facilities, the County of San Mateo through its SMC Labs **recently deployed a new drone detection system that helps protect critical facilities**, such as jails and detention centers, from malicious drone attempts to compromise security. After a six-month pilot, the system was installed at the Youth Services Center.

This new solution is a long-range detection and **early-warning system that automatically tracks and drone flights** and pilot positions on map. The system detects and classifies commercial drones from hobbyist drones and has a built-in reporting application that identifies possible drone threats.

While most drones are used by hobbyists, they can also be used to defeat existing security systems, carry contraband into secure facilities, conduct surveillance, and generally aid in compromising critical facilities.



**In the last 90 days there were close to 500 drone flights around YSC;** of those, 27 flew close enough to be of concern and 19 were of critical concern. Critical concern is defined as flying over the facility with the potential to drop contraband. In addition, the average flight time is approximately two minutes whereas the **19 flights of critical concern** were close to eight minutes, confirming that they were larger, more sophisticated drones with potential to carry a payload.





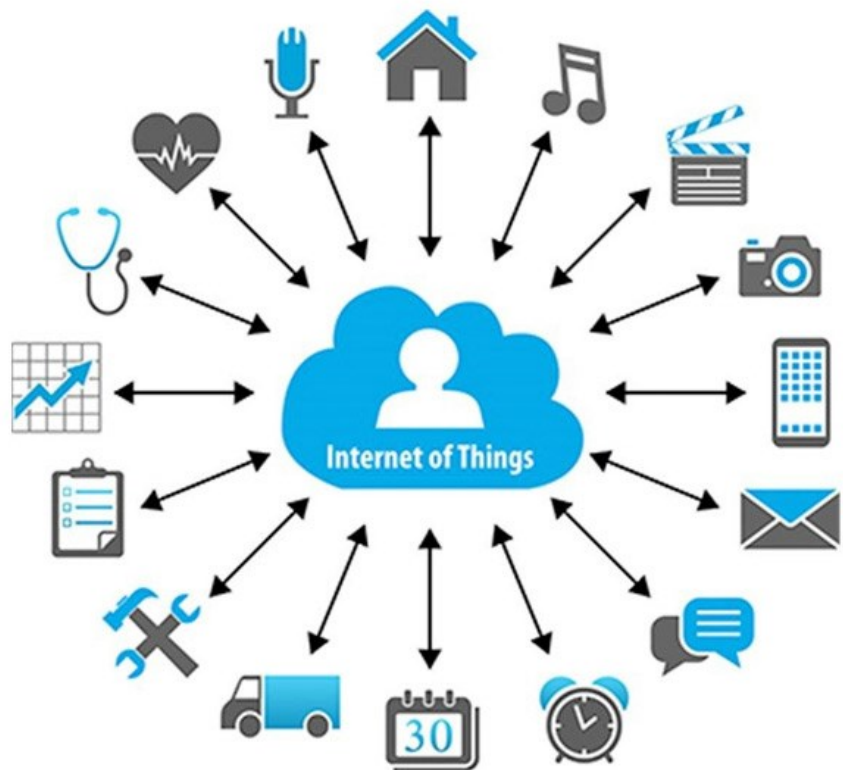
## Pilot Project to Build and Test an IoT Ecosystem for San Mateo County

Increasing accessibility to sensors, computer processing units, and remote communication technologies has led to **a large growth in the availability of sensor devices** that can be deployed to create sensor networks across a variety of landscapes. These technologies combined into networks is commonly referred to as the **Internet of Things (IoT)**. Like many communities, the County of San Mateo is interested in exploring how these technologies and increased availability of data can be **used to meet the needs for data-driven decisions, expansion of citizen science and civic technology communities**.

The County's Information Services Department (ISD) Innovation team SMCLabs partnered with its GIS & Open Data program last November to set up a cross-functional team tasked with designing and executing a **pilot project aimed at assessing, planning, and deploying a complete, end-to-end IoT infrastructure solution**. The solution was intended to support an air quality IoT sensor network across a wide geographical area in a cross-sector, vendor-agnostic way. The premise was that a robust, well-designed underlying IoT platform will serve as a technology testbed for interested communities within the County to explore deploying many other IoT sensor technologies. By simply plugging new devices into existing infrastructure, agencies can start gathering and exploring data immediately. This will eliminate the pressure of committing to products and providers before vetting them in a systematic and meaningful way.

For this pilot, **the team deployed different types of air quality sensors in pre-selected locations** throughout the County: **LTE 3G/4G, Long Range Wide Area Network (LoRaWAN), WiFi enabled and mobile**. There were several factors considered when

selecting these sites; County-owned and partnered sites, already equipped with basic infrastructure to support IoT sensors to some degree were weighted more heavily. As the project team designed and built the underlying architecture required to support air quality sensor installation, simultaneous **efforts were made to coordinate with appropriate stakeholders** to identify critical aspects of the project. The team met with subject matter experts at Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) and stakeholders at school districts to evaluate use cases for air quality sensors and determine problems these sensors can potentially help solve. Based on these interactions, the project team then designed some informational products (apps, dashboards, data portals, notification systems) that will serve to inform, and empower various stakeholder audiences.

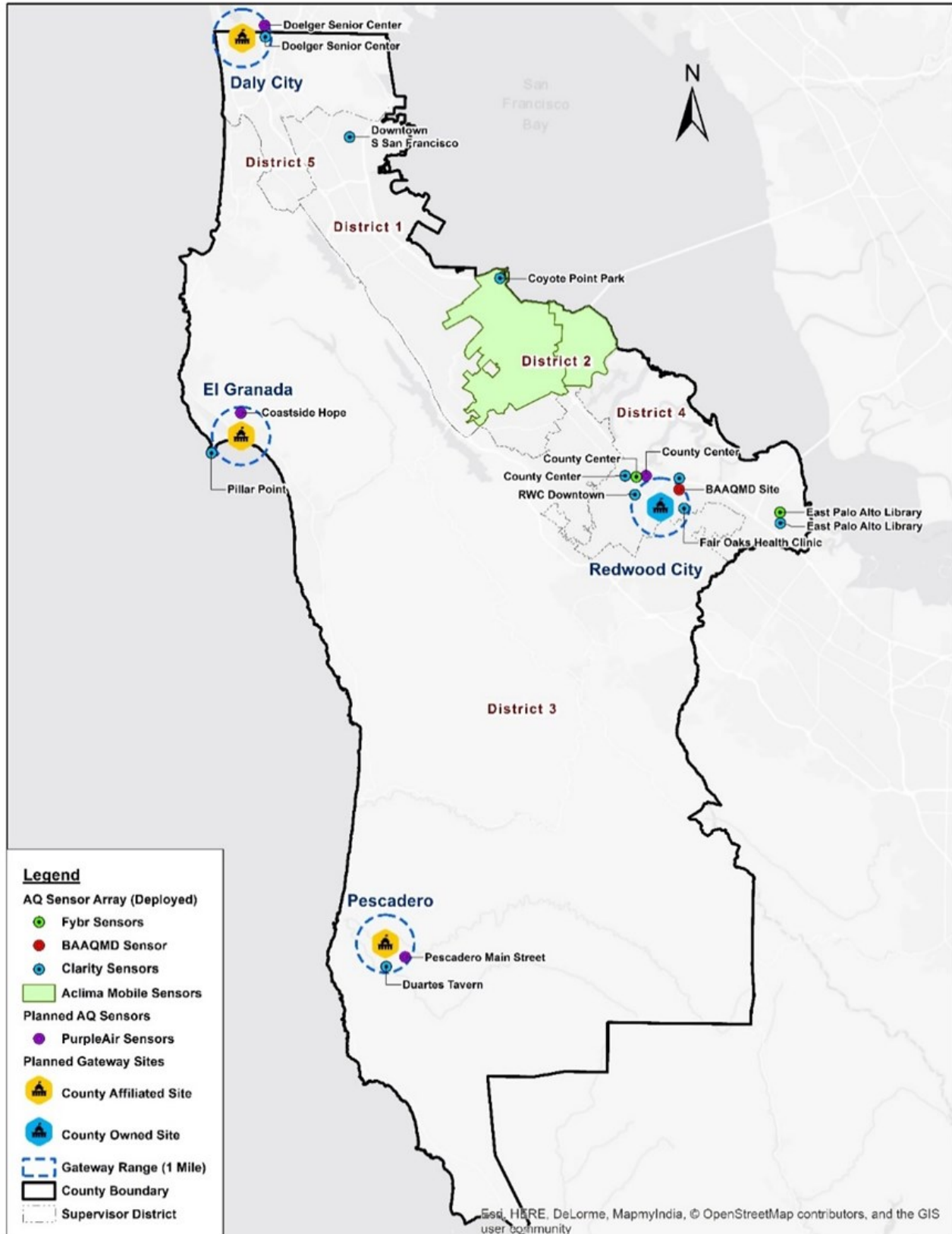






## Pilot Project to Build and Test an IoT Ecosystem for San Mateo County (cont.)

LTE 3G/4G: Clarity | LTE 3G/4G (Mobile): Aclima | LoRaWAN: Fybr | WiFi: PurpleAir







## Public WiFi



### Public WiFi

- Live with 86 sites (45 non-County, 41 County)
- 10 sites added and six sites upgraded by FY18-19

The **Public WiFi Program** was created to meet the four pillars in areas that are underserved and have limited connectivity:

- Provide ease of online access to County services
- Good for business
- Education opportunities
- Provide Internet connectivity to those with limited access

The program covers a few areas on the Coastsides, two downtown areas and multiple open space locations. **ISD continues to evaluate data to improve usage and outreach** while working with partners such as Hagar Services Coalition to increase awareness and usage from underserved communities in the digital divide.

# OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

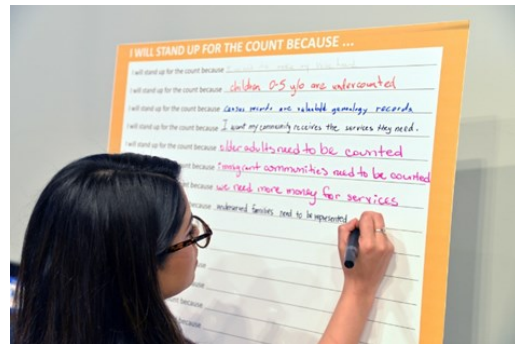
## PROJECTS / INITIATIVES / SUCCESSES

### Census Community Launch Event Gathered Stakeholders

A Census Community Launch event was held on April 1 at the Fox Forum, in partnership with Thrive Alliance and SAMCEDA. **More than 100 stakeholders attended to learn what's at stake for Census 2020**, how we can all work together to ensure that everyone counts and where to apply for community outreach funding.

The Census Team presented to city managers to engage them in complete count efforts. Eight strategy work groups were formed to develop plans, messaging, and materials for census promotion and support. The Census Ambassador Training pilot was launched with the San Mateo Adult School. **This program will train individuals to educate, encourage, and support fellow community members to be counted in the upcoming Census 2020.** They will serve as a leader and resource for their communities and will develop personal and professional skills including: communication, leadership and strategic planning, civic and community engagement, and relationship and network building. Upon completion, the program will then be rolled out to a larger audience.

**This quarter there have been many plans written**, including a Social Media Guide, a Messaging Guide, and draft plans for the eight strategy work groups: Communication and Media, Community Outreach, Recruitment Support, Employment + Small Business Engagement, Youth Engagement, Elections + Census, Language Access, and Technology + Digital Access.



# OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

## Community Outreach Efforts

### North Fair Oaks Community Council

The North Fair Oaks Community Council held one regular meeting and one study session during the second calendar quarter of 2019. During these meetings, which the Office of Community Affairs staff, **the council was updated on the NFO Rezoning Project phase 2 & 3.** NFOCC was also updated on the Redwood Juncture, Redwood City Transit Hub, High-speed rail and CHP, multicultural Institute and Sheriff's quarterly report out. The councilmembers did vote in support of Sustainability's San Mateo County disposable food serviceware ordinance proposal.

### Community Events and Presentations

OCA attended seven different community events, reaching approximately 500 people in San Mateo County. These included tabling at multiple events like **Kermes Dia del Niño**, **Mural Celebration**, and **Be seen Keepin it Clean**. OCA staff also provided bilingual facilitation at a Home for all Meeting in San Mateo.



*Take Your Kids to Work Day*



*Mural Celebration*



*Kermes Dia Del Niño*



# OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

## Immigrant Services Attended Policy Summit



(Left to right in photo: Jose Antonio Ramirez - Board Member, Latino Community Foundation, Marc Berman - Chair of Select Committee on the Census, Mitzy de la Pena Medina - OCA, Jasmine Hartenstein - Immigrant Services, OCA, Christian Arana - Policy Director, Latino Community Foundation)

The Office of Community Affairs represented the County of San Mateo at the **Latino Community Foundation's 2019 Policy Summit April 24, 2019** discuss with local congressional representatives, including Assemblymember Marc Berman, getting out the vote and standing up to be counted in Census 2020. The summit provided best practices and innovative ideas to get the Latino and immigrant community involved in voting, completing the census, and developing more engaged residents for the future.

## Second Immigrant Services Networking Mixer Held

The second Immigrant Services Networking Mixer was hosted by the Office of Community Affairs Immigrant Services May 21 with **40 community-based organizations and 80 attendees** including members from the Mexican and Colombian consulates and representatives from Supervisor Warren Slocum and Supervisor Carole Groom's districts.

Although there are various resource fairs for residents, often providers are unaware of new programs or all the services organizations provide to appropriately refer their students, patients, or clients to for additional services and resources. This event helped bridge that gap.

**Of the participants that completed the survey, 90 percent said that the information was very valuable.** All of those that participated in the survey said that they learned something new and would also like to see the event happen in the future.

### Testimonials

"The Immigrant Services Networking Mixer provides a unique opportunity for nonprofits in the San Mateo County area to reach outside its four walls and start building community with like-minded nonprofits and organizations that serve a similar population. **I hope to see more events like this in the future!**" - Jessica, North East Medical Services.

"It was so helpful to find out about organizations that are available to help families who are newly immigrated to the US. **Anytime we can support the family we are supporting the child to be successful in school.**" - Kate, Jefferson Elementary School District

"**The event was a great opportunity to meet other immigrant service providers** and learn about their services, eligibility requirements, and intake process." - Patty, ACCEL San Mateo County





# OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY

## PROJECTS / INITIATIVES / SUCCESSES

### Grocery Rescue Pilot Matches Surplus Food with Hungry Residents

A “Grocery Rescue” pilot has begun in San Mateo County to divert edible food from the landfills to those in need. In an innovative response to requirements under Senate Bill 1383, the Office of Sustainability is partnering with **Second Harvest Food Bank** to test practices for recovering groceries from supermarkets, wholesalers, commissaries, and caterers which, beginning in 2022, will no longer be able to landfill or compost edible food. The pilot program delivers groceries to Second Harvest Food Bank’s distribution sites to feed hungry residents. The legislation aims to reduce the amount of methane (a potent greenhouse gas) that is generated by food waste breaking down in landfills. The four-month pilot will work with five Costco stores and has the potential of recovering as much as **33 million pounds of edible food** in San Mateo County each year from similar sources. If this pilot is successful, the County will have a path to meeting ambitious state climate change legislation that assists with hunger relief and reduces demand on landfill sites.



### Sea Change SMC Community Resilience Grants Fund Solutions

Following the release of the County’s **Sea Level Rise Vulnerability Assessment** in 2018, the County has begun to prepare for the impacts of sea level rise, and to evaluate risks from other climate change impacts. The Office of Sustainability’s Community Resilience Grants Program was launched to assist cities and non-profit organizations in developing innovative solutions that reduce impacts from sea level rise for specific areas or assets. **In 2019, the program will fund over \$300,000 in grants** ranging in size from

\$30,000 to \$50,000 in South San Francisco, Burlingame, Millbrae, North Fair Oaks, Pacifica, and East Palo Alto to develop adaptation options along shorelines, assess economic costs of sea level rise, engage vulnerable communities in community level adaptation plans, and promote sea level rise awareness through art and community education materials. Lessons learned and best practices from these grants will be shared through Climate Ready SMC, the County’s collaborative of local, state and federal agencies, non-profits and businesses.

# OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY

## Home for All Helps Communities Talk About Housing

The Home for All Community Engagement Program helps local communities increase the number and diversity of informed participants, such as residents and local workers, addressing the shortage of available housing in San Mateo County. By utilizing inclusive and innovative strategies, communities can **foster better understanding and support for local housing-related solutions**. The Community Engagement Program is a collaborative learning effort that identifies best practices in engagement and communication useful in dealing with complex issues.

During 2017-18, Home for All partnered with Common Knowledge Plus and four cities (Burlingame, Half Moon Bay, Portola Valley, and Redwood City) to broaden the conversation about local housing challenges and solutions. The four participating cities have broadened participation



and increased shared understanding through **a multitude of outreach and learning activities**, including eight city-wide meetings attended by nearly 600 residents. They are continuing their pursuit of greater inclusion through a variety of follow-up activities and revised ways of doing business. The Community Engagement Program expanded in 2019 with five new cities (Brisbane, Foster City, Hillsborough, Pacifica, and San Mateo), and six city-wide meetings have been conducted. In addition, Home for All and Common Knowledge continue to support successes and learning in the original pilot cities.

## Climate Ready SMC Collaborative Launched



The Office of Sustainability's newest initiative, Climate Ready San Mateo County (SMC), will help us better prepare the County in the face of a changing climate. This initiative will **expand our community's understanding of climate-related risks** from heat, wildfires, intensifying rainfall and severe storm events and develop community-driven strategies for climate change preparedness. By working together, planning ahead, and being better informed, we can more effectively prepare to protect our communities, natural resources, essential services and infrastructure, and most importantly our physical and mental well-being and health.

To foster collaboration and collectively find solutions to the climate change challenge, leaders from local government, non-profit and community-based organizations, businesses, and other **key partners are being invited to join the Climate Ready San Mateo County (SMC) Collaborative**. Outcomes that the Collaborative is striving towards over the next year include identifying climate-related risks from rising temperature, wildfires, intensifying rainfall and storms and assess risks to key transportation infrastructure; developing a Climate Impact; developing policy guidance and an Adaptation Strategies Library; empowering local action by community members and providing technical assistance and resources for building resilience.



# OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY

## 4 R's Grants Inspire Innovative Waste Reduction



The Office of Sustainability (OOS) offers up to \$300,000 annually in funding assistance to government agencies, nonprofit organizations, and educational institutions (e.g., schools, school/college districts, state university systems, etc.) through the **4R's (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Rot) Grants Program**. The objective of the program is to help eligible organizations create and implement reuse, waste reduction, recycling, and composting programs in San Mateo County. The program offers two tiers of funding: Mini Grant (\$1,000 to \$5,000) and Mega Grant (up to \$25,000). This year's grants program received a total of 29 Mini Grant

applications and 25 Mega Grant applications. The **Mini Grants** support limited-term projects to serve a specific community in the county, such as a neighborhood, city or school. The **Mega Grant** is available to help initiate or expand innovative programs that will serve and benefit communities countywide.

## Solar Discounts through Bay Area Sun Shares Coming this August

Over 50 cities and major employers joined forces in 2018 to use the power of community to provide easier access to clean energy and fight climate change. Participants received **group discounts on solar and electric vehicles (EV)** for residents of the greater Bay Area and information on their clean energy options at free workshops. San Mateo County will be participating in this program once again, which offers residents **discounted design, purchase and installation options for residential solar**. This year's solar installers are currently being selected and will be available for discounted solar and EV purchases beginning August 1 through November 15.





# OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY

## Helping Homeowners through Second Unit One-Stop Shop



What are  
you  
dreaming  
up?

Second units (also known as in-law units, or granny flats) provide a unique opportunity to utilize existing housing stock to create new housing options for residents of all income levels. Permitting processes, design and construction are some of the most common concerns for homeowners considering the construction of a second unit. This coming year, the County and four cities will be partnering with **Hello Housing**, a nonprofit affiliate of **MidPen Housing**, to assist homeowners with adding second units. The goal of the Pilot is to demonstrate that offering free feasibility and project management services to qualified homeowners is a cost-effective way to produce new housing in San Mateo County.

Whether a converted garage, detached backyard unit, or attached suite, second units are a naturally affordable and innovative housing solution for the “missing middle” (people that earn too much to be eligible for tax-credit-funded affordable housing but not enough to purchase a market rate home). The “One Stop Shop” will work with homeowners who are interested in building a second unit on their property but need help getting across the finish line and will leverage the tools available through the online **Home for All Second Unit Resource Center**.

## Organic Waste Becomes Renewable Energy Source

The County of San Mateo and RethinkWaste are collaborating to further reduce the amount of waste being sent to landfills. “Organics to Energy” is the name of a new pilot project that will test the use of an Organics Extrusion Press (OREX) at the **Shoreway Environmental Center** in San Carlos. The OREX will extract organic material from the waste stream that would be otherwise destined for landfills. The organic material becomes a slurry that will be converted into a clean gas as a renewable energy source. If successful, the **Organics to Energy pilot** will demonstrate the potential for a larger project with the capacity to extract an estimated 50 tons per day of organic material from the landfill waste stream. Installation of the OREX began in March 2019 and will begin operating in September 2019.



# OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY

## Coyote Point Recreation Area Sea Level Rise Assessment and Adaptation Plan

The County of San Mateo is taking steps to reduce climate change vulnerability for County-owned and operated assets. The Office of Sustainability and Parks Department collaborated on the development of a



Sea Level Rise Vulnerability Assessment and Adaptation Plan for Coyote Point Recreation Area, as required by California Assembly Bill (AB) 691. The Coyote Point Recreation Area is managed by the San Mateo County Parks Department and is a popular destination with more than 500,000 visitors annually. The report includes an assessment of financial impacts to the facilities and to services, future flooding risks, existing plans to protect the facility from flooding and potential adaptation solutions, and opportunities for regional partnerships. The report found that planned pump and levee upgrades by the City of San Mateo and the County's Eastern Promenade project would protect the Recreation Area, the

Peninsula Humane Society & SPCA, the Boardsports Kite- and Windsurfing Center and School, and the Siebel Firearms Range through 2060 from rising water levels and the 1 percent storm, and through 2100 from rising water levels alone. The analysis serves as a model for use at other facilities in the county.



- The Half Moon Bay Library was awarded the **2019 Green Building Award** by Sustainable San Mateo County (SSMC) and the American Institute of Architects of San Mateo County Chapter (AIASMC) for its cutting edge, sustainable design and construction.
- The Office of Sustainability's very own **Avana Andrade** was awarded the **2019 Bike Commuter of the Year** award for San Mateo County. Given to individuals for inspiring bicycling in their Bay Area communities, the Bike Commuter of the Year award recognizes a winner from each of the nine San Francisco Bay Area counties for their commitment to bicycling as their primary mode of transport.
- The American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy, a national nonprofit based in Washington, D.C., recognized the Bay Area Regional Energy Network's (**BayREN**) **Multifamily program with an Exemplary Program Award** as one of America's outstanding energy efficiency programs.





## PROJECTS / INITIATIVES / SUCCESSES

### Wunderlich Carriage House Improvements Completed

The **Carriage House** is one of five buildings that make up the **National Register's Historic District** at Wunderlich Park in Woodside. In the 19th century, the house was used to store carriages and eventually early model automobiles. More recently, the house has served as a meeting room and as a resource for educational programs, such as the Folger Stable School Program, and the department's interpretive programs, including Take A Hike, Park Rx, and Jr. Ranger activities.

Last year, the department sought to make the building more accessible for people of all abilities and to bring the building to current fire code standards. To ensure adherence to the National Register's stipulations, the department contracted with a design firm experienced in renovating historic buildings for public agencies. The project was funded by Measure K and construction services were coordinated with Public Works staff.

**In May 2019 the renovations were completed**, and the Carriage House now features:

- An ADA compliant restroom
- A deck that provides additional access and exit points to the building
- An ADA parking space and path of travel that leads directly to the building entrance
- A full fire suppression sprinkler system with alarms



*Carriage House exterior – deck and emergency exit*



*Carriage House exterior – ADA pathway*

## Countdown to Memorial Park's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - Phase I Infrastructure Improvements



The department has begun the first major renovation of visitor amenities in Memorial Park's history in preparation for the centennial celebration in 2024.

**Phase I improvements laid the groundwork for a new wastewater treatment plant and wastewater collection system.** With more than 1,500 campers filling the campgrounds each night during the height of camping season, these services are critical.

The following projects were recently completed with non-departmental funds:

- Preparation for site construction of a **new wastewater treatment plant** and construction of gravel access road
- Employment of new directional boring technology to efficiently **replace old pipes with minimal environmental impact**
- **Installation of 1,200 linear feet of high density polyethylene pipe** to provide water to park day use areas, youth group campsites, the Loma Mar Fire Station, park maintenance yard and ranger residence
- **Installation of 1,100 linear feet of wastewater sewer line** to family and group campgrounds and park headquarters



*Ranger office service counter*

A \$60,000 donation from the San Mateo County Parks Foundation funded energy efficient improvements to the ranger office and nature center, including **LED lighting and double-pane windows and doors throughout**. The office and nature center restrooms now feature **ADA compliant toilets, sinks, hand dryers and baby changing stations**. A locally sourced redwood counter surface that is also ADA compliant is now part of the public reception area of the ranger office.



*Ranger office - energy efficient door and windows*

**Phase II of Memorial Park improvements will begin Fall 2019. When complete in 2021, the historic park will boast efficient water delivery and waste management systems, and new restroom and shower buildings. Before reopening in 2021 campground roads will be resurfaced and campsite amenities will be updated.**





## Bike Repair Stations Come to Cyclists' Rescue



*Bike Repair Station – Mirada Surf West*

Paved surface trails throughout the parks offer a great escape to nature for some community members. For others, the trails are their highway to work. Suffice it to say, there are a lot of bike riders on our trails. Over the past six months, **the department has installed bike repair stations at high traffic locations** at Mirada Surf West, Quarry Park, and Coyote Point.

Future installations are planned for Devil's Slide Trail, Ralston bike path at Cañada Road; Edgewood at Cañada Road, and Sawyer Camp Trail. **Most stations feature a bicycle rack and wrenches, screwdrivers and a tire pump.**

## Work Out of Class Superintendent Program Launched

The Parks Department has launched a career-development program that provides park rangers the opportunity to work as a second superintendent for four months and gain experience in **project and program management, budgeting and community engagement**. Through program presentations, the rangers will learn about working with Board members and park partners, public speaking, and preparing and presenting a Board or Parks Commission agenda item. This is one of the department's efforts to develop and promote talent from within. Learn more about these new manager-level staffers in this report's "new managers" section.





## PROJECTS / INITIATIVES / SUCCESSES

### North Fair Oaks Rezone Update

The Planning Commission recommended that the Board of Supervisors approve the third phase of the NFO Zoning amendments that carry out the Community Plan by adopting an ordinance adding a new CMU-3 zoning district, and amending the M-1/NFO and M-1/Edison/NFO zoning districts, and the proposed amendments to Chapter 29 of the Zoning Regulations, and adopt the proposed rezoning of the described areas in North Fair Oaks to the new and amended zoning designations. The Board hearing is scheduled for July 23. The recommendation includes the following:

**Rezoning of the areas along Middlefield Road**, around Redwood Junction at the crossing of the Caltrain and Dumbarton rail tracks, and along Edison Way currently zoned for commercial and industrial use to a new commercial and residential mixed-use zoning district (CMU-3);

**Rezoning of the areas along Edison Way**, and around Spring Street and Bay Road currently zoned for light industrial use to two new industrial mixed-use districts (comprehensively revising the existing M-1/NFO, and M-1/Edison/NFO districts); and

**Amendments to Chapter 29 of the County Zoning Regulations**, “Design Review and Site Development Permit,” to simplify and clarify the design standards, and to specify the procedures and design standards that apply to different types of projects, and different locations of projects, within the various zoning districts in North Fair Oaks.



# PLANNING & BUILDING / CODE COMPLIANCE

## New Interdepartmental Team Focuses on Distressed Apartments

In May 2019, the Code Compliance and Building Inspection Divisions joined forces with Environmental Health and County Counsel to form the **Distressed Apartment Compliance Team (DACT)**. This team conducts joint inspections and enforcement to increase pressure on recalcitrant property owners to address health and safety violations within specified timelines. Environmental Health will convene the DACT on an as-needed basis when properties in unincorporated areas need additional attention on health and safety violations.

Customarily and on a regular basis, Environmental Health inspects multi-family properties that contain four or more units. When code violations are first noted by Environmental Health officials, the majority of property owners come into compliance within the prescribed timeline. **For those properties that consistently fail to comply with Health and Safety Code requirements, the DACT will jointly inspect the exterior of the property** for health and safety compliance, including, but not limited, to the following:

- Abandoned/inoperable vehicles
- Evidence of rodent harborage/infestation
- Graffiti
- Pools, spas and hot tubs
- Accumulation of rubbish/garbage
- Inadequate weather protection
- Excessive weeds
- Structurally sound
  - ◊ Walls, windows, doors
  - ◊ Chimneys
  - ◊ Decks, balconies, porches, handrails, guardrails

**DACT CASE:** Environmental Health identified **3181 William Avenue in North Fair Oaks** as a property that needs attention by this team. Initially, Supervisor Warren Slocum's office tried contacting the property owner in hopes of voluntary compliance. This method did not produce effective results and the DACT was tasked with enforcing compliance of the Health and Safety violations. In May, the DACT team met with the property owner and noted violations of San Mateo County Building Regulations and the International Property Maintenance Code. **Code Compliance staff will write up a detailed, joint Notice of Violation with input from Environmental Health and Building Inspection.** Progress will be monitored until compliance is achieved.





# PLANNING & BUILDING / CODE COMPLIANCE

## Code Compliance partners with Sheriff's Deputies on Illegal Dumping and Illegal Fireworks

Code Compliance has worked hard on developing relationships with other County departments. To this end, Code Compliance staff has attended morning and evening briefings with Sheriff's Office deputies on both the bayside and coastside of the county. This has resulted in a close reciprocal relationship between the two sections.

One successful partnership occurred last December. **Code compliance partnered with Sheriff's deputies to curb illegal dumping and illegal fireworks in North Fair Oaks** by proactively walking door to door and either speaking with residents or leaving door hangers. Each deputy and/or code officer had



*Code Compliance Officer Hector Carlos speaking with a resident of North Fair Oaks*

handouts and flyers on the illegal discharging of weapons and fireworks. The flyer also included information on the destructive effects of illegal dumping and the substantial fines that can be levied on those that commit the crime of illegal dumping. Since the joint project, both the deputies and code compliance officers report **a decrease in illegal dumping in the North Fair Oaks area.**



*Code Compliance Officer Hector Carlos (up top) and former Code Compliance Officer Yma Garcia going door to door at an apartment in North Fair Oaks*

## Code Compliance: Cases Opened & Closed in Supervisor Districts in FY 18/19

	1st Quarter		2nd Quarter		3rd Quarter		4th Quarter		TOTAL	
District	Q1 Cases Opened	Q1 Cases Closed	Q2 Cases Opened	Q2 Cases Closed	Q3 Cases Opened	Q3 Cases Closed	Q4 Cases Opened	Q4 Cases Closed	Cases Opened	Cases Closed
District 1 Dave Pine	9	11	5	5	7	5			21	21
District 2 Carole Groom	0	0	0	0	0	0			0	0
District 3 Don Horsley	63	38	47	40	46	39			156	117
District 4 Warren Slocum	69	59	46	46	22	46			137	151
District 5 David Canepa	5	8	8	7	8	7			21	22
TOTALS	146	116	106	98	83	97	0	0	335	311



# PROBATION

## PROJECTS / INITIATIVES / SUCCESSES



### Diversion Program Helps at-risk Youth

In 2018, the San Mateo County Probation Department partnered with the City of San Mateo Police Department and their Police Activities League (PAL) for a **juvenile diversion program, targeting at-risk youth ages 11-17 years old**. This six-month program provides youth with individualized plans to address a youth's deviant behavior through a multidisciplinary team comprised of a full-time deputy probation officer, a juvenile detective, a clinician and a caseworker from the local YMCA. Referrals to the program are received from law enforcement, school officials and families and are screened by the assigned juvenile detective. During their time in the program, youth participate in a total of 10 therapy sessions as well as weekly activities that target social issues such as gender identity, community awareness, family reengagement, law enforcement relations, delinquency and truancy. **Youth participate in PAL-sponsored activities such as movie nights, snow trips and leadership academies, among others.** In addition, youth engage in activities that give back to their own communities such as park clean-ups, family nights and adopt-a-drain programs.

**What makes the San Mateo diversion program unique is its holistic approach** to not only address at-risk youth behavior but also family dynamics with parents and caregivers. Parents of youth enrolled in the program are connected to the San Mateo County Probation Department's own parenting program that aims to strengthen family bonds by providing parents with skills and tools that assist them in appropriately managing the behavior of their teens while encouraging adolescent growth toward independence and self-sufficiency.

**This diversion program serves a maximum of 20 youth at any given time** and youth continue to be connected to their service providers for up to six months after graduation.

In May 2019, Probation had the opportunity to sit down with past graduates of the program and hear how it has helped them grow as young adults and improve their relationships with friends and parents.

One graduate, Marianne, and her father Gabriel (pictured on the right), shared their appreciation and gratitude to the County for funding a program that has helped them improve their relationship with each other. In particular, **Gabriel expressed that the diversion program definitely shifted his**

**perspective on how to become a parent**, which is a deviation from the rigid way that his parents raised him. He said he still gets confused sometimes but joked that's only because he's getting old! Watch the full video here: [https://youtu.be/m4TS\\_fdkHSU](https://youtu.be/m4TS_fdkHSU)



The Probation Department hopes to expand its partnership with other local law enforcement agencies throughout the county to serve more children and their families.



# PROBATION



## Institutions Division

### Juvenile Hall

Week Ending	5/3	5/10	5/17	5/24	5/31
<b>Juvenile Hall Population</b>	56	63	62	60	65
<b>Boys</b>	48	53	48	50	54
<b>Girls</b>	3	10	14	10	11

### Recurring Weekly Programs by Group Supervisor Staff

Program	Location
Sports Skills & Techniques Program	Forrest 3 & Pine 5
Cognitive Skills	Forrest 3
Essay Program/Becoming a Man Program	Forrest 3
Girls Circle	Pine 4
Girls Rock	Pine 4
Bold and Beautiful	Pine 4
Garden Program	Pine 5
Picnic, Etiquette, Cooking/Nutrition, Game Night, Karaoke	Pine 4 (Conducted Monthly)

### Recurring Weekly Programs by Service Providers

A Brighter Day-Work Skills	Library/Book Club
AA & NA	Shine Program
Art of YOGA	Alive & Free
Bible Study	Rape Trauma Services
FLY: Fresh Lifelines for Youth	MBA: Mind Body Awareness

# PROBATION

## SNAPSHOTS



### JUVENILE DIVISION *as of April 2019*

#### CAMP KEMP

6 Residents | 12 additional students

#### GANG INTENSIVE UNIT

20 Youths/subjects

#### ASSESSMENT CENTER

17 Bookings

### ADULT DIVISION — SPECIALTY COURT GRADUATES/ALUMNI *as of April 2019*

#### BRIDGES

17

#### PATHWAYS

110

#### VETERANS

43

#### MILITARY DIVERSION

22

### ADULT DIVISION — REDWOOD CITY INTENSIVE SUPERVISION *as of April 2019*

#### RWC INTENSIVE UNIT FIELD OPERATION

**350:** Total offenders under Intensive Supervision  
**40:** Home Visits  
**0:** Arrests

#### COURT WORK PROGRAM STATS

Number of active cases:  
  
209

#### RESTITUTION COURT

**\$3,750** was collected from defendants who appeared in Restitution Court  
**\$1,650** was collected from defendants who avoided going to Restitution Court



## FUTURE DIRECTION



- **Fall 2019:** Launch of the Phoenix Reentry Program (PREP). PREP will provide a seamless transition for youth from the institution to their communities through intensive case management and connections to programs and services such as mediation, health screening and mentoring.





## PROJECTS / INITIATIVES / SUCCESSES



### SKYLONDA FIRE STATION #58



The existing Skylonda Fire Station, located on Skyline Boulevard, is **the last of the original County fire stations, having been constructed in the 1930s.** Following a needs assessment, it was determined (not surprisingly) that the near 90-year-old station had outlived its useful life and that living and working conditions and performance could be improved by **construction of a new station.** The first phase of the station replacement project, which will result in occupancy, is nearly complete with **occupancy anticipated during August 2019.** An additional project phase that

includes demolition of the old station, landscaping, and construction of a new accessory building is slated for completion late 2019 to early 2020.

### REGIONAL OPERATIONS CENTER (ROC)

Once completed, the ROC, which is located on the County Center campus across from the existing parking structure, **will house 9-1-1 Public Safety Dispatch, an Emergency Operations Center, and the Office of Emergency Services.** Constructed to the highest seismic standards, it will be a hub for public safety responders in the aftermath of catastrophic events. Current work included final interior finishes, site work, and building systems testing. Build out of the data center, which involves installation and configuration of County technology equipment, is scheduled to begin early July. The project is currently slated for completion during September 2019, with a grand opening preceding occupancy.



### ANIMAL SHELTER



Construction at Coyote Point of a new Animal Shelter, to replace the existing shelter constructed in the early 1950s, continues to progress smoothly. Vertical wood framing, masonry, and installation of the roof truss system have all been completed. Early mechanical, electrical, plumbing, and fire sprinkler installation is underway. Based on the latest schedule prepared by F & H Construction, the Phase 1 Temporary Certificate of Occupancy (TCO) is scheduled to be issued in February 2020. **The final completion date for Phase 2 is scheduled**

**for May 2020,** depending upon winter weather conditions and other potential delays. Once completed, the new shelter will embrace current best practices for animal care services and provide limited community, clinic, and administrative services.





## LATHROP HOUSE



In May, the Lathrop House, built in 1863 and listed on the National Register of Places, was lifted from its footings at County Center and moved across the street to its new location at the rear of the historic courthouse. The home completed the journey fully intact and, following some minor touch ups, was lowered onto its new foundation. On July 10, 2019, steel beams were removed (necessitating temporary street closure) and the building was lowered into place. A short time-lapse video showing the relocation can be found at [http://bit.ly/lathrop\\_move](http://bit.ly/lathrop_move).

## PARKING STRUCTURE 2

The new parking structure, to be located at the former jury parking lot, will add **1,022 additional parking stalls over seven levels**. Design is complete, temporary fencing has been placed around the site, and preparations for construction are underway. In early July, a noise barrier will be installed to mitigate construction noise at sensitive receptors. Site preparation, including ground work, will begin following construction of the noise barrier. During construction, access from Winslow Street to the existing garage will be closed, though access for daycare drop-off and pick-up will remain open. **The estimated completion date for the project is the end of 2020.**



## SAN MATEO HEALTH CAMPUS



The San Mateo County Health Campus project includes renovation of a nursing wing and central plant, relocation of DPW facilities, an MRI Trailer and Dental Van, and demolition and replacement of a seismically outdated 1950s-era health administration building. The project also includes changes to the campus landscaping to improve navigation. As part of the project, 300 Health employees will be relocated to

County Center. The project is currently underway and will proceed in multiple phases with an **estimated completion for the final phase June 2022.**



## COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING 3



County Office Building 3 will be located on the lot across from the Hall of Justice. Once completed, the raised building will have multiple above-grade levels **housing approximately 600 County employees**. The ground level will contain open space and multiple enclosed pavilions, including a pavilion housing the Board of Supervisors chambers. The building is being constructed to meet

County Green Building Standards, including **Zero Net Energy**. A demolition permit has been issued and demolition will begin following the construction of a sound wall to mitigate construction noise at sensitive receptors including the Hall of Justice. Design of the building is nearly complete and will finalize concurrent with site preparation. **The project is slated for completion in 2022.**

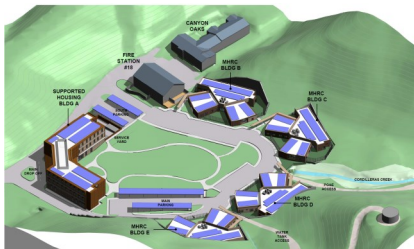
## SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO HEALTH CAMPUS

The South San Francisco Health Campus, to be located on County property at or near 1050 Mission Street, will serve as a hub to provide area residents, many of whom utilize County services, **a range of healthcare services at one convenient easily accessible location**. Smith Group has been selected as the architect and has developed several early renderings, including the one to the right. The construction manager, XL Construction, has also been selected and their contract is pending finalization and Board approval. A study session that includes this project will be held on Sep. 17. Although early in the process, the current **estimated completion date is late 2021.**



## CORDILLERAS MENTAL HEALTH FACILITY

This Cordilleras Mental Health Facility **will replace a 117-bed facility originally constructed in 1952** as a tuberculosis ward repurposed into a mental health facility. The project will replace these beds, and add several more, through construction of four small (16-resident mental health rehabilitation centers) and one larger residential facility. The Cordilleras **project continues to progress at a rapid pace**. The design continues to evolve, and issues are resolved efficiently and effectively. PDU met with mid-pen and Real Property Services to review the outfall scope of work off the County parcel. The EIR process is the focus and the Data Request milestone has been met. The PDU



coordinated and received confirmation from Cal Fire regarding the Schematic Design proposed water tank access road. **The Health Systems end users and ISD team are actively involved** as the detailed design components continue to evolve. An updated draft schedule has been provided which shows mobilization slated for Q1 2020 and final hardscape site work Q4 2022. A study session that includes this project will be held on September 17.





## PROJECTS / INITIATIVES / SUCCESSES

### CAD Vendor Trains Staff, Partners

The new Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system implementation is progressing rapidly, thanks in large part to the vendor (Versaterm) providing several weeklong, in-depth sessions with staff and first responder partners. Additionally, Geographic Information Systems (GIS) updates and information files are being rolled out as quickly as our contractors and staff can type them in as well. The myriad of systems, including the Deccan “move and cover” application for ambulances and fire units should work together smoothly with the **new, high-tech CAD**.

Stakeholders from Fire Services, Emergency Medical Services, Law and American Medical Response (the County’s ambulance provider) were on hand to give input and receive instruction on the new system.

### New Assistant Director Named

After an extensive testing process, PSC’s executive team selected **Natasha Claire-Espino** to become the next assistant director after the current AD **Sue Anderson retires early next year**.

Natasha will work alongside Sue in a double fill capacity until then so the department will have a seamless transition.

**Natasha has over 24 years of experience** at PSC serving in every capacity from administration to dispatcher, supervisor and program services manager. She is passionate about maintaining our high standards and is highly regarded by our partner agencies. She holds a BS in emergency management and is currently working on a master’s in public administration with a focus on organizational management.



*Assistant Director  
Natasha Claire-Espino*



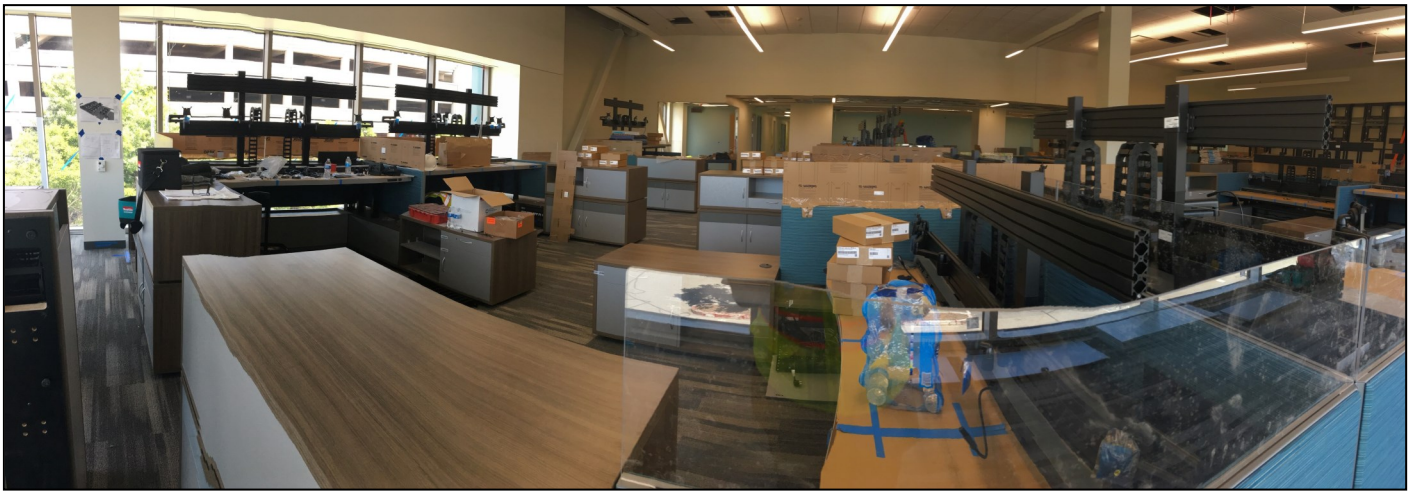
*One of several weeklong seminars  
for the new CAD system*



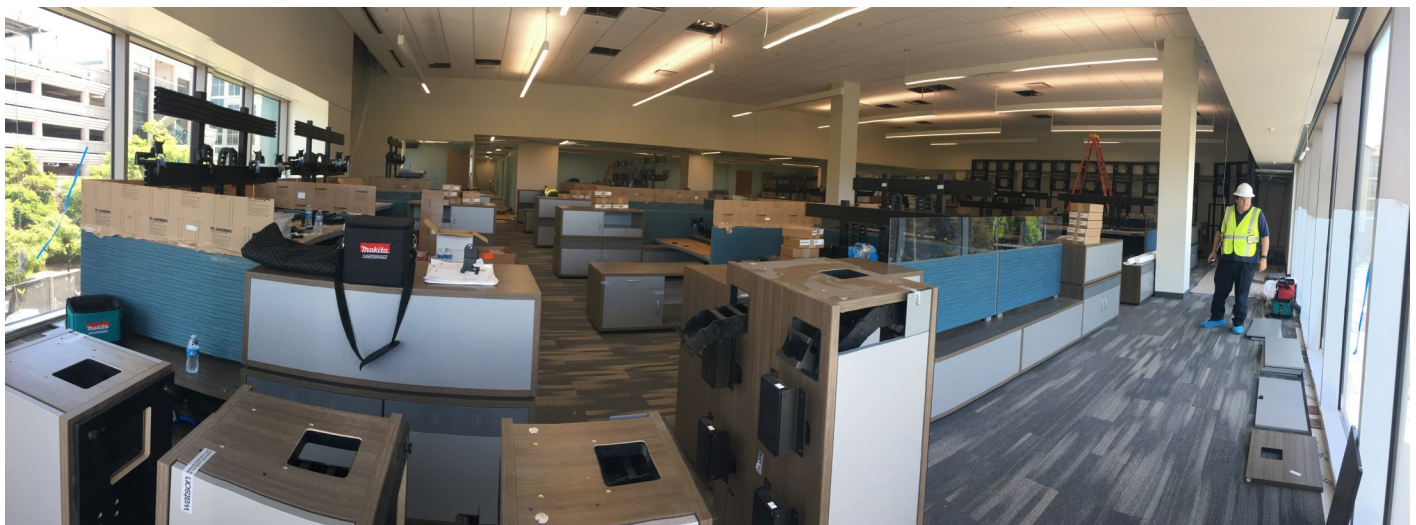


## Dispatch Outfits New Space in Regional Operations Center (ROC)

Despite some delays, the Regional Operations Center gets nearer and nearer to completion. The new dispatch console furniture has been installed and will soon have the computer monitors added. There will be two rows of monitors with a total of nine monitors per console. The monitor arms on the lower row are adjustable so that they can be pulled towards the dispatcher for ease of use.



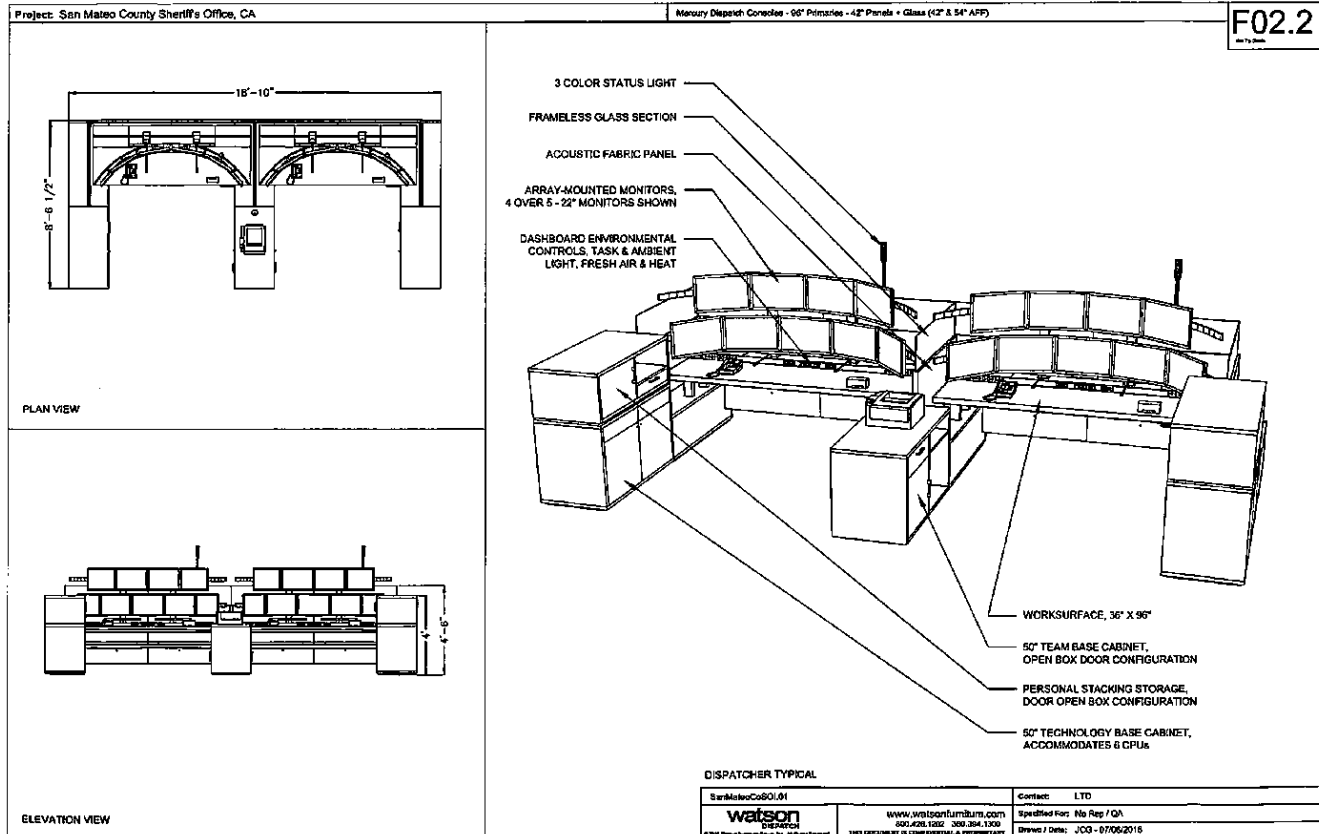
*The new console furniture is in!*



*Windows, light, space – it's a whole new world for Public Safety Communications*



## Regional Operations Center (ROC), *continued*



*A schematic plan for the console monitors. This setup will give the dispatcher eyes on everything.*

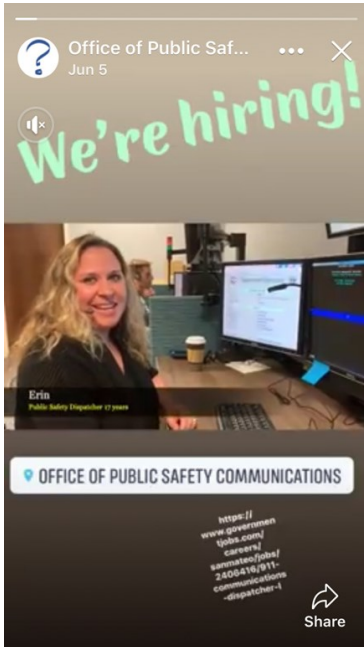
## PSC Prioritizing Recruitment, Training

PSC continues high-priority efforts to hire and train new calltakers and dispatchers. The department completed a five-week Fire Dispatching academy with three new controllers ready to move into on-the-job training to learn how to efficiently and safely dispatch fire personnel and equipment. Recruitment has gone into high gear, with continuous job postings, acceptance of applications, interviewing and hiring. The department, with generous assistance of the Sheriff's Office Public Information Officer, Detective Rosemerry Blankswade, and under the guidance of our department Communications Training Officers, began a social media campaign designed to reach recruits via Facebook and Twitter.





## Training, Staffing and Personnel Update, *continued*



*Dispatcher of the Year  
Erin Haggarty in recruitment  
Facebook Story*

National Public Safety Telecommunications Week was a big success in April. The department's **client agencies came out in** force to support our dedicated dispatch professionals. They sent cards, letters, made personal visits, brought terrific gifts of food and useful items for our new center. The dispatchers celebrated each other with theme days: Hawaiian Day, Sports Day and even Pajama Day, where they had breakfast for dinner. The department culminated the week by selecting **Erin Haggarty as Dispatcher of the Year**.

Two PSC dispatchers were honored during Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Week. **Laurie Armstrong**, who recently retired after 30 years of service to the community as a dispatcher, a supervisor, a peer support professional and law enforcement liaison, and who continues with PSC as a Relief Dispatcher, was awarded a



Lifetime Achievement Award. Dispatcher **Derrick Harp** received honors for Incident Excellence for his role in saving the life of a young man.



*Derrick Harp (second from right) and the life-saving Incident Team*



## Training, Staffing and Personnel Update, *continued*

During (EMS) Week, Chief Patrick Hensley and Captain John Gamez, command staff of Daly City Police Department, presented a commendation to PSC Law Dispatchers who skillfully handled a call involving a man with a gun in March. Law Specialist James Vincent and Supervisor Jennifer Key were calltakers, and Law Specialist Chantelli Elmore-Reader was the dispatcher on the call.



*Daly City Police Chief Hensley, Dispatcher James Vincent with commendation, and Captain Gamez*







## PROJECTS / INITIATIVES / SUCCESSES

### Engineering Services

#### Middlefield Road Utility Undergrounding/Road/Signal Improvements

The project limits for roadway improvements are from approximately Fifth Avenue to Pacific Avenue in the North Fair Oaks Area. **The roadway work includes: buffered bike lanes, 35-foot tree spacing, bulb-outs at every street corner, and 12-foot wide sidewalks.** The project also includes placing the overhead utility wires underground, including facilities owned by PG&E, Comcast, and AT&T. The County will be constructing public WiFi, and approval from the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission and the Southern Pacific Railroad are elements of the project. **The project also includes the reconfiguration of the driveway that provides access to the health clinic and Redwood Junction** as required by the railroad due to its proximity to the railroad tracks. This work will require modifications to the stormwater treatment features (green infrastructure) that was constructed as a requirement of the clinic construction and easements on the clinic property.

Placing PG&E's facilities underground will be paid for by Rule 20A funds. PG&E believes the County has insufficient Rule 20A funds for the project and the County will need to purchase approximately \$1 million in Rule 20A credits from another agency. DPW has reached out to Solano County who has excess Rule 20A credits and is beginning negotiations to purchase the credit.

**DPW is working to commence construction in Spring 2020.**



*Graphical representation of the proposed roadway (Middlefield Road).*



## Mirada Road Bridge – Miramar Area

Mirada Road in the Miramar Area is adjacent to the Pacific Ocean. DPW is working on a project to **replace the deteriorating pedestrian/bicycle bridge over Arroyo de en Medio and reinforce the banks adjacent to the bridge**. DPW submitted a request for funding through the County's FY 2019-21 Capital Improvement Plan process for construction of a replacement bridge, which was not included in the final budget recommendations. DPW also **submitted a grant application for this project to the State Division of Boating and Waterways**, which is still under review. Should funding for construction of a new bridge not be secured, the bridge will need to be closed within the next one to two years for safety reasons.



## Flood and Sea Level Rise Resiliency District (FSLRRD)

**The County and 20 cities have endorsed the FSLRRD as proposed.** Both the City/County Association of Governments (C/CAG) and the County formed a “Board in Waiting” for the new agency. The seven member seats are filled as follows: five seats are appointed by C/CAG for elected officials from the 20 city and town councils in San Mateo County and two seats for the County Board of Supervisors that it appoints. One of the city/town council seats is at-large and the other four represent specific geographic areas of the county. These seats are defined as:

- At-large (applicable to all 20 cities and towns)
- Northern (Brisbane, Colma, South San Francisco, San Bruno, Millbrae, and Burlingame)
- Central (Hillsborough, San Mateo, Foster City, Belmont, and San Carlos)
- Southern (Redwood City, Menlo Park, East Palo Alto, Atherton, Woodside, and Portola Valley)
- Coastal (Daly City, Pacifica, and Half Moon Bay)



## **County Service Area 11 (Pescadero Water System) Waterline Extension to the Pescadero High School and Proposed Pescadero Fire Station**

DPW has been directed to extend CSA 11 water service to Pescadero High School and the proposed Pescadero Fire Station on Butano cut off road. DPW has been working with the Local Agency Formation Commission, Planning and Building, the Project Development Unit, and County Counsel to prepare a project description for all work included in the waterline extension, fire station, and any improvements to the school. Supervisor Don Horsley has been pursuing grant funding with the State Division of Drinking Water for portions of this work. The County will likely be working with Sacramento State University on the design and environmental phases of the project subject to approval of the grant.

## **Road Services Division**

### **B Street Cleanup – Completed March 13, 2019**

The County of San Mateo maintains a pedestrian walkway west of El Camino Real in the Daly City/Colma area. Facilities along the walkway have become frequent targets of graffiti. Dense vegetation had separated the walkway from a privately maintained segment of B Street which became a dumping ground and supported informal homeless encampments.

The County's Road Division worked closely this past quarter with the County's Office of Community Affairs, the County's HOT team and the Code Enforcement Division within the Planning and Building Department to first have a responsible property owner clear out portions of an informal construction dump site. The property owner then removed remaining debris, cleared out informal living quarters, regraded the area and thinned vegetation to create a visually appealing open space with County crews.

Grading and vegetation removal work took place March 13, 2019 and DPW's Facilities team subsequently painted over graffiti on light poles and surrounding facilities.

Consideration is being given to potential future development of the site in a way that creates a community space. In the meantime, the area is being actively monitored and commonly used pedestrian access to nearby BART facilities have been restored as areas where pedestrians can feel comfortable while accessing local transit.



**BEFORE**

*Encroachment, illegal dumping, homeless encampment, overgrown vegetation*



**AFTER**





## Airports Division

### 670 Airport Way Hangar Renovation

The project involves abatement and demolition of the existing office and two-story wooden structure attached to hangar. A portion of the hangar is being renovated to accommodate office space with an ADA bathroom. The office space is designed to be open and flexible for future tenants with all new HVAC, plumbing, and electrical in the office area. Design and permitting are completed. A JOC contract was awarded to perform the construction. Construction started March 4, 2019 and abatement and demolition are completed. Construction was delayed due to rain. The contractor is now awaiting delivery of siding and roofing materials. Once received, the roof and siding work will be completed within two weeks. Following the roof and siding portion of the project, the remaining **construction work is estimated to be complete by August 2019.**





## Capital Projects Division

### Elections Registration Refresh Project

As part of FY 17-18 CIP, funding in the amount of **\$1.1M was approved to conduct a feasibility study and replace the emergency generator to power the entire facility and sufficient fuel supply for 72 hours.** The assessment completed in December 2017 recommended several improvements and phasing plan to meet the state mandates for election voting process and operation. During this same period, design of a replacement generator was completed and permitted through County Planning and Building. The Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) permit process is in progress.

As of part of September revisions FY 18-19, funding in the amount of **\$3M was approved to undertake the Vote-By-Mail (VBM) Expansion** phase in anticipation of the increase in Vote-By-Mail. MWA Architects, contracted to perform design, and recently completed 100 percent construction documents that were submitted for permitting on January 31, 2019.

All original permitting review comments have been addressed. However, there were second round comments which are being responded to. **Construction is expected to start in July 2019 and be completed by December 2019** in preparation for the 2020 presidential election.

### Radio Shop

DPW is currently in the programing phase and is **developing the footprint and space needs of new building to house the Radio Shop**, which currently leases space on Marshall Street. Several early potential locations have been reviewed with stake holders and department leadership. A location near Grant Yard in Redwood City has been identified as the most favorable site for the two-story structure. Project work began in Q1 2019, including programing, fit, design and preparation of CEQA documents. Ongoing conversations and design reviews between DPW and ISD are occurring to ensure that the preliminary design suits the functional needs of the facility.

### Safe Harbor Homeless Shelter Renovation

This project began as two separate projects involving **improvements to the HVAC system** to the case worker offices and performing **tenant improvements to add more shelter beds**. The initial proposals received for the HVAC work were double the engineers estimate. Value engineering work occurred to combine the two projects and coordinate the HVAC work for the case worker offices with the shelter bed expansion project. DPW also worked with its JOC contractor through the plan modification process to get their input to minimize overall project costs. The latest round of plan-check comments from Building have been addressed and plans are being resubmitted for permit. **Construction is expected to begin early this summer.**



# SHERIFF'S OFFICE



## PROJECTS / INITIATIVES / SUCCESSES

### Community Connections

(January 1 - March 31, 2019)

#### Community Magazine

As part of our continued efforts to increase community engagement, the Sheriff's Office launched its inaugural issue of the ***Sheriff's Office Magazine***. The Sheriff's Office has always placed great importance on its relationships with residents, businesses, and organizations throughout the county. The magazine will be produced semi-annually for the communities we serve as a way to keep the informed of "what the Sheriff's Office is up to"; provide useful, relevant crime prevention and safety tips; and announce upcoming Sheriff's Office events.

#### Bike Rodeo

The Millbrae Patrol Bureau hosted a Bike Rodeo in Millbrae which drew more than 600 attendees. This event was a collaborative effort between the city, the patrol bureau, and the Sheriff's Activities League.



#### Coffee with Deputies

The Sheriff's Office hosted one "Coffee with Deputies" event, holding conversations with more than 20 community members.

#### Donuts with Deputies

The Sheriff's Office hosted four "Donuts with Deputies" events where Deputies met with parents at local elementary schools. These events gave parents an opportunity to build relationships with our deputies by asking questions and voicing concerns.

#### Cocoa with Deputies

The Sheriff's Office hosted a total of five "Cocoa with Deputies" events at the following schools: Taylor Middle School, Tierra Linda School, Woodside High School, Everest High School, and Half Moon Bay High School. Approximately 2,700 students were provided hot cocoa, chocolate chip cookies, and doughnut holes. This was a great opportunity for students to interact and get to know their local law enforcement officers.



#### Community Basketball Games

Deputies participated in two community basketball games.

These events were sold out and had an attendance of approximately 700 people.



# SHERIFF'S OFFICE



## Community Programs

### SAL (Sheriff's Activities League)



Deputies took approximately 30 kids to attend the Police Activities League of the **East Coast Conference in New York City**. None of the kids had ever been to New York and many had never flown on an airplane. The kids were able to explore all that New York has to offer.

Deputies took approximately **40 youth to the California Police Activities League Conference in Los Angeles** where they enjoyed a **fun-filled day at Disneyland**. For many this was the first time visiting the park. We are so grateful to our partners for helping us better serve our community and take our teens to the happiest place on earth.



The Sheriff's Activities League partnered with Second Harvest Food Bank to host a **nutrition class for first and second-graders**.



### CARON (Community Alliance to Revitalize Our Neighborhood)

CARON hosted the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Leadership Breakfast Coalition for Safe Schools and Communities. This event spotlights innovation and strengthens cross agency partnerships focused on school and community safety.

### Immigration Forum

CARON hosted one Immigration Forum that was attended by over 50 community members. The Forum provided resources, services, and support for the immigrant population.

### Workshop with Day Laborers

In partnership with the Multicultural Institute, CARON hosted three workshops with day laborers. The workshops were attended by more than 70 community members.

# SHERIFF'S OFFICE



## Calls for Service:

8,877



## K-9 Unit:

Request for K-9 Service: 35  
Building Searches: 11  
Suspect Apprehensions: 5



## Investigations:

New Cases Assigned: 1,623  
Cases Forwarded to the District  
Attorney's Office: 1,064  
Cases Investigated & Closed: 688  
Missing Persons Reported: 52  
Missing Persons Closed: 52



## Records:

Online Reports Accepted: 124  
Public Records Act Requests: 16  
Records Counter Contacts: 6,800  
(appx.)  
Number of Restraining Orders  
Entered or Updated: 1,865



## Traffic Safety:

Traffic Collision Reports: 121  
Traffic Citations: 5,582  
DUI Arrests: 72  
Injury Collisions: 46  
Non-Injury Collisions: 75  
Fatal Collisions: 1



## Parking Enforcement:

Parking Citations: 9,890



## Property:

Items Booked into Property: 5,096  
Items Returned to Owners: 285  
Fingerprint Services Provided: 672  
Controlled Substances and  
Paraphernalia Destroyed: 1,640 pounds



## FUTURE DIRECTION



### Strategic Goals

#### 1: Body-Worn Cameras

**Goal:** Full deployment and training of body-worn cameras for all sworn staff.

**Projected Completion Date:** July 2019

#### 2: Public Safety

**Goal:** Continue to focus on effective use of data analytics, Intelligence Led Policing, and technology to enhance public safety.

#### 3: Community Programs

**Goal:** Maintain strong community programs and services that continue to strengthen relationships and build trust between the Sheriff's Office and the communities we serve.

#### 4: Recruitment

**Goal:** Continue a progressive recruitment program that shares the values and vision of the community and the Sheriff's Office to attract top quality candidates.



## HONORS

### **2019 Second Quarter Awards**

#### **Medal of Honor**

Deputy Carryn Barker  
Deputy Daniel Contreras

#### **Medal of Lifesaving**

Deputy John Barrett  
Deputy Steven Johnson

#### **Medal of Valor**

Detective Patrick Taylor

#### **Medal of Distinguished Service**

Sergeant David Padilla  
Detective Gaby Chaghouri  
Detective Kyle Paterson  
Deputy Kevin Giovannoni  
Deputy Brian Lunny  
Deputy Shawn Chase

#### **Sheriff's Commendation Certificate**

Correctional Officer William Torres







## 2019 Second Quarter Legislative Update

The months of April, May and June have been busy ones for the State Legislature as lawmakers worked to meet several crucial deadlines, specifically the May 31 House of Origin deadline on legislation and the June 15 Budget Bill deadline. Approximately 2,686 bills remain of the 2,900 introduced at the end of February. These measures — now in the Second House — will need to advance through a new series of procedural deadlines to meet the September 13 deadline for all bills to be passed.

The following report provides your Board with a comprehensive list of bills that have been identified as having a potential impact to County operations, programs and services. In addition to our County-sponsored measures, the list includes 116 bills — 46 of which are housing-related — which the County Manager's Office (CMO) is monitoring. Also included are copies of County Board position letters on numerous bills on which the County has acted.

Assembly Bill 825 (Mullin), the County's sponsored bill which would create the new Flood and Sea Level Rise Resiliency Agency, continues to make good progress and is scheduled to be heard in the Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee on July 9. The CMO is hopeful that the measure will be placed on the Committee's consent calendar as it has been roundly supported by our cities, and, once approved, move to the Senate Appropriations Committee for action. The bill would then go back to the Assembly for a concurrence vote (due to amendments made in the Senate at the request of the County) and then to the governor for signature. The CMO and our state advocates continue to work closely with Assemblymember Mullin's office and legislative staff to ensure that the bill is chaptered.

In addition to AB 825, the County recently acted to support SB 128 (Beall). This measure would extend the best value construction contracting pilot, of which San Mateo County is a part, to January 1, 2025. The County was first added to this pilot program in 2017 through SB 793 (Hill, Chapter 627, Statutes of 2017). Best value allows construction projects (in excess of \$1 million) to be awarded to the contractor offering the best combination of price and qualifications, instead of the lowest bid. While the County has not used this procurement method to-date, staff would like to retain this tool as an option going forward particularly as the Project Development Unit undertakes the County's ambitious five-year capital improvement plan. Joining construction manager at-risk and design-bid-build, best value construction would provide an alternative project delivery method option to the County to help reduce the cost of County construction projects.

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## 2019 Second Quarter Legislative Update, *continued*

The County's advocacy team also worked closely with the Private Defender Program (PDP) to secure an exemption from AB 5, the so-called "Dynamex" bill authored by Assemblymember Lorena Gonzalez, for attorneys under contract with the PDP. AB 5 seeks to rewrite the rules for when a worker is deemed an official employee by presuming a worker is an employee unless a hiring entity satisfies a three-factor test, expect for a specified list of workers. The secured amendment would exempt employees "performing work under a contract for professional services" such as the PDP's attorneys.

The County also recently issued an oppose unless amended position letter for SB 144 by Senator Holly Mitchell which proposes to (1) eliminate several dozen provisions that authorize counties and local courts to assess various fees related to operation of the criminal justice system, and (2) vacate all associated debt for previously levied fees. While the County does not oppose legislative actions that would lessen the financial burdens associated with fees levied on adults in the criminal justice system, particularly those who can least afford it, it is very concerned about the lack an acknowledgement and close assessment of the fiscal impacts associated with fee elimination to county services, as well as a lack of an accompanying backfill to compensate counties for revenue loss. On July 3, 2019 the CMO was notified that Senator Mitchell had decided to make SB 144 a two-year bill, thus not moving the bill forward this session. The CMO will continue to work with the Probation Department, Sheriff's Office, Revenue Services, and our state associations to find an amenable solution throughout the rest of this year and next.

In the area of state budget matters, the report includes copies of correspondence requesting funding in several areas of importance to the County. Most notably are the coalition letters requesting a direct allocation of \$650 million to counties for homelessness funding and expanded spending on early childhood education and services. Finally, and at the federal level, the County submitted comments opposing efforts by the Office of Management and Budget to change the Official Poverty Measure and to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (via the County's Housing Authority) to a proposed rule to change its regulation determining how to provide rental subsidies to "mixed families" or households comprised of individuals both with and without eligible citizenship status.

Starting July 12, the State Legislature will begin their month-long Summer Recess, and reconvene on August 12. The Legislature will then have until September 13 to act on all bills and the Governor until October 13 to sign or veto bills passed by the September 13 deadline. The CMO will provide your Board with a comprehensive update on the status of all the bills the County is tracking and acted on in the next Quarterly Report.

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- Indicates that a position letter has been sent on behalf of the Board of Supervisors
- \*\* Indicates that a position letter has been sent by the California State Association of Counties and/or the Urban Counties of California that reflects the County's position on the bill.
- ◆ Indicates the Board of Supervisors has signed on to a coalition letter on the measure.

**As of July 3, 2019**

**County Sponsored or Priority State Legislation**

Bill Number & Author	Description	Position	Status
<b>AB 738 (Mullin)</b>	<b>Regional housing needs allocation</b> Would establish a San Mateo County pilot allowing its jurisdictions to report on, and receive credit for, contributing housing funds to another jurisdiction that results in the issuance of entitlements, building permits, and certificates of occupancy in that jurisdictions on their annual Housing Element Annual Progress Reports, if both entities agree. By providing formal recognition for cooperative efforts across jurisdictional boundaries, the measure aims to deploy local housing funds more strategically and produce housing more quickly in the County.	Sponsor*	A—2-year bill



### County Sponsored or Priority State Legislation, *continued*

Bill Number & Author	Description	Position	Status
<b>AB 825 (Mullin)</b>	<b>San Mateo County Flood Control District</b> Would replace the existing San Mateo County Flood Control District with the “Flood and Sea Level Rise Resiliency Agency” beginning January 1, 2020 to enable additional water related activities and jurisdictional areas. Would also change the governance from the Board of Supervisors to a seven-member board consisting of five city and two Board members, and clarify funding/financing authorities to reflect current state regulations/constitutional restrictions. The Agency’s mission and role would be to address sea level rise, flooding, coastal erosion, and large-scale stormwater infrastructure improvements.	Sponsor*	S—Natural Resources

### Elections

Bill Number & Author	Description	Position	Status
<b>AB 1704 (Mullin)</b>	<b>Elections: all-mailed ballots elections</b> Would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to current law that conduct any election as an all-mailed ballot.	Watch	A—2-year bill

### Energy

Bill Number & Author	Description	Position	Status
<b>SB 155 (Bradford)</b>	<b>California Renewables Portfolio Standard Program: integrated resource plans</b> Would require the CPUC to review a load-serving entities (LSEs) annual renewals portfolio standard (RPS) compliance report and notify LSEs that may be at-risk of not satisfying the renewable procurement requirements for the then-current or future RPS compliance period, and to provide recommendations in that circumstance regarding satisfying those requirements.	Oppose*	A—Natural Resources

## Environment

Bill Number & Author	Description	Position	Status
<b>AB 470 (Limon)</b>	<b>California Green Business Program</b> Establishes the California Green Business Program within CalEPA to provide support and assistance to green business certification programs operated by local governments to certify small- and medium-sized businesses that voluntarily adopt environmentally preferable business practices.	Support*	A—2-year bill
<b>AB 782 (Berman)</b>	<b>California Environmental Quality Act: exemption: public agencies: property transfers</b> Would exempt from CEQA the acquisition, sale or other transfer of property by a public agency for certain purposes, or the funding of that acquisition, sale or other transfer by a public agency, if the public agency conditions those transactions on compliance with CEQA before making physical changes to the transferred property.	Watch	S—Consent Calendar
<b>AB 1509 (Mullin &amp; Berman)</b>	<b>Solid waste: lithium-ion batteries</b> Would establish the Lithium-Ion Battery Recycling Program within the California Department of Resources, Recycling and Recovery that requires manufacturers of lithium-ion batteries to provide convenient collection, transportation, and disposal of lithium-ion batteries.	Support*	S—Environmental Quality
<b>SB 576 (Umberg)</b>	<b>Coastal resources: Climate Ready Program and coastal climate change adaptation, infrastructure, and readiness program</b> Would require the State Coastal Conservancy to develop and implement a coastal climate change adaptation, infrastructure, and readiness program designed to improve the climate change resiliency of the state's coastal communities.	Watch	A—Natural Resources

## Childcare & Early Learning

Bill Number & Author	Description	Position	Status
<b>AB 452 (Mullin)</b>	<b>Childcare: early childhood programs: grant</b> Would establish the California Childcare Facilities Grant Fund and require the California Department of Education to provide grants, subject to available, for the construction of new childcare centers that serve children in subsidized childcare programs, as well as renovation, repair and modernization of family childcare homes.	Watch	S—Education
<b>AB 1001 (Ting)</b>	<b>Childcare: local planning</b> Would standardize the needs assessment, linking K12 investments in programs serving the 0-12 population, and adding the requirement that planning bodies identify local investment priorities.	Support ♦	S—Human Services

## Child Support

Bill Number & Author	Description	Position	Status
<b>SB 337 (Skinner)</b>	<b>Child support</b> Would require that all child support collected in a month be paid to the recipient and prohibit that it be considered income or resources and deducted from the amount of aid the family would otherwise be eligible.	Watch	A—Appropriations
<b>AB 1091 (Jones-Sawyer)</b>	<b>Child support: suspension</b> Would extend and modify an existing program that allows for the suspension of child support payments when an individual is incarcerated or involuntarily institutionalized for more than 90 days.	Watch	A—2-year bill
<b>AB 1092 (Jones-Sawyer)</b>	<b>Child support: enforcement</b> Would prohibit the Department of Child Support Services and local child support agencies from charging interest on the principal amount of a child support delinquency that is owed at a rate higher than is required by federal law.	Watch	S—Appropriations

## Health, Hospitals and Mental Health

Bill Number & Author	Description	Position	Status
<b>SB 29 (Durazo)</b>	<b>Medi-Cal: eligibility</b> Would extend full-scope Medi-Cal benefits to undocumented adults age 19 and above who are otherwise eligible for those benefits but for their immigration status.	Watch	A—Health
<b>SB 175 (Pan)</b>	<b>Healthcare coverage: minimum essential coverage</b> Would require California residents, and their dependents, to carry health insurance and impose a penalty for failure to maintain minimum essential coverage.	Watch	S—2-year bill
<b>SB 438 (Hertzberg)</b>	<b>Emergency medical services: dispatch</b> Would restrict the use of non-governmental operated safety answering points, including 9-1-1 EMS dispatch centers, and would circumvent the existing oversight of LEMSA medical directors.	Oppose*	A—Health
<b>AB 4 (Arambula)</b>	<b>Medi-Cal: eligibility</b> Would extend eligibility for full-scope Medi-Cal benefits to individuals of all ages, regardless of their immigration status.	Watch	S—Health
<b>AB 70 (Berman)</b>	<b>Mental health in schools</b> Would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would support youth mental health in schools.	Watch	A—2-year bill
<b>AB 377 (Garcia)</b>	<b>Microenterprise home kitchen operations</b> Would modify the conditions for a city and county to permit microenterprise home kitchen operations within its jurisdiction, require an enforcement agency to annually report specified information about the operations within its jurisdiction, and modify the food safety standards applicable to microenterprise home kitchen operations, among other things.	Watch	S—Appropriations



## Health, Hospitals and Mental Health, *continued*

Bill Number & Author	Description	Position	Status
<b>AB 414 (Bonta)</b>	<b>Healthcare coverage: minimum essential coverage</b> Would require California residents, and their dependents, to carry health insurance and impose a penalty for failure to maintain minimum essential coverage.	Watch	S—Health
<b>AB 512 (Ting)</b>	<b>Medi-Cal: specialty mental health services</b> Would require each mental health plan to prepare a cultural competency assessment plan to address disparities in access, utilization, and outcomes by race, ethnicity, language, sexual orientation, gender identity, and immigration status.	Watch	S—Health
<b>AB 577 (Eggman)</b>	<b>Medi-Cal: maternal mental health</b> Would extend Medi-Cal postpartum care for up to one year beginning on the last day of the pregnancy for an eligible individual diagnosed with a maternal mental health condition.	Watch	S—Health
<b>AB 980 (Kalra)</b>	<b>Department of Motor Vehicles: records: confidentiality</b> Would make confidential, upon request, a person's home address in the records of the DMV if the person is a county public guardian, county public conservator or county public administrator or staff member of such offices.	Support*	A—2-year bill
<b>AB 1352 (Waldron)</b>	<b>Community mental health services: mental health boards</b> Would require a mental health board to report directly to the Board of Supervisors, bypassing the county Behavioral Health Director, and have the authority to review and evaluate the local mental health system and advise the Board independently from the local mental health agency of local behavioral health agency.	Watch	S—Appropriations
<b>AB 1544 (Gipson)</b>	<b>Community Paramedicine or Triage to Alternate Destination Act</b> Would codify community paramedicine programs and erode the local emergency medical services agency authority to establish policies and protocols for transport to alternate destinations that best meet the needs of the community.	Oppose unless amended*	S—Health

## Housing

Bill Number & Author	Description	Topic	Position	Status
<b>SCA 1 (Allen)</b>	<b>Public housing projects</b> Would repeal Article 34 of the State Constitution that requires an election to approve housing where more than 50% of the units are subsidized.		Watch	S—Elections & Constitutional Amendments
<b>SB 4 (McGuire)</b>	<b>Housing</b> Would create a streamlined approval process for eligible projects within ½ mile of fixed or ferry terminals in cities of 50K residents or more in smaller counties and in all urban areas in counties with over 1 million residents.	Zoning/ Housing Approvals	Watch	S—2-year bill
<b>SB 5 (Beall)</b>	<b>Local-State Sustainable Investment Incentive Program</b> Would authorize local agencies to apply to the state to reinvest their share of ERAF funds in affordable housing or other community improvement purposes. Sets an annual limit of \$220M per year for the first five years, growing to \$250M in 2029. Establishes the Local-State Sustainable Investment Incentive Program and requires at least 50% of funds be allocated for affordable housing and workforce housing and for 50% of units to be affordable. Would authorize certain local agencies to establish an affordable housing and community development investment agency and authorize an agency to apply for funding under the program and issue bonds, to carry out a project under the program.	Funding	Watch	A—Local Government
<b>SB 6 (Beall &amp; McGuire)</b>	<b>Residential development: available land</b> Would require the Department of Housing and Community Development to furnish the Department of General Services with a list of local lands suitable and available for residential development as identified by a local government as part the housing element of its general plan. Authorizes HCD to provide local governments with standardized forms to develop site inventories and requires that local governments adopting housing	Public Lands	Watch	A—Accountability & Administrative Review

## Housing, continued

Bill Number & Author	Description	Topic	Position	Status
<b>SB 9 (Beall)</b>	<b>Income taxes: low-income housing credits: allocation: sale</b> Would make changes to the sale of low-income housing tax credits between partnerships.		Watch	A—Housing & Community Development
<b>SB 13 (Wieckowski)</b>	<b>Accessory dwelling units</b> Would maintain local jurisdiction's ability to define height, setback, lot coverage, parking and size of an ADU related to a specified amount of total floor area; prohibit local agency from requiring the replacement of parking if a space is demolished to construct an ADU; allow a local agency to count an ADU for the purposes of identifying adequate sites for housing; and create a 10-year amnesty program.	ADUs	Watch	A—Local Government
<b>SB 18 (Skinner)</b>	<b>Keep Californians Housed Act</b> Would require the Department of Housing and Community Development to develop and public a guide to all state laws pertaining to landlords and landlord-tenant relations and survey all cities regarding the resources and programs they provide for tenants.	Tenant Protections	Watch	A—Consent Calendar
<b>SB 50 (Wiener)</b>	<b>Planning and zoning: housing development: equitable communities incentive</b> Would allow the following: upzoning within ½ mile of transit and high-opportunity areas in counties with a population greater than 600K; provide for a five-year deferral of bill's provisions in "sensitive communities" that would be defined by HCD in conjunction with community groups. Would allow upzoning one-story above the highest allowable height in counties with a population less than 600K. Would require ministerial approval of fourplexes on vacant land.	Zoning/ Housing Approvals	Watch	2-year bill

**Housing, continued**

Bill Number & Author	Description	Topic	Position	Status
<b>SB 235 (Dodd)</b>	<b>Planning and zoning: housing production report: regional housing need allocation</b> Would allow the City and County of Napa to reach an agreement under which the county would be allowed to count certain housing units built within the city toward the county's RHNA requirement.	Planning	Watch	A—Local Government
<b>SB 330 (Skinner)</b>	<b>Housing Crisis Act of 2019</b> Would restrict a local jurisdiction or ballot measure from downzoning, establishing or implementing limits on permit issuance or population unless the limit was approved prior to January 1, 2005 in a predominantly agricultural county, or imposing building moratoria on land where housing is an allowable use within an affected county or city identified by HCD as having fair market rate X percent higher than national average fair market rent for the year and a vacancy rate below X percent. Would prohibit a city or county from conducting more than five de novo hearings on an application for a housing development project. Would modify parking requirements to allow 0.5 space/units, unless an affected city is located in a county with a population of 700K or greater or the affected city has a population of 100K or greater and is in a county of 700K in population. Ten year emergency statute.	Zoning/ Housing Approvals	Watch	A—Local Government
<b>SB 529 (Durazo)</b>	<b>Tenant associations: eviction for just cause: withholding payment or rent</b> Would provide for the formation of tenant association—groups of tenants from three or more units belonging to the same landlord—and attaches certain protections to belonging to such an association, including a requirement that a landlord state the reason for any termination of tenancy.	Tenant Protections	Watch	S—2-year bill
<b>SB 573 (Chang)</b>	<b>Homeless Emergency Aid program: funding</b> Would make an annual appropriation of \$250 million from the General Fund to the Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) administered by the Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council.		Watch	A—Housing & Community Development



## Housing, continued

Bill Number & Author	Description	Topic	Position	Status
<b>SB 592 (Wiener)</b>	<b>Housing Accountability Act</b> Would make the Housing Accountability Act apply to any form of land use decision by a local agency, including ministerial or use by right decisions, in addition to discretionary approval, and would enhance judicial remedies to ensure compliance with the HAA.		Watch	A—Local Government
<b>SB 384 (Morrell)</b>	<b>Housing</b> Would establish expedited administrative and judicial review of environmental review and approvals granted for housing development projects with 50 or more residential units and prohibit courts from enjoining challenged projects with two narrow exceptions.		Watch	S—2-year bill
<b>SB 621 (Glazer)</b>	<b>California Environmental Quality Act: court actions or proceedings: affordable housing projects</b> Would require the Judicial Council to adopt a rule of court applicable to an action to challenge an environmental impact report for an affordable housing project, to be resolved, to the extent feasible, within 270 days of the filing of the certified record of proceeding with the court. Provides that these provisions don't apply to an affordable housing project if it is in certain location.	Streamlining	Watch	A—Natural Resources
<b>SB 744 (Caballero)</b>	<b>Planning and zoning: California Environmental Quality Act: permanent supportive housing: No Place Like Home Program</b> Would require a lead agency to prepare concurrently the record of proceeding for a No Place Like Home project with the performance of the environmental review of the project if that project is not eligible for approval as a use by right.	Planning	Watch	A—Natural Resources
<b>ACA 1 (Aguilar-Curry)</b>	<b>Local government financing: affordable housing and public infrastructure: voter approval</b> Would authorize cities and counties to levy taxes by a 55% voter approval rate for purposes of funding the construction, rehabilitation, or replacement of public infrastructure or affordable housing.	Funding	Watch	A—Third Reading

## Housing, *continued*

Bill Number & Author	Description	Topic	Position	Status
<b>AB 10 (Chiu)</b>	<b>Income taxes: credits low-income housing: farmworker housing</b> Would expand the state's Low Income Housing Tax Credit program by \$500M per year, up from \$94M, leveraging an estimated \$1B in additional federal funds annually.	Funding	Watch	S—Governance & Finance
<b>AB 11(Chiu)</b>	<b>Community Redevelopment Law</b> Would authorize cities and counties, or two or more cities acting jointly, to form an affordable housing and infrastructure agency that could use tax increment financing to fund affordable housing and infrastructure projects; a minimum of 30% of funds would be required to be invested in affordable housing.	Funding	Watch	2-year bill
<b>AB 36 (Bloom)</b>	<b>Affordable housing: rental prices</b> Would allow cities to loosen, but not repeal, Costa Hawkins to allow rent control to be imposed on single family homes and multifamily buildings 20 years or older, with the exception of buildings owned by landlords who own just 10 or fewer units.	Rent Cap	Watch	A—Rules
<b>AB 68 (Ting)</b>	<b>Land use: accessory dwelling units</b> Would prohibit local ADU standards from including certain requirements related to minimum lot size and parking spaces; would require an ADU (attached or detached) of at least 800 square feet and 16 feet in height to be allowed; would reduce the allowable time to issue a permit from 120 days to 60 days.	ADUs	Watch	S—Environmental Quality
<b>AB 69 (Ting)</b>	<b>Land use: accessory dwelling units</b> Would require HCD to propose small home building standards to the California Building Standards Commission governing ADUs and homes smaller than 800 feet; would authorize HCD to notify the Attorney General if they find that an ADU ordinance violates the law	ADUs	Watch	S—Appropriations Suspense File
<b>AB 192 (Mathis)</b>	<b>California Integrated Community Living Program</b> Would create the "California Integrated Community Living Program: to provide permanent supportive housing options for regional center clients, to be funded using moneys from the lease of or other revenue generating agreement for any state developmental center property.		Watch	A—Appropriations Suspense File

**Housing, continued**

Bill Number & Author	Description	Topic	Position	Status
<b>AB 264 (Melendez)</b>	<b>Income taxes: credits: development impact fees</b> Would create an income tax credit for housing development fees to ease the financial burdens placed on builders for new housing projects.		Watch	A—Revenue & Tax
<b>AB 553 (Melendez)</b>	<b>High-speed rail bonds: housing</b> Would require redirection of the unspent high-speed rail bonds for housing.		Watch	A—Transportation
<b>AB 587 (Friedman)</b>	<b>Accessory dwelling units: sale or separate conveyance</b> Would authorize a local agency to allow, by ordinance, an ADU that was ministerially approved to be sold separately from the primary residence to a qualified buyer if the property was built or developed by a qualified nonprofit corporation and a deed restriction exists that ensures the property will be preserved for affordable housing.	ADUs	Watch	S—Third Reading
<b>AB 670 (Friedman)</b>	<b>Common interest developments: accessory dwelling units</b> Would mandate that HOAs allow ADUs.	ADUs	Watch	S—Third Reading
<b>AB 671 (Friedman)</b>	<b>Accessory dwelling units: incentives</b> Would require local agencies to include in their housing element a plan that incentivizes and promotes the creation of ADUs that can be offered for rent for very low-, low- and moderate-income households.	ADUs	Watch	S—Appropriations
<b>AB 724 (Wicks)</b>	<b>Rental property data registry</b> Would require HCD to create a rental registry online portal designed to receive specified information from landlords and to disseminate this information to the general public. Would require HCD complete the rental registry online portal by January 1, 2021 and require landlords to register within 90 days and annually thereafter.	Fees/ Transparency	Watch	A—2-year bill

Bill Number & Author	Description	Topic	Position	Status
<b>AB 725 (Wicks)</b>	<b>General plans: housing element: above moderate-income housing</b> Would prohibit a jurisdiction from allocating more than 20% of its share of regional housing need for above moderate-income housing to sites with zoning restricted to single-family development.	Planning	Watch	A—2-year bill
<b>AB 816 (Quirk-Silva)</b>	<b>California Flexible Housing Subsidy Pool Program</b> Would establish the California Flexible Housing Subsidy Pool Program within HCD for the purpose of making grants available to applicants, including cities, counties and CoCs for eligible activities, including rental assistance, operating subsidies in new and existing affordable or supportive housing units, and specified outreach activities. Would continuously appropriate \$450M from the state General Fund every fiscal year for this purpose.		Watch	A—Appr. Suspense File
<b>AB 847 (Grayson)</b>	<b>Housing: transportation-related impact fees grant program</b> Would require HCD to establish a competitive grant program, subject to appropriation by the Legislature, to offset the cost of housing-related transportation impact fees. Qualifying recipients would be cities and counties, which may apply jointly with a developer.	Fees/ Transparency	Watch	A—2-year bill
<b>AB 881 (Bloom)</b>	<b>Accessory dwelling units</b> Would eliminate the ability of local jurisdictions to mandate that an applicant for an ADU permit be an owner-occupant.	ADUs	Watch	S—Governance & Finance
<b>AB 1255 (Rivas)</b>	<b>Surplus public land: database</b> Would require the housing element to contain a surplus lands inventory and requires the city or county to separately identify those sites that qualify as infill or high density.	Public lands	Watch	S—Appropriations

Housing, *continued*



## Housing, continued

Bill Number & Author	Description	Topic	Position	Status
<b>AB 1279 (Bloom)</b>	<b>Planning and zoning: housing development: high-resource areas</b> Would require HCD to designate areas in the state as high-resource areas, by January 1, 2021, and every 5 years thereafter. Would make housing development in such areas “by right” if the project is no more than four units in an area zoned for single family homes or up to 40 units and 30 feet in areas generally zoned for residential, subject to certain affordability requirements.	Zoning/ Housing Approvals	Watch	S—Housing
<b>AB 1481 (Grayson/ Bonta)</b>	<b>Tenancy termination: just cause</b> Would until 2030, for a circumstance, in which the tenant has occupied the property for six months or more, prohibit eviction of a tenant without just cause stated in writing. Would require the tenant be provided a notice of violation prior to issuance of notice terminations. Exempts landlords who lease four or fewer single family homes; sets specified caps on the amount of relocation assistance that may be required for no-fault evictions.	Just Cause Eviction	Watch	A—2-year bill
<b>AB 1482 (Chiu)</b>	<b>Tenancy: rent caps</b> Would, until 2030, cap annual rent increases by 5% an unspecified amount above the percent change in the cost of living and limits the total rental rate increase within a 12-month period to 10%. Exempts any housing units that received a certificate of occupancy within the last 10 years and single-family homes owned by a landlord who owns four or fewer homes.	Rent Cap	Watch	S—Judiciary
<b>AB 1483 (Grayson)</b>	<b>Housing development project applications: reporting</b> Would require a city or county to maintain a current schedule of fees applicable to a housing development project. Requires each local agency to post the fee schedule and all zoning ordinances and development standards on its website and provide the information to the HCD and any applicable metropolitan planning organization. Requires each city and county to annually submit specified information concerning pending housing development projects with completed applications HCD and any applicable MPO.	Fees/ Transparency	Watch	S—Governance & Finance

**Housing, continued**

Bill Number & Author	Description	Topic	Position	Status
<b>AB 1484 (Grayson)</b>	<b>Mitigation Fee Act: housing developments</b> Would prohibit local agencies from imposing a fee on a housing development project unless the type and amount of the fee is specifically listed on its website.	Fees/ Transparency	Watch	S—Governance & Finance
<b>AB 1485 (Wicks)</b>	<b>Housing development: incentives</b> Would modify affordability requirements applicable to the by-right provisions in SB 35 (Wiener, 2017) such that a project can dedicate 10% of the total number of units to housing affordable to households making below 80% of the AMI or 20% to households earning below 120% AMI with an average income of units at or below 100%.	Streamlining	Watch	S—Governance & Finance
<b>AB 1486 (Ting)</b>	<b>Local agencies: surplus land</b> Would revise the definition of “local agency” and “surplus land” applicable to the current Surplus Lands Act requirement that local agencies provide right of first refusal to affordable housing developers when disposing of surplus land. For purposes of developing low- and moderate-income housing would require specified notice requirements for land located in an urbanized area.	Public Lands	Watch	S—Housing
<b>AB 1487 (Chiu)</b>	<b>San Francisco Bay Area: housing development financing</b> Would establish the Housing Alliance for the Bay Area (HABA) and provide it with authority to raise revenue, subject to voter approval, and allocate funds throughout the Bay Area. Authorizes HABA to place revenue measures on the ballot, issue bonds, allocate funds to various cities, counties and other public agencies and affordable housing projects within its jurisdiction to finance affordable housing development, preserve and enhance existing affordable housing, and fund tenant protection programs. Would provide that HABA be governed by a board composed of an unspecified number of voting members from MTC and ABAG, and authorizes MTC to place a revenue measure on the ballot in November 2020, among other things.	Funding	Watch	S—Governance & Finance

**Housing, continued**

Bill Number & Author	Description	Topic	Position	Status
<b>AB 1568 (McCarty)</b>	<b>General plans: housing element: production report: withholding of transportation funds</b> Would condition eligibility for state grants on HCD determination that a jurisdiction is in compliance with state law, including that a jurisdiction has an HCD-approved housing element and that HCD has not found the jurisdiction in violation of the Housing Accountability Act or Density Bonus Law.	Funding	Watch	A—2-year bill
<b>AB 1697 (Grayson)</b>	<b>Housing: tenancy termination: just cause</b> For a lease in which the tenant has occupied the property for 10 months or more, would prohibit eviction of a tenant without just cause stated in writing.	Just Cause Eviction	Watch	A—2-year bill
<b>AB 1706 (Quirk)</b>	<b>Housing development: incentives</b> Would provide specified financial incentives to a residential development project in the San Francisco Bay Area that dedicates at least 20% of the housing units to households making no more than 150% of AMI.	Streamlining	Watch	A—2-year bill
<b>AB 1717 (Friedman)</b>	<b>Transit-Oriented Affordable Housing Funding Program Act</b> Would establish the Transit-Oriented Affordable Housing Program and would allow a city or county to participate in the program by enactment of an ordinance establishing a TOD housing district. Such a district would be authorized to use tax-increment finance through a diversion of property taxes, including the school portion to finance	Funding	Watch	A—2-year bill

## Human and Social Services

Bill Number & Author	Description	Position	Status
<b>SB 48 (Wiener)</b>	<b>Low Barrier Navigation Center developments</b> Would create a streamlined approval process for low-barrier interim shelter interventions that connect people experiencing homelessness to services and permanent supportive solutions and make changes with regards to zoning of shelters.	Watch	S—2-year bill
<b>AB 246 (Mathis)</b>	<b>State highways: property leases</b> Would authorize the Department of Transportation to offer a lease on a right of first refusal basis of any airspace under a freeway, or real property acquired for highway purposes, located in a disadvantaged community, that is not excess property to the city or county in which the disadvantaged community is located for purposes of an emergency shelter or feeding program, or for park, recreational, or open-space purposes for a rental amount of \$1 per month.	Watch	A—2-year bill
<b>AB 531 (Friedman)</b>	<b>Foster youth: housing</b> Would authorize a resource family, foster family home, certified foster home, approved relative caregiver or nonrelative extended family member of a participant to be automatically converted to a host family without additional certification.	Watch	S—Judiciary
<b>AB 728 (Santiago)</b>	<b>Homeless multidisciplinary personnel teams</b> Would create a five-year pilot program in six counties (LA, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, and Ventura) that would allow these counties to expand the scope of a homeless adult and family multidisciplinary personnel team (MDT) to include individuals who are at risk of homelessness.	Watch	S—Judiciary
<b>AB 995 (Ting)</b>	<b>Transitional Housing Program—Plus</b> Would expand the Transitional Housing Program-Plus by making transitional housing available to any former foster youth who exited from the foster care system on or after their 16 <sup>th</sup> birthday and who meets other requirements of the program.	Watch	S—Human Services
<b>AB 944 (Quirk)</b>	<b>CalWORKs: sponsored noncitizen: indigence exception</b> Would, to the extent permitted by federal law, require a county to renew the 12-month exception period for additional 12-month periods for a sponsored application for, or recipient of, CalWORKs benefits who is deemed to meet the indigence require, as specified.	Watch	S—Appropriations Suspense File
<b>AB 1377 (Wicks)</b>	<b>CalFresh</b> Would direct state agencies to develop a statewide process to examine data across the free/reduced meals program, Medi-Cal and CalFresh in order to accelerate enrollment of children and families into the CalFresh program.	Watch	S—Appropriations



## Labor

Bill Number & Author	Description	Position	Status
<b>AB 5 (Gonzalez)</b>	<b>Worker status: independent contractors</b> Codifies the decision of the California Supreme Court in <i>Dynamex Operations West Inc. vs. Superior Court of Los Angeles</i> (2018) that presumes a worker is an employee unless a hiring entity satisfies a three-factor test, and exempts from the test certain insurance occupations, physicians, securities brokers-dealers, and direct salespersons.	Watch	S—Labor, Public Employment & Retirement

## Land Use

Bill Number & Author	Description	Position	Status
<b>SB 281 (Wiener)</b>	<b>Cow Palace: Joint Powers Authority</b> Would establish the Cow Palace Authority for the purposes of managing, developing, or disposing of the real property known as the Cow Palace; requires the state to transfer the Cow Palace to this new entity; and bans gun show on the premises.	Watch	S—Appropriations
<b>AB 1392 (Mullin)</b>	<b>State Lands Commission: grant of trust lands: City of Redwood City</b> Would grant and convey trust to the City of Redwood City all of the rights, title, and interests of the state, acquired and held by the state acting by and through the State Lands Commission to lands known as Maple Street Site.	Watch	A—Concurrence

## Local Government

Bill Number & Author	Description	Position	Status
<b>SB 139 (Allen)</b>	<b>Independent redistricting commissions</b> Would require the establishment of an independent redistricting commission for counties with populations above 250,000 by March 1, 2021.	Watch	A—Appropriations

## Local Government, continued

Bill Number & Author	Description	Position	Status
<b>SB 144 (Mitchell)</b>	<b>Fees: criminal administrative fees</b> Would repeal the authority of counties to collect probation, restitution order, drug testing, public defender, and a range of other types of fees.	Oppose unless amended*	A—2-year bill
<b>SB 287 (Nielsen)</b>	<b>Commission on State Mandates: test claims: filing date</b> Would specify that for purposes of filing a test claim based on the date of incurring costs, “within 12 months” means by June 30 of the fiscal year following the fiscal year in which increased costs were first incurred by the test claim.	Watch	A—Appropriations Suspense File
<b>AB 400 (Lackey)</b>	<b>State mandates</b> Would extend to March 1 the deadline for a local agency or school district to file an annual reimbursement claim detailing state-mandated costs.	Watch	A—2-year bill
<b>AB 849 (Bonta)</b>	<b>Election: local redistricting</b> Would recast provisions associated with redistricting practices of county boards of education, school districts, community college districts, counties, general law and charter cities, and special districts.	Watch	S—Governance & Finance
<b>AB 931 (Boerner Horvath)</b>	<b>State and local boards and commissions: representation: appointments</b> Would require a minimum number of women members of state and local boards and commissions. For boards and commissions with five or more members, a minimum of 50 percent must be women. For boards and commissions with four or fewer members, at least one member must be a woman.	Watch	S—Judiciary
<b>AB 1184 (Gloria)</b>	<b>Public records: writing transmitted by electronic mail: retention</b> Would amend the California Public Records Act to require a public agency to retain and preserve for at least two years every “writing” containing information relating to the conduct of the public’s business that is prepared, owned or used by the public agency and transmitted by electronic mail or other similar messaging system, unless a statute require a longer period of time.	Watch	A—Judiciary

## Local Government, continued

Bill Number & Author	Description	Position	Status
<b>AB 1640 (Boerner Horvath)</b>	<b>Local government finance: budget reserves</b> Would require local governments, by September 1, 2020, and annually thereafter, to submit a written report to the State Controller's Office as to how it plans to spend its budget reserves on specific priorities over a five-year period. The specific priorities include, mental and behavioral health services, affordable housing, homelessness, foster youth programs, LGBTQ+ centers, veterans services, special needs youth and adult services, and in-home supportive services.	Watch	A—2-year bill

## Public Safety and Justice

Bill Number & Author	Description	Position	Status
<b>SB 36 (Hertzberg)</b>	<b>Pretrial release: risk assessment tools</b> Would require each county to maintain specified data for each individual that undergoes an assessment using a risk assessment tool.	Watch	A—Third Reading
<b>SB 42 (Skinner)</b>	<b>The Getting Home Safe Act</b> Would require the sheriff to among other things, to make release standards, processes and schedules of a county jail available to the public and incarcerated persons. Would also provide a person, upon release from jail, the right to request they be assisted in entering a drug or alcohol rehabilitation program and require the jail to provide transport. Would also provide persons that might be released in off hours the option to voluntarily stay in the jail for an additional 16 hours or be offered free transport to a location of the person's choosing.	Watch	A—Appropriations
<b>SB 221 (Hill)</b>	<b>Firearms: law enforcement agencies: agency firearm accounting</b> Would require law enforcement agency by January 1, 2021 to adopt a written procedure to account for firearms that are owned, acquired, maintained, sold, loaned, lost, stolen from, or in any way possessed by that agency; and require employees to report to the agency lost or stolen firearms owned by the agency within 5 days of the date known.	Watch	S—2-year bill

## Public Safety and Justice, continued

Bill Number & Author	Description	Position	Status
<b>SB 230</b> <b>(Caballero)</b>	<b>Law enforcement: use of deadly force: training policies</b> Would require each law enforcement agency to maintain a policy that provides guidelines on the use of force, utilizing de-escalation techniques and other alternatives to force when feasible, specific guidelines for the application of deadly force, and factors for evaluating and reviewing all use of force incidents, and make these policies accessible to the public.	Watch	A—Appropriations
<b>SB 283</b> <b>(Bates)</b>	<b>Fatal vehicular accidents: chemical test results</b> Would expand the testing requirements of a person who dies in a motor vehicle accident to include cannabinoids including THC, opioids, including fentanyl, benzodiazepines, methamphetamine and related amphetamines, and cocaine.	Watch	A—Public Safety
<b>SB 284</b> <b>(Beall)</b>	<b>Juvenile justice: county support of wards</b> Would increase the annual rate which a county pays to the state for a person the county commits to the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, Division of Juvenile Justice to \$125K from the current \$24K.	Watch	A—Third Reading
<b>SB 304</b> <b>(Hill)</b>	<b>Criminal procedure: prosecutorial jurisdiction in multi-jurisdictional elder abuse cases</b> Would allow elder and dependent adult abuse cases that occur in different jurisdictions to be consolidated in a single trial if all district attorneys in the counties with jurisdictions agree.	Support*	S—Third Reading
<b>SB 694</b> <b>(Stone)</b>	<b>Juvenile halls: wireless communication devices</b> Would clarify that “local correctional facility” includes juvenile halls, camps, and ranches are included in the definition of locations where unauthorized persons (minors in these facilities) are not allowed to possess electronic devices.	Watch	S—2-year bill
<b>AB 45</b> <b>(Stone)</b>	<b>Inmates: medical care: fees</b> Would prohibit a sheriff from charging a fee for an inmate-initiated medical visit of an inmate of a county jail, and also prohibit the charging of a fee for durable medical equipment or supplies, as defined.	Watch	S—Appropriations



## Public Safety and Justice, continued

Bill Number & Author	Description	Position	Status
<b>AB 61 (Ting)</b>	<b>Gun violence restraining orders</b> Would authorize an employer, a co-worker, or an employee of a secondary or postsecondary school that the person has attended in the last 6 months to file a petition for an ex parte, one-year, or renewed gun violence restraining order.	Watch	S—Appropriations
<b>AB 276 (Friedman)</b>	<b>Firearms: storage</b> Would require a person who is 18 years of age or older and who is the owner, lessee, renter, or other legal occupant of a residence, while that person is outside that residence to ensure that any firearm that person own or controls is securely stored against theft or unauthorized access.	Watch	A—2-year bill
<b>AB 310 (Santiago)</b>	<b>Trial Jury Selection and Management Act</b> Would add probation, parole and correctional officers as defined by PCC Section 830.5 (a) and (b) to the list of peace officers exempt from criminal jury duty.	Watch	S—Public Safety
<b>AB 392 (Weber)</b>	<b>Peace officers: deadly force</b> Would authorize police officers to use deadly force only when it is necessary to prevent imminent and serious bodily injury or death—that is, if, given the totality of the circumstances, there was no reasonable alternative to using deadly force, including using warnings, verbal persuasion, or other nonlethal methods of resolution or de-escalation.	Watch	S—Third Reading
<b>AB 516 (Chiu)</b>	<b>Authority to remove vehicles</b> Would repeal the authority that allows police officers to tow vehicles for having five or more delinquent parking violations and would modify the authority to tow a vehicle parked or left standing for 72 hours or more by first requiring a notice to be placed on the vehicle allowing it to remain parked or left standing for a minimum of 10 additional business days prior to being towed.	Watch	S—Public Safety
<b>AB 524 (Bigelow)</b>	<b>Peace officers: deputy sheriffs</b> Would add a select group of deputy sheriffs in the Counties of Mono and San Mateo to the categories of peace officers with varying powers and authority to make arrests and carry firearms.	Support*	S—Appropriations Suspense File

## Public Safety and Justice, continued

Bill Number & Author	Description	Position	Status
<b>AB 597 (Levine)</b>	<b>Probation and mandatory supervision: flash incarceration</b> Would extend the sunset date for the use of flash incarceration, which is used by probation departments as an intermediate sanction for violations of conditions of probation.	Watch	A—Chaptered
<b>AB 696 (Lackey)</b>	<b>Juveniles: wards</b> Would require a study of the efficacy and potential impacts of the use of OC spray in county juvenile institutional setting by an independent third-party entity.	Watch	A—2-year bill
<b>AB 964 (Medina)</b>	<b>County jails: visitation</b> Would require all local detention facilities to offer in-person visitation and would give any facility that does not offer in-person visitation until January 1, 2025 to comply with this requirement.	Oppose, unless amended*	A—2-year bill
<b>AB 1185 (McCarty)</b>	<b>Officer oversight: sheriff oversight board</b> Would authorize a county to establish a sheriff oversight board, either by action of the board of supervisors or through a vote of county residents. Would authorize a sheriff oversight board to issue a subpoena duces tecum when deemed necessary to investigate a matter within the jurisdiction of the board and authorize a county to establish an office of the inspector general to assist the board with its supervisory duties, as specified.	Watch	S—Second Reading
<b>AB 1372 (Grayson)</b>	<b>Employers: prohibited disclosure of information: arrest or detention</b> Would allow law enforcement agencies to request and receive arrest information on non-sworn employees.	Watch	S—Public Safety
<b>AB 1491 (Oberholte)</b>	<b>Superior courts: sessions</b> Would expand the definition of unlawful dissemination of personal information of public officials.	Watch	A—2-year bill

## Public Works

Bill Number & Author	Description	Position	Status
<b>SB 128 (Beall)</b>	<b>Public contracts: Best Value Construction Contracting for Counties Pilot</b> Would extend the pilot program that allows the Counties of Alameda, Los Angeles, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Mateo, Solano, and Yuba to select a bidder on the basis of best value for construction projects in excess of \$1M from January 1, 2020 to January 1, 2025.	Support*	A—Appropriations

## Taxes

Bill Number & Author	Description	Position	Status
<b>SCA 5 (Hill, Berman &amp; Mullin)</b>	<b>Taxation: school districts: parcel tax</b> Would lower the supermajority voter support requirement to pass school parcel taxes down to 55 percent.	Watch	S—Inactive File
<b>SB 15 (Portantino)</b>	<b>Property tax revenue allocations: successor agencies</b> Would require county auditor controllers of a county in which a successor agency is located to decrease the amount of property tax revenue that is otherwise required to be allocated to ERAF by the countywide local-state sustainable investment fund amount and to allocate a commensurate amount to the successor agencies that are located within the county.	Watch	S—2-year bill
<b>SB 294 (Hill)</b>	<b>Property taxation: welfare exemption: low income housing</b> Would allow for a partial exemption for non-publicly financed affordable housing and increases the statewide cap on the value of the property used for non-publicly financed affordable housing, supporting the work of the St. Francis Center in North Fair Oaks.	Support*	A—Revenue & Taxation

## Wildfire & Emergency Management

Bill Number & Author	Description	Position	Status
<b>AB 1516 (Friedman)</b>	<b>Fire prevention: defensible space and fuels reduction management</b> Would make a number of important changes to defensible space requirements and institute a noncombustible zone. Would also seek to modernize CalFire's requirement to provide technical assistance to local governments on fire prevention and appropriate vegetation management.	Watch	S—Inactive File
<b>SB 45 (Allen)</b>	<b>Wildfire, Drought and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2020</b> Would enact the Wildfire, Drought and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2020, which if approved by the voters, would authorize the issuance of \$4.3 billion in general obligation bonds to finance projects to restore fire damaged areas, reduce wildfire risk, create healthy forest and watersheds, reduce climate impacts on urban areas and vulnerable populations, reduce flood risk, among other things.	Watch	S—2-year bill

## State Budget

Issue	Description	Position
IHSS—MOE	Revised County In-Home Supportive Services Maintenance of Effort	Support*
Family Urgent Response System	\$15M State budget proposal in FY 19-20 and \$30M ongoing to provide foster youth and their caregivers with immediate trauma informed support when issues arise via a statewide hotline available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.	Support*



## State Budget

Issue	Description	Position
<b>Census 2020</b>	\$54 million proposal for funding of the 2020 Census effort in Governor's FY 2019-20 State Budget, plus a \$5 million increase in funding to support	Support*
<b>Communicable Disease</b>	\$50 million General Fund continuous appropriation request for local health departments communicable disease infrastructure	Support*
<b>California Green Business and Green Technical Assistance Program</b>	\$2 million annual funding request for the California Business Program, which provides support and technical assistance to local green business certification programs operated by local governments	Support*
<b>Early Childhood Investments</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$100M in federal and Proposition 56 funds in Developmental and Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) Screening</li> <li>• \$10M to develop a road map to provide universal preschool, as well as long-term plan to improve access to and quality of subsidized child care.</li> <li>• Increased investments in the California Earned Income Tax (CalEITC) doubling the size of the current program.</li> <li>• \$50M in one-time state General Funds in Child Savings Accounts to support and encourage families to build assets for their children's post-secondary education, including living expenses.</li> <li>• \$500M in one-time state General Fund to expand subsidized child care facilities and education for child care workforce.</li> <li>• \$10M for the development of a Longitudinal Data System.</li> </ul>	Support♦
<b>Homeless Funding</b>	Nine urban county letter in support of Administration's \$275 million direct allocation to counties in homelessness emergency aid.	Support♦

## Federal

Issue/Description	Position
<p><b>OMB Directive 14: Consumer Inflation Measures Produced by Federal Statistical Agencies</b></p> <p>Oppose any changes that would reduce the inflation rate tied to eligibility for a number of the federal, state and non-profit programs intended to support individual families served by county agencies.</p>	Oppose*
<p><b>Docket No. FR-6124-P-01, RIN 2501-AD89: Housing and Community Development Act of 1980: Verification of Eligible Status</b></p> <p>Oppose proposed rule that would make changes to HUD’s regulations implementing Section 124 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1980, specifically attempts to change the process of determining how to provide rental subsidy to “mixed families,” or household comprised of individuals both with and without eligible citizenship status.</p>	Oppose*
<p><b>H.R. 2692 Broadband Conduit Deployment Act of 2019</b></p> <p>Would amend title 23, United State Code, to provide for the inclusion of broadband conduit installation in certain highway construction projects, and for other purposes.</p>	Support*





# State Legislative Correspondence



**COUNTY OF SAN MATEO**  
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June 26, 2019

The Honorable Cecilia Aguiar-Curry, Chair  
Assembly Local Government Committee  
1020 N Street, Room 157  
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**RE: Senate Bill 128 (Beall) Public contracts: Best Value Construction Contracting for Counties Pilot—SUPPORT**

Dear Assembly Member Aguiar-Curry:

On behalf of the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors, I write in support of Senate Bill 128 (Beall), which would extend the Best Value Construction Contracting for Counties Pilot Program from January 1, 2020 to January 1, 2025 for the counties of Alameda, Los Angeles, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Mateo, Solano, Yuba, and add the County of Santa Clara for construction projects in excess of \$1 million.

Just this month, our Board approved a \$927.9 million five-year capital improvement plan for the County. The plan—the County's most ambitious to-date—directly addresses the County's most pressing capital project needs. These include the construction of a new animal care shelter, replacement mental health facility, county government center (including a new office building and parking structure), regional operations center, and improvements to the County Hospital and other County facilities. When completed, these projects will ultimately improve services to residents, providing better working conditions and tools for County staff and save millions on maintenance and operation costs.

With such a long list of expensive projects to construct over the next several years, our County believes it is important to continue having the best value construction contracting delivery method as an option. The ability to use best value selection in these highly competitive and expensive construction times for the Bay Area should prove very useful in keeping costs down.

For the above stated reasons, the County of San Mateo supports SB 128 and thanks Senator Beall for his leadership in this area. Should you have any questions about our position, please contact, Connie Juarez-Diroll, Legislative Officer (650-599-1341, [cjuarez-diroll@smcogov.org](mailto:cjuarez-diroll@smcogov.org)).

Sincerely,



Carole Groom, President  
Board of Supervisors

cc: Members of the Assembly Local Government Committee  
Senator Jim Beall  
San Mateo County State Delegation  
San Mateo County Board of Supervisors  
San Mateo County Manager  
San Mateo County Counsel





June 25, 2019

The Honorable Reginald B. Jones-Sawyer, Chair  
Assembly Public Safety Committee  
State Capitol, Room 2117  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Senate Bill 144 (Mitchell) Criminal fees**  
**As Amended May 21, 2019--OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED**

Dear Assembly Member Jones-Sawyer:

On behalf of the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors, I write to respectfully express our opposition to SB 144 by Senator Holly Mitchell, which would eliminate the ability of counties to charge criminal justice related fees and shift a variety of costs from the offender to the counties, unless the bill is amended to provide sustainable state funding.

Along with the California State Association of Counties and the Urban Counties of California, our County shares in a commitment to help offenders successfully transition back into our community and make positive changes in their lives. We also recognize that today's system of assessing criminal fees is overly complex and that its financial and legal implications can often be crippling for those that can least afford it. Thus, our objections to this legislation are not grounded on the underlying policy conversation regarding the lessening of the financial burden associated with fines and fees levied on adults in the criminal justice system, but rather the significant and permanent loss of funding that helps support local programs and services established to help this population.

The County of San Mateo collects about \$1.6 million annually in adult criminal fees. A majority of the funding is used as general revenues for the Probation Department's Adult Division and a smaller fraction is paid to the County's Revenue Services Division, which provides billing and debt-collection services for the Courts and County departments. The loss of these funds would translate into the loss of 7 probation officer positions and 1 Revenue Services position.

While the bill would make the unpaid balance of any court-imposed costs unenforceable and uncollectable and would require any portion of the judgement imposing those costs to be vacated, the bill is silent on who will bear the staffing costs associated with clearance of existing accounts should the bill be enacted. These actions involve the release of existing property liens, wage garnishments and other levies, as well as the complicated auditing work that will need to happen to unbundle individual



accounts to wipe out the fees covered by the legislation. Unaccounted for staffing costs related to the implementation of SB 190 (Mitchell, Chapter 678, Statutes of 2017) dealing with juvenile fees, for example, has already cost our County approximately \$750,000 to-date. Thus, we are deeply concerned about the unforeseen costs of the implementation of this much more sweeping legislation should it be chaptered.

Senate Bill 144 not only abolishes fees, but also eliminates an offender's obligation to pay for a variety of costs related to the offender's sentence, pushing those costs to the county and state. For example, offenders would no longer have to pay for drug testing, an interlock device or batterer's intervention programs. In our County, domestic violence fees (approximately \$150,000 annually) are paid to the Community Overcoming Relationship Abuse (CORA) program for the provision of emergency shelter, transitional housing, legal representation, advice and accompaniment, a 24-hour hotline, counseling, and community outreach services countywide. Thus, elimination of this fee would jeopardize these critical services. It is clear that when this and other programs were created by the Legislature, they determined that the costs would be borne by the offender. Requiring counties to now pay for these programs and services would impose a costly and unmanageable mandate.

In summary, San Mateo County's opposition to this measure is not based on the underlying policy objective of lessening the financial burden associated with fines and fees levied on adults in the criminal justice system. We agree that change is necessary. However, the current system—several decades in the making—has been built to fund critical and core public safety programs at the County level. Any statewide policy discussion to eliminate fee authority must also acknowledge the fiscal implications to counties and include a sustainable funding source that ensures core services, programs and efforts to promote the rehabilitation of offenders are preserved.

For these reasons, the County of San Mateo must respectfully oppose SB 144, unless it is amended to provide for a back-fill of the proposed lost revenues. Should you have any questions about our position, please contact Connie Juarez-Diroll, Legislative Officer (650-599-1341, [cjuarez-diroll@smcgov.org](mailto:cjuarez-diroll@smcgov.org)).

Sincerely,



Carole Groom, President  
Board of Supervisors

cc: Members of the Assembly Public Safety Committee  
San Mateo County State Delegation  
San Mateo County Board of Supervisors  
San Mateo County Manager  
San Mateo County Probation Chief  
California State Association of Counties



June 19, 2019

The Honorable Henry I. Stern  
Chair, Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Water  
State Capitol, Room 5046  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: Assembly Bill 825 (Mullin) - San Mateo County Flood and Sea Level Rise Agency—  
SUPPORT**

Dear Chair Stern:

On behalf of the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors, we are writing in strong support of AB 825 (Mullin) which would modify the current San Mateo County Flood Control District (FCD) to serve as the County's new Flood and Sea Level Rise Resiliency Agency (FSLRRA).

San Mateo County has been identified as one of the most at risk counties in California to sea level rise. In March 2018 the County completed a sea level rise vulnerability assessment which found that \$34 billion in property value would be flooded on the Bayshore and on the Coastsides, and that \$932 million in property value could be at risk from erosion on the Coastsides (2015 assessed values). The properties at risk include tens of thousands of residential parcels, thousands of commercial parcels, miles of critical State and regional highways, roads and railways, several wastewater treatment plants, and other critical infrastructure.

After several years of analysis and discussion among County and city leaders, state legislators, and Congresswoman Jackie Speier, we determined that collective action was necessary. We concluded that the creation of a countywide sea level rise and flood control agency would allow us to address the challenge of flooding and sea level rise across jurisdictional lines, create expertise in one agency which all the cities could draw upon, and make us more competitive for regional, state and federal funds.

Rather than create a new agency, we determined that the existing FCD could be modified to create the FSLRRA. This bill would modify the FCD to change the name to the Flood and Sea Level Rise Resiliency Agency, revise the governance to a seven-member board including five city council representatives and two county supervisors, expand its scope to address sea level rise, and update its funding and financing authority to reflect changes in the State Constitution since the FCD was originally established.





The FSLRRA would address sea level rise, flooding, coastal erosion, and large-scale stormwater infrastructure improvements through integrated regional planning, design, permitting, project implementation, and long-term operations and maintenance with the goal of creating a resilient "one shoreline" San Mateo County by 2100. The FSLRRA would work with stakeholders to plan, implement, and maintain multi-jurisdictional projects that would provide flood and sea level rise protection, as well as other public benefits such as water quality improvements, habitat restoration, and recreation.

Formation of the FSLRRA is of critical importance to San Mateo County. It is essential that the risks posed by sea level rise be addressed to protect our economic and community infrastructure. We urge your support for AB 825 (Mullin) to enable the creation of the San Mateo County FSLRRA and thank you for consideration of this request. Should you have any questions about our County's position, please contact Connie Juarez-Diroll, Legislative Officer ([cjuarez-diroll@smcgov.org](mailto:cjuarez-diroll@smcgov.org), 650-599-1341).

Sincerely,



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President, San Mateo County Board of Supervisors



Dave Pine  
San Mateo County Supervisor, District 1

CC: Members of Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Water  
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**COUNTY OF SAN MATEO**  
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June 19, 2019

The Honorable Chris Holden  
Chair, Assembly Utilities and Energy Committee  
State Capitol, Room 5132  
Sacramento, CA 95814

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**Re: Senate Bill 155 (Bradford) RPS Integrated Resource Plans - OPPOSE**

Dear Assemblymember Holden:

On behalf of the County of San Mateo, we write to respectfully oppose SB 155 (Bradford) as amended on May 1, 2019. We believe SB 155 would create confusion and cloud the legislative intent of SB 350 (de León), passed by the legislature in 2015, by converting Integrated Resource Plans (IRPs) from planning documents to procurement mandates. This would force Load Serving Entities (LSE), like Peninsula Clean Energy (PCE) which provides electric power to all of San Mateo County, to prematurely lock in procurement decisions as far as 10 years in advance. This in turn would result in higher costs for energy customers and increased reliance on natural gas for electricity generation in the long-term.

SB 155 would introduce uncertainty into the *very new* IRP process. LSEs are already required to submit biennial IRPs for approval or certification by the CPUC to ensure that their planning aligns with the state's goals. We believe it would be premature for SB 155 to require the procurement of specific resources when the CPUC is still trying to figure out which resource mix is optimal and how to align LSE procurement with state goals.

We believe it is crucial that any IRP compliance requirements remain focused on the IRPs as planning documents. Ratepayers benefit from allowing LSEs flexibility in how they meet the IRP's outcomes. In order to help the state meet its climate goals, LSEs must remain nimble and responsive to power market trends in procuring lower carbon intensive energy sources. They would be denied this flexibility under SB 155 as it unintentionally or otherwise would convert IRP planning documents to long term procurement compliance plans.

For these reasons, San Mateo County respectfully opposes SB 155. Should you have any questions about our position please contact Connie Juarez-Diroll, Legislative Officer (650-599-1341, [cjuarez-diroll@smcgov.org](mailto:cjuarez-diroll@smcgov.org)).

Sincerely,

Carole Groom  
President, San Mateo County Board of Supervisors

Dave Pine  
San Mateo County Supervisor, District 1

cc: Members, Assembly Utilities and Energy Committee  
The Honorable Steven Bradford  
San Mateo County Delegation  
Board of Supervisors  
County Manager





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June 19, 2019

Chair Ben Allen, Senate Environmental Quality Committee  
State Capitol, Room 2205  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: Assembly Bill 1509 (Mullin & Berman) Solid waste: lithium-ion batteries—SUPPORT**

Dear Assembly Member Allen:

On behalf of the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors, I write in support of AB 1509 as amended May 1, 2019 and which would create a recycling program for lithium-ion batteries, including both loose batteries as well as ones embedded in products. Reducing the number of improperly disposed of Li-ion batteries entering the waste stream, would help protect the workers and infrastructure of material recovery facilities (MRFs), transfer stations, collection trucks, and landfills from catastrophic fires.

Lithium-ion batteries have increased multifold in our everyday items, from cell phones and laptops, to power tools and children's toys. According to Call2Recycle, California consumes 64 million Lithium-ion batteries every year, of which 75-92% are improperly disposed of. The high energy density of these batteries makes them extremely dangerous when mishandled, creating very serious fire, health, and safety hazards. As these batteries, and products containing these batteries, enter the waste stream, they have the potential to cause disastrous fires and pose a serious threat to processing facilities as well as their workers. In fact, according to Fire Rover, over 1,700 fires at MRFs in the US and Canada are caused by these batteries annually. This number is likely a low estimate, as many smaller fires go underreported, and the number of li-ion batteries consumed grows multifold every year.

AB 1509 would help reduce the fire and safety risk these batteries pose by ensuring their proper disposal. Manufacturers and retailers must take more responsibility for the products they create if we are going to protect our workers, communities, and waste management infrastructure from battery-related fires.

For these reasons our County is supportive of AB 1509. Should you have any questions regarding our position, please contact our Legislative Officer, Connie Juarez-Diroll (650-599-1341, [cjuarez-diroll@smcgov.org](mailto:cjuarez-diroll@smcgov.org)).

Sincerely,

*Carole Groom*

Carole Groom, President  
Board of Supervisors

cc: Members, Senate Environmental Quality Committee  
The Honorable Kevin Mullin  
The Honorable Marc Berman  
San Mateo County Delegation  
Board of Supervisors  
County Manager  
Office of Sustainability





June 6, 2019

The Honorable Mike McGuire  
Chair, Senate Governance and Finance  
State Capitol, Room 408  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: Assembly Bill 825 (Mullin) - San Mateo County Flood and Sea Level Rise Agency—  
SUPPORT**

Dear Chair McGuire:

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Carole Groom, President  
President, San Mateo County Board of Supervisors



Dave Pine  
San Mateo County Supervisor, District 1

CC: All Members of Senate Governance & Finance Committee  
San Mateo County State Delegation Members  
San Mateo County Board of Supervisors  
San Mateo County Manager  
San Mateo County Public Works

May 1, 2019

The Honorable Lorena Gonzalez  
Chair, Assembly Appropriations Committee  
State Capitol, Room 2114  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: Assembly Bill 825 (Mullin) - San Mateo County Flood and Sea Level Rise Agency—  
SUPPORT**

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San Mateo County Supervisor, District 1

CC: All Members of Assembly Appropriations Committee  
San Mateo County State Delegation Members  
San Mateo County Board of Supervisors  
San Mateo County Manager  
San Mateo County Public Works

April 26, 2019

The Honorable Jerry Hill  
State Capitol, Room 5035  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Senate Bill 304 (Hill) Criminal procedure: prosecutorial jurisdiction in multi-jurisdictional elder abuse cases - SUPPORT**

Dear Senator Hill:

On behalf of the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors and County Health, we write in support of your measure, SB 304, and coauthored by Senator Wiener, and Assembly Members Berman and Mullin, would add elder abuse and dependent adult abuse and fraud to the classes of crimes where offenses occurring in multiple jurisdictions that may be consolidated and prosecuted in a single jurisdiction. The potential consolidation of these offenses, would greatly ease the burden on elderly crime victims by nullifying the challenges of testifying multiple times and in multiple locations.

California's State Attorney General reports that approximately 200,000 elder and dependent adults are abused in California each year. Locally, San Mateo County's District Attorney's Office responds to an average of 148 cases of financial abuse against elders each month. That is approximately 5 cases per day in a county where an estimated 115,064 adults aged 65 and over comprise around 16% of the county's population.

Currently, the law (Penal Code 784.7) protects vulnerable populations when certain crimes – like child abuse, domestic violence, human trafficking and sexual assault – are perpetrated in multiple counties by one or more suspects. Unfortunately, the law does not include elder abuse and fraud. This oversight was recently illustrated by the prosecution of three cases involving elderly individuals from San Mateo, Alameda, and Contra Costa counties who were victimized by the same perpetrators. Prosecutors in the counties were able to consolidate the cases claiming it involved conspiracy among the suspects. However, the consolidation may face legal challenges if prosecutors are unable to bring charges against all suspected perpetrators as current law does not provide a way to consolidate crimes of elder abuse that occur in multiple counties and involve a single defendant.

Therefore, SB 304 is critical in that it would amend Penal Code 784.7 to include elder abuse and fraud which would address this oversight and help prosecute the most prolific elder abuse offenders. SB 304 would also promote judicial economy and efficiency, save tax-payer dollars and, most importantly, help elderly victims avoid additional trauma.

Our elderly population have contributed greatly to our community and deserve this enhanced protection from harmful perpetrators. For these reasons, the County of San Mateo supports your





measure SB 304 and thanks you for your leadership on this important issue. Should you have any questions about our position, please contact Connie Juarez-Diroll, Legislative Officer (650-599-1341, [cjuarez-diroll@smcgov.org](mailto:cjuarez-diroll@smcgov.org)).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Carol Groom". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Carol Groom

CC: San Mateo County Delegation  
Board of Supervisors  
County Manager  
Health System

April 26, 2019

The Honorable Monique Limón  
California State Assembly  
State Capitol, Room 6031  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Assembly Bill 470 (Limon) California Green Business Program—SUPPORT**

Dear Assembly Member Limón,

On behalf of the County of San Mateo, I write to you today in support of AB 470 (Limón), which would establish the California Green Business Program (Program) within the California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA)—and, as a result, allow the Program to continue providing guidance and support to green business certification programs operated by local governments, which recognize small- and medium-sized businesses that adopt environmentally preferable business practices. By virtue of the Program, businesses across San Mateo County receive free technical assistance, around sustainability best practices such as resource efficiency and climate resilience, as well as increased access to rebates and other financing mechanisms that they may not be aware of. The Program currently operates within the Department of Toxic Substances Control.

The Program is focused on making internal business operations more sensitive to their implications for the environment by recommending specific measures to be implemented in the areas of energy and water efficiency, solid waste reduction, carbon emissions reduction, and green chemistry. Specifically, the Program provides the following benefits to our County: provides a venue for businesses to learn how to reduce their environmental impact and an opportunity to be recognized. The Program has provided support to the County program through technical assistance, translation of materials, marketing services, connection with other local programs, and development of statewide standards for the Program. San Mateo County has over 90 businesses certified, which has led to a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by around 500,000 pounds of carbon dioxide. As the Program continues to expand the breadth of services it provides to small- and medium-sized businesses, we believe that CalEPA is a more logical home for the Program. In addition, funding for the Program was appropriated to CalEPA, as part of the 2018-19 Budget Act, to support the objectives of the Program, and CalEPA has administered that funding for the past two years.

For these reasons, the County of San Mateo supports AB 470 and thanks you for your leadership in this area. Should you have any questions about our position, please contact Connie Juarez-Diroll, Legislative Officer ([cjuarez-diroll@smcgov.org](mailto:cjuarez-diroll@smcgov.org), 650-599-1341).

Sincerely,

*Carole Groom*

Carole Groom, President  
Board of Supervisors





April 26, 2019

The Honorable Lorena Gonzalez  
Chair, Assembly Appropriations Committee  
State Capitol, Room 4202  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: Assembly Bill 980 (Kalra) Department of Motor Vehicles: records: confidentiality—SUPPORT**

Dear Assembly Member Gonzalez:

On behalf of the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors and San Mateo County Health, we urge your support for Assembly Bill 980 by Assembly Member Kalra, which adds Adult Protective Services social workers to the list of staff who can obtain enhanced confidentiality protections from the Department of Motor Vehicles.

In general, current state law makes confidential the home addresses of all individuals contained within DMV records. However, the law allows for disclosure to courts, law enforcement agencies, and other governmental agencies, along with limited disclosure to financial institutions, insurance companies, attorneys, vehicle manufacturers, and persons doing statistical research. Enhanced protection is available under Vehicle Code Section 1808.4 to 23 classes of persons whose jobs are particularly sensitive. This primarily includes law enforcement, along with child protective services workers and community care licensing staff. These individuals, along with their spouses and children, may request that their home addresses be held confidential by DMV. Under this enhanced confidentiality, the home addresses of these persons may only be disclosed to a court, a law enforcement agency, the State Board of Equalization (BOE); pursuant to a subpoena issued by a court in a civil or criminal case; or a governmental agency legally required to be furnished the information.

As the Adult Protective Services (APS) program has been implemented over the past two decades, and as our population ages, the level of crime perpetrated against elder and dependent adults has increased and the criminals have grown more sophisticated, encompassing financial abuse as well as physical abuse and neglect. A growing number of county APS staff have reported being harassed and followed by alleged perpetrators who are angry at their crimes being discovered and make the worker the target of their anger. For example, San Mateo County APS staff have reported being admonished, followed and filmed without notice by suspected abusers and have unwittingly entered homes where other criminal activity was occurring.

Unfortunately, our data indicates that crimes against elder and dependent adults will continue to rise given San Mateo County's 6.1% increase in financial abuse reports between FY13-14 to FY15-16. Ensuring the safety of our APS staff is critical so they can focus on doing their job: protecting our most vulnerable Californians. It is time for the protections afforded to child welfare staff and community care licensing staff, along with numerous other law enforcement entities, to be extended to the estimated 800 APS



workers across the state. Ensuring their confidential information remains protected to the greatest extent possible requires only a small change to the law but represents a huge step forward for the APS field.

For these reasons, the County of San Mateo supports AB 980 and respectfully requests your "Aye" vote. Should you have any questions about our position, please contact Connie Juarez-Diroll, Legislative Officer (650-599-1341, [cjuarez-diroll@smcgov.org](mailto:cjuarez-diroll@smcgov.org)).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Carole Groom". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Carole Groom, President  
Board of Supervisors

CC: All Members, Assembly Appropriations Committee  
San Mateo County Delegation  
Board of Supervisors  
County Manager  
County Health



April 26, 2019

The Honorable Lorena Gonzalez  
Chair, Assembly Appropriations Committee  
State Capitol, Room 4202  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Assembly Bill 1544 (Gipson) Community Paramedicine or Triage to Alternate Destination Act-  
OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED**

Dear Assembly Member Gonzalez:

On behalf of the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors and San Mateo County Health, I write to inform you that we have taken an oppose unless amended position on AB 1544 by Assembly Member Gipson. AB 1544 would codify community paramedicine programs and erode the local medical authority of San Mateo County's Emergency Medical Services Agency's (EMSA) Medical Director to establish policies and protocols for transport to alternate destinations that best meet the unique emergency medical care needs of our community.

Currently we are compiling a comprehensive list of recommended revisions that address the numerous problematic and technical provisions of AB 1544. However, below we highlight some of the concerning policy statements that serve to erode the authority of local EMSA's to develop community paramedicine or triage to alternate destination programs.

**Requiring the local EMSA medical director to submit treatment and transport protocols to a committee of physicians for approval pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 1797.172.** San Mateo County already has a process in place to receive advice from our local medical community, so this bill would add an unnecessary additional layer beyond our current process and delay our ability to be responsive to system changes that best meet local needs.

**Mandating the use of an appointed Emergency Medical Care Committee (EMCC) comprised in part of lay persons and non-physicians to advise the local EMS agency on the development of the program.** San Mateo County has a balanced EMCC that includes hospital, physician, nurse, fire, ambulance, and community members that are appointed by the Board of Supervisors, so adding additional representatives would unbalance this committee which is serving the EMS system well and providing input into our EMS system structure currently.

**Mandating counties, when deciding how to establish and initiate a program, to offer the first right of refusal to public agency fire departments.** This would undo a long-standing program in San Mateo County



were private paramedics working for the contracted 911 private ambulance provider, transport mental health patients to alternative destinations. This has been the practice in San Mateo County for over the last 10 years. The EMS system routinely provides alternate destinations that best meet the patients' needs, diverting over a 1,000 mental health patients away from crowded emergency departments taking them to the right place the first time.

**Mandating the addition of four new union-related positions be added to the California EMS Commission giving one EMS special interest group more votes than all others.**

Counties and their local EMSAs should maintain their authority and responsibility they already exercise for planning, implementation, and evaluation of the EMS system, including specialty services such as trauma, cardiac, pediatrics, and stroke systems of care. Under the proven leadership and direction of our local EMSA Medical Director, paramedics are delivering high-quality, cutting-edge emergency medical care, and disaster preparedness and response to a dynamic and diverse population who live, work, study, and play in San Mateo County.

It is for these reasons that we regretfully must take an oppose unless amended position on AB 1544 and strongly urge your 'NO' vote on the measure. Should you have any questions about our support, please contact Connie Juarez-Diroll, Legislative Officer ([cjuarez-diroll@smcgov.org](mailto:cjuarez-diroll@smcgov.org), 650-599-1341).

Sincerely,



Carole Groom, President  
Board of Supervisors

CC: All Members, Assembly Appropriations Committee  
San Mateo County Delegation  
Board of Supervisors  
County Manager  
County Health



April 19, 2019

The Honorable Richard Pan, M.D.  
Chair, Senate Health Committee  
State Capitol, Room 5114  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Senate Bill 438 (Hertzberg) Emergency Medical Services: Dispatch (As Amended March 25, 2019) – OPPOSE**

Dear Senator Pan:

On behalf of the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors and San Mateo County Health, I write to inform you of our opposition to SB 438 authored by Senator Hertzberg. SB 438 would restrict county oversight and accountability for the operation of our public safety answering points (PSAPs), including 9-1-1 Emergency Medical Services (EMS) dispatch centers, and circumvent the authority of the medical director of the San Mateo County Emergency Medical Services Agency (SMC EMSA), who is a highly qualified physician, to ensure the appropriate deployment and use of EMS resources.

SB 438 attempts to overturn 22 years of Supreme Court precedent in *County of San Bernardino v. City of San Bernardino* (1997 15.Cal. 4<sup>th</sup> 909). The State Supreme Court explained in enacting the EMS Act in 1980, “the Legislature conceived of ‘medical control’ in fairly expansive terms, encompassing matters directly related to regulating the quality of emergency medical services, including policies and procedures governing dispatch and patient care.” Other subjects of medical control include those policies designed to improve the “speed and effectiveness” or emergency response as well as “how the various providers will interact at the emergency scene.”

SMC EMS is required to adhere to stringent medical control standards established by the Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA) when enacting local policies and procedures, including those that govern EMS dispatch and response. EMSA enforces adherence to these state standards through the local EMS plan approval process. In San Mateo County, the SMC EMS medical director is charged with ensuring that all dispatch entities, whether public or private, operate under medical control to the benefit of the patients within their boundaries.

SB 438 would provide local municipal agencies with the ability to act outside of the medical control of the SMC EMS medical director in the delivery of prehospital emergency care. As a practical matter, this would fragment the County’s well-organized, coordinated, and integrated EMS system. SB 438 could compromise the continued delivery of emergency medical dispatch (EMD) services County-wide by a single entity – Public Safety Communications (PSC), including the provision of pre-arrival instructions supporting the delivery of life-saving aid by bystanders prior to the arrival of first responders. The EMD services provided by PSC are exceptional, evidence-based, and delivered in accordance with the



requirements of the International Academies of Emergency Dispatch. SB 438 would also risk patient safety and result in considerable variations in care delivered as deviations from SMC EMS policies and procedures may occur without its authority to monitor practices and enact corrective action(s).

San Mateo County joins the California State Association of Counties (CSAC), Urban Counties of California (UCC), Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC), County Health Executives Association of California (CHEAC), Emergency Medical Services Administrators Association of California (EMSAAC) and the Emergency Medical Services Medical Directors Association of California (EMDAC), in opposition to SB 438. Counties and their local emergency Medical Services agencies (LEMSAs) should maintain their current authority and responsibility they prudently exercise to plan, implement, and evaluate the EMS system. Under the proven leadership and direction of our local SMC EMS Medical Director, paramedics are delivering high-quality, cutting-edge emergency medical care to a dynamic and diverse population who live, work, study, and play in San Mateo County.

It is for these reasons that we regretfully must oppose SB 438 and strongly urge your 'NO' vote on the measure. Should you have any questions about our support, please contact Connie Juarez-Diroll, Legislative Officer ([cjuarez-diroll@smcgov.org](mailto:cjuarez-diroll@smcgov.org), 650-599-1341).

Sincerely,



Carole Groom, President  
Board of Supervisors

Cc: Honorable Members, Senate Health Committee  
San Mateo County Delegation  
San Mateo County Board of Supervisors  
County Manager  
Health System



April 9, 2019

The Honorable Lorena Gonzalez, Chair  
Assembly Appropriations Committee  
California State Assembly  
State Capitol, Room 2114  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Assembly Bill 964 (Medina) County jails: visitation—OPPOSE, UNLESS AMENDED**

Dear Chair Gonzalez:

On behalf of the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors, I write to inform you of our oppose unless amended position on AB 964, which would require all local detention facilities provide in-person visitation. For existing correctional facilities that do not provide in-person visitation, the measure requires they do so by January 1, 2025 without state funding.

While we do not disagree that there are positive benefits to in-person visitation, particularly for persons serving longer sentences in County jails, we are opposed to new requirements that would have us go back and reconfigure a brand new, state of the art correctional facility built to maximize programming space for both men and women, without providing the necessary state funds to make the newly required changes.

In 2016, our County completed the construction of the Maple Street Correctional Center (MCC), a 257,000-square-foot men's and women's jail with an 832-bed capacity. Built at a cost of approximately \$181 million in local financing only, the facility replaced our old and cramped women's jail and provides expanded space to house minimum- to medium-security male inmates previously housed at our aging and crowded Maguire Correctional Facility in downtown Redwood City. Most importantly, MCC was built to provide an expanded array of rehabilitative programs and services to both male and female inmates to better prepare them for reentry into our community. MCC now offers, in part, the following list of supportive and rehabilitative services: educational supportive programs (literacy, high school and GED), job skills training (culinary and computers), mental health and counseling programs, substance abuse treatment programs, anger management, and many others. Thus, we strongly believe that our County is at the forefront of providing compassionate corrections to all the inmates serving time at MCC.

In planning the new facility, county representatives toured the country to see the latest in jail design. Thus, our County's decision to use video visitation exclusively at MCC was driven by a number of factors, including: the limited amount of space the County had to work within to build the new facility, efficiency of operations, safety concerns, and the beneficial aspects of video visitation such as the ability of inmates to have more frequent visits with family members who will now not have to travel such long distances to visit, and who in the future, may have the option to Skype with their incarcerated loved one.



It should be noted that throughout the MCC design process, our Sheriff's Office staff worked closely with the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) to comply with all existing State requirements, which at the time did not require in-person visitation. Since 2016, and in response to previous legislative attempts to retroactively mandate in-person visitation for facilities such as ours, the Sheriff's Office retrofitted existing space within the ground floor of Maple Street to provide an area for in-person visitation for our inmates. Unfortunately, this space would not be sufficient to meet any new standard required under AB 964 and its expansion would come at considerable cost to our County. Finally, our cost estimates have not accounted for the added, ongoing staffing costs that would be required to implement in-person visitation at our facility. Thus, these costs could easily add up to hundreds of thousands of dollars per year.

Because this legislation would impose a new retroactive requirement for the construction of in-person visitation at MCC by 2025 and our preliminary estimates are that such a retrofit could cost our County in excess of \$8 million, we must respectfully oppose this bill, unless it is amended to include full state funding for the reconstruction.

Should you have any questions about our position, please do not hesitate to contact Connie Juarez-Diroll, Legislative Director, (650-599-1341, [cjuarez-diroll@smcgov.org](mailto:cjuarez-diroll@smcgov.org)).

Sincerely,



Carole Groom, President  
Board of Supervisors

cc: All Members of the Assembly Appropriations Committee  
San Mateo County Board of Supervisors  
Carlos Bolanos, Sheriff, San Mateo County  
Michael Callagy, County Manager, San Mateo County



April 3, 2019

The Honorable Mike McGuire  
Chair, Senate Governance and Finance Committee  
State Capitol, Room 5061  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Senate Bill 438 (Hertzberg) Emergency Medical Services: Dispatch  
As Amended March 25, 2019 - OPPOSE**

Dear Senator McGuire:

On behalf of the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors and San Mateo County Health, I write to inform you of our opposition to SB 438 authored by Senator Hertzberg. SB 438 would circumvent the existing oversight of San Mateo County's emergency medical services agency medical director on our local emergency medical dispatch center which is required to ensure the appropriate deployment and use of EMS resources.

SB 438 greatly erodes Local Emergency Medical Service Agency (LEMSA) medical directors' authority to:

- Regulate the quality of emergency medical services
- Standardize policy and procedures governing dispatch and patient care
- Implement customized policies and procedures designed to improve the efficiency and efficacy of response and delivery of prehospital emergency care

SB 438 provides public safety agencies with the authority to act outside of the medical control of the LEMSAs medical director which would fragment the EMS system. This fragmentation is likely to result in a wide variation in the care provided to patients and may increase risks to patient safety as deviations from LEMSAs policies and procedures may occur without LEMSAs ability to issue corrective action.

San Mateo County joins the California State Association of Counties (CSAC), Urban Counties of California (UCC), Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC), County Health Executives Association of California (CHEAC), Emergency Medical Services Administrators Association of California (EMSAAC) and the Emergency Medical Services Medical Directors Association of California (EMDAC), in opposition to SB 438. Counties and their LEMSAs should maintain their current authority and responsibility they prudently exercise to plan, implement, and evaluate the EMS system. Under the proven leadership and direction of our local EMSA Medical Director, paramedics are delivering high-quality, cutting-edge emergency medical care to a dynamic and diverse population who live, work, study, and play in San Mateo County.



It is for these reasons that we regretfully must oppose SB 438 and strongly urge your 'NO' vote on the measure. Should you have any questions about our support, please contact Connie Juarez-Diroll, Legislative Officer ([cjuarez-diroll@smcgov.org](mailto:cjuarez-diroll@smcgov.org), 650-599-1341).

Sincerely,



Carole Groom, President  
Board of Supervisors

CC: All Members, Senate Governance and Finance Committee  
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June 6, 2019

The Honorable Phil Ting  
Chair, Assembly Budget Committee  
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The Honorable Holly Mitchell  
Chair, Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee  
State Capitol, Room 5019  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: Budget Funding Request: California Green Business and Green Technical Assistance Program--  
SUPPORT**

Dear Chairs Ting and Mitchell:

On behalf of the County of San Mateo and its Office of Sustainability, we write to you today to request your continued support of the \$2 million annual funding request from the California Green Business Program (Program) on an on-going basis, so that this important program, which has received funding in the budget the last two years, can continue to provide effective and critical greenhouse gas emissions reductions.

As we have shared with you in the past, the Program is one of the few programs that has quantified data that shows greenhouse gas emission reductions tied to conserved energy, water, and other resources. It also provides support and technical assistance to local green business certification programs operated by local governments. In San Mateo County, the program is implemented by our Office of Sustainability and serves all of San Mateo County, from Daly City, Colma, and South San Francisco, to Menlo Park and East Palo Alto.

The County currently has 90 certified businesses, including two in Daly City with continued efforts in that City. In Colma the County is working with Republic Services on eight food service businesses and efforts will expand to auto dealerships.

The program certifies small- and medium-sized businesses that voluntarily adopt environmentally preferable business practices, including, but not limited to, increased energy efficiency, reduced greenhouse gas emissions, water conservation, pollution prevention and waste reduction. The Program is managed by the California Green Business Network (CAGBN), a non-profit governed by member municipalities. Local governments and businesses implement green business programs and gain recognition for preventing or reducing pollution, conserving resources & significantly reducing greenhouse gas emissions, all while saving money. The CAGBN delivers technical assistance for, and validates, sustainable business activities, strengthens the green marketplace, and tracks measurable outcomes using state and federally endorsed calculators.

For these reasons, we are requesting your continued support for this funding on an on-going basis. I greatly appreciate your leadership on this issue and we look forward to continuing to work with you and your staff to ensure investment in this valuable program.

Sincerely,

*Carole Groom*

Carol Groom  
President  
Board of Supervisors



CC: All Members of the Budget Conference Committee  
San Mateo County State Delegation Members  
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June 6, 2019

The Honorable Holly J. Mitchell  
Chair, Senate Committee on Budget  
State Capitol, Room 5019  
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Philip Ting  
Chair, Assembly Committee on Budget  
State Capitol, Room 6026  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**SUBJECT: Adopt Budget Trailer Bill That Supports Greater Transparency in Proposed  
Medi-Cal Pharmacy Benefit Transition**

Dear Chairs Mitchell and Ting:

On behalf of San Mateo County's Board of Supervisors and the San Mateo Medical Center, I urge you to adopt budget trailer bill language directing the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to work with stakeholders and the Legislature to more deeply analyze the Governor's proposed Medi-Cal pharmacy benefit transition. Such an analysis would mitigate potential pitfalls for the health care system and ensure smooth implementation.

In January, the Governor issued an Executive Order to create a single drug purchasing system in California. The order also carves out the pharmacy benefit from the responsibility of Medi-Cal managed care plans and transitions the benefit into the fee-for-service delivery system. This will directly impact access and quality of care for more than 10.6 million Medi-Cal managed care beneficiaries and could negatively impact the entire health care delivery system. **Before significantly altering the delivery of care for millions of Medi-Cal beneficiaries and their providers, we must fully understand this transition's potential impact.**

As a participant in the 340B Drug Discount Program, our hospital anticipates significant financial losses as a result of this proposal. Losing 340B would result in a \$12 million increase in our pharmacy costs, 4% of our operating budget. The discounts we receive from the pharmaceutical industry through the 340B program — discounts that would be reduced under this proposal — support our efforts to improve care for over 70,000 patients. Thanks to these savings, hospitals across the state are able to offer important services, including specialized programs for our most vulnerable Medi-Cal and uninsured populations who rely on the state's safety net.

The budget trailer bill language we ask you to support would require DHCS to:

- Provide the Legislature with a full fiscal analysis and implementation plan.





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- Create a transparent process for examination and public review of that analysis and plan.
- Convene an advisory group of experts and stakeholders to discuss issues and options, and provide findings and recommendations to the Legislature.

Understanding how this proposal would impact the health care system is critically important. For these reasons, San Mateo Medical Center urges your support of budget trailer bill language that would require greater transparency around this transition.

Sincerely,

David McGrew  
Chief Financial Officer  
San Mateo Medical Center

cc: The Honorable Members, 2019 Conference Committee on the Budget  
Senate President pro Tempore Toni Atkins  
Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon



June 4, 2019



Members of the Budget Conference Committee  
State Capitol, Room 5050  
Sacramento, CA 95814



Dear Senators and Assembly members:



Counties serve as subdivisions of the state in implementing important state and federal programs. We represent nine of California's urban counties and we recognize the importance of having a unified voice on the most pressing policy areas that work on the state's behalf to administer and implement. Urban counties are unique given our overwhelming majority of caseloads in the health, welfare and justice areas, and our growing homelessness crisis. Across our counties, we represent close to 63% of the total California population.



Although not all of California's Housing and Urban Development Point In Time counts for homelessness have been released—preliminary numbers highlight what we already know—our homelessness crisis is deepening. Despite increases in recent years in affordable and permanent supportive housing, as well as shelter beds, outreach, and a multitude of services, we still have a crisis. We believe the severity of this crisis dictates additional funding, more local flexibility, and more targeted funding to the areas at the epicenter of this crisis. Urban counties are the epicenter of our state's homelessness crisis.



As such, we fully support the Governor's May Revision increases in homeless emergency aid from \$500 million to \$650 million, and most notably, provides \$275 million of that funding directly to counties. Counties provide the health and social services that keep people housed, a key factor in reducing and preventing homelessness in a meaningful manner. Given our expertise in contracting for services that directly serve the homeless, counties are ideally situated to coordinate and administer funding. Counties have also invested hundreds of millions of local dollars in building affordable housing. Additionally, counties can leverage their broader geographic coverage and connection to other major systems, including child welfare, criminal justice, and behavioral health.



Homelessness is a regional issue. A core mission of counties is to coordinate services regionally and we can bring this expertise to bear for homelessness and work with our cities, service providers and private partners. As safety net providers, counties have the experience and expertise to pair a wide array of services we already administer (SSI/SSP, GA) in conjunction with specific homelessness dollars.



We respectfully request that the Budget Conference Committee provide direct funding to counties to address the homelessness crisis.

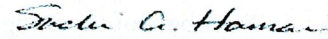
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Keith Carson, Vice President  
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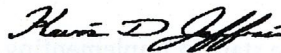
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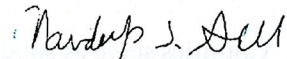
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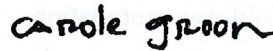
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May 28, 2019

California State Assembly Member and Budget Chair Phil Ting  
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California State Senator and Budget Chair Holly Mitchell  
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**Re: Early Childhood Investments in FY 19/20 State Budget**

Dear Assembly Member Ting and Senator Mitchell,

On behalf of the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors, First 5 San Mateo County and the San Mateo County Office of Education, we are writing to express our strong support for the proposed FY 2019/20 May Revise Budget. In particular, we applaud the bold and comprehensive package of early childhood investments that incorporates strategies from the End Child Poverty Plan created by California's Lifting Children and Families Out of Poverty Task Force. We fully support the portfolio of research-based, whole-child, two-generation budget proposals that will provide significant and immediate relief for our state's most vulnerable children and families, while simultaneously advancing policies and systems changes that will improve outcomes over the long-term.

The proposed May Revise Budget reflects many of the same values and improvements in early childhood outcomes that San Mateo County is working toward. We are particularly supportive of the Governor's proposals to:

- **Invest over \$100 million in Federal and Proposition 56 funds in Developmental and Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) Screening.** Screening young children for developmental and social-emotional concerns, as well as adverse experiences, helps ensure that children and their families have the resources they require to support optimal development. The relationship between trauma and long-term health and psycho-social consequences is well established. Investments in developmental and ACEs screening will bolster efforts already underway in San Mateo County to provide timely screening linked to quality referrals to appropriate resources. It is estimated that each year in San Mateo County, 4,000 children, ages 0-5, are not being identified and receiving critical early intervention services through the Regional Center, school district, or the County Office of Education. We are establishing Help Me Grow in our county, a national model that helps to address this need by building collaboration among primary care providers, schools, and community programs to have a centralized access point for information and referrals, promote surveillance and screenings, and educate and inform the community.
- **Invest \$10 million to develop the road map to provide universal preschool in California, as well as a long-term plan to improve access to and quality of subsidized child care.** Achieving the vision of universal preschool will require multiple,



sustainable financing strategies, partnerships, and improvements to policies and practices at all levels of the early care and education (ECE) system. We fully support the Governor's balanced approach to making near-term investments to increase capacity and access to high-quality preschool programs, while putting California on the path to ensure all young children enter the K-12 education system ready to succeed socially, emotionally, developmentally, and academically. In San Mateo County, we have a bold initiative to increase 50% of children reading at 3<sup>rd</sup> grade level to 80%. The Big Lift combines high-quality and integrated learning experiences for San Mateo County preschool to third grade students. This early learning transformation is focused on literacy, reducing chronic absence and summer learning loss, as well as engaging families and the broader community to support both home and school learning. The Big Lift is partnering with 7 school districts who are also part of Quality Counts, San Mateo County's Quality Rating & Improvement System (QRIS).

- **Increase investments in the California Earned Income Tax Credit (CalEITC), more than doubling the size of the current program.** This budget proposal is consistent with the recently-released report, "A Roadmap to Reducing Child Poverty" (National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine, 2019), which cites the committee's finding that the federal EITC and the refundable portion of the Child Tax Credit are the most successful strategies for alleviating poverty, and that "periodic increases in the generosity of the Earned Income Tax Credit program have improved children's educational and health outcomes." According to a United Way Bay Area report of 2017 data, 10% of children in San Mateo County, 0-17, live in poverty; in some cities in the county that number increases to 27%. San Mateo County has tried to address poverty and high rates of juvenile probation seen in four specific geographic areas of the county through the Community Collaboration for Children's Success (CCCS), a multi-agency effort that includes SMC Health, Human Services Agency, Probation, County Office of Education, and First 5. This initiative focuses community planning efforts in these neighborhoods to recognize and address each community's needs while building on existing assets. The initiative's long-term goals are to achieve better outcomes for children and youth and help prevent circumstances that lead to juvenile justice, child welfare, or intensive behavioral health services which can limit young people's ability to succeed.

The Governor's new program, the "Working Families Tax Credit," includes an additional \$500 credit per child for families with children under the age of 6, as well as other program enhancements that will have tangible benefits for working families.

- **Invest \$50 million of one-time General Funds in Child Savings Accounts to support and encourage families to build assets for their children's post-secondary education, including living expenses.** California's one-time investment in the Child Savings Account pilot program will enhance San Mateo County's efforts in our Community Collaboration for Children's Success (CCCS) Initiative to develop cost-effective models and help build existing assets in families and communities. We know that in our county, nearly one in three babies (31%) is born with fewer resources than average, according to the Strong Start Index Data; one in five (20%) is born into a "low-asset" neighborhood, where large proportions of families are struggling against great odds to create opportunities for their children to thrive.

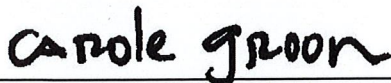


- **Invest \$500 million one-time General Funds to expand subsidized child care facilities and invest in the education of the child care work force.** Strengthening the physical and human infrastructure of the state's early care and education (ECE) system is essential to achieving the positive outcomes associated with early learning programs. The proposed investment in facilities compliments our Build Up for San Mateo County Children's Initiative efforts to improve and expand child care facilities by granting forgivable loans for facility improvements with revenue generated by a local Child Care Developer Fee program. Build Up for SMC's Children identified nearly 11,000 spaces needed for childcare, 0-3 and preschool age children. Build Up is a coordinated, cross-agency initiative of paid staff, volunteer community advocates and leaders working with cities, developers, employers, school districts, and faith-based organizations to expand and increase sites for early care and education. These funds will also support a recent study First 5 and the San Mateo County Child Care Partnership Council conducted to investigate current child care workforce compensation practices in center-based programs within the county.
- **Invest \$10 million for the development of a Longitudinal Data System** that will connect student information from early education providers, K-12 schools, higher education, and health and human services agencies. Building on work of the Silicon Valley Regional Data Trust and other local efforts to connect child data across sectors and ages, this investment will help ensure that our county, region and state will be able to use data effectively to understand the well-being of our children across sectors and the age-span.

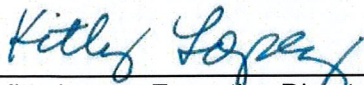
The breadth and depth of the proposed investments in California's early childhood system are unprecedented and long overdue. We appreciate the Governor's vision and understanding that only by investing in prevention services, targeted at young children and their families, will we sustain the California economy and the wellbeing of our communities. The proposed early childhood investments will enable leaders in San Mateo County to deepen and expand many of its existing efforts to promote self-sufficiency, alleviate poverty, and improve the quality of life for children and families.

The San Mateo County Board of Supervisors, First 5 San Mateo County and the San Mateo County Office of Education thank you for being visible, vocal champions for California's children and families. We look forward to partnering with you to implement the vision of a California for All.

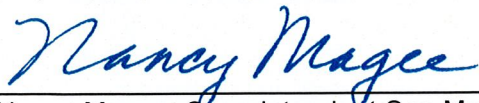
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Carole Groom, President San Mateo County Board of Supervisors



Kitty Lopez, Executive Director First 5 San Mateo County



Nancy Magee, Superintendent San Mateo County Office of Education

cc: Governor Gavin Newsom  
Assembly Member Kevin Mullin  
Senator Jerry Hill  
Kris Perry, Deputy Secretary & Senior Advisor Health & Human Services  
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May 2, 2019

The Honorable Eloise Gómez Reyes  
Acting Chair, Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 1 on Health & Human Services.  
State Capitol, Room 2175  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: \$50 Million for Local Health Department Communicable Disease Infrastructure – SUPPORT**

Dear Assembly Member Reyes:

On the behalf of the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors and County Health, we respectfully request your support of a continuous appropriation of \$50 million from the General Fund beginning in FY 2019-20 to improve local health department infrastructure to prevent and control the spread of infectious diseases.

The San Mateo County Health, Division of Public Health Policy & Planning (PHPP), communicable disease program works diligently to prevent and reduce community exposure to dangerous and potentially deadly illnesses within our jurisdiction, including over 80 reportable conditions. Local health departments in California, including ours, play a unique and critical role in outbreak investigations and disease control in order to protect our residents' health and safety, a responsibility for which no other entity is accountable.

To carry out this work, PHPP employs a variety of intensive strategies, including, but not limited to, targeted outreach and education to at-risk communities and healthcare providers, disease investigation and contact tracing, and epidemiological surveillance. However, we do not have adequate funding to fulfill our unique mandate in preventing and controlling infectious diseases within our jurisdiction. State and federal funding for communicable disease control activities have declined significantly over time and are largely siloed, based on disease-specific conditions.

As such, our local health department has experienced considerable challenges in addressing the rising rates of ever-present diseases, such as sexually transmitted diseases (STDs), as well as new and reemerging outbreaks, such as measles. San Mateo County has observed rising rates of chlamydia, gonorrhea and syphilis, and increased outbreaks of acute gastroenteritis. We struggled to deal with all these cases due to limited capacity when investigating emerging infections including but not limited to measles and Zika. Further, local health departments will need to strengthen collaborations with emergency preparedness partners to enhance the public health system to respond to global disease threats as Ebola outbreaks continue to persist in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Another challenge is the underreporting of disease incidents and outbreaks. Local health departments are not adequately resourced to detect early disease outbreaks and incidents that require dedicated resources to improve syndromic surveillance, electronic case reporting, and enhance laboratory testing capacity. Early response and distribution of countermeasures saves lives. These communicable disease incidents, along with significant funding constraints to our local health department, pose a serious health and safety risk to residents within our jurisdiction.



This investment would allow our local health department to take critical steps toward improving our public health infrastructure, which is fundamental to preventing and controlling the spread of infectious diseases within our jurisdiction and throughout the state. This flexible funding stream would allow our jurisdiction to address current infrastructure gaps by:

- bolstering staffing capacity to capture chief complaint and disease diagnosis from clinical electronic health records
- conduct epidemiological surveillance in the public health laboratory including, but not limited to, adopting new testing methodologies such as whole genome sequencing and expanding film array respiratory and gastroenteritis cartridges to include pediatric samples
- increase workforce development, training, and exercises with emergency partners
- expand public health stationary and mobile clinics and field services to reduce sexually transmitted infections.

We respectfully urge your support of this continuous appropriation of \$50 million from the General Fund to improve local health department infrastructure to prevent and control the spread of infectious diseases, particularly within our jurisdiction. Should you have any questions about our position, please contact Connie Juarez-Diroll, Legislative Officer (650-599-1341, [cjuarez-diroll@smcgov.org](mailto:cjuarez-diroll@smcgov.org)).

Sincerely,



Carole Groom, President  
Board of Supervisors

cc: Honorable Members, Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 1  
San Mateo County Delegation  
Board of Supervisors  
County Manager  
Health System



April 26, 2019

The Honorable Phil Ting  
Chair, Legislative Budget Conference Committee  
State Capitol, Room 6026  
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Holly Mitchell  
Vice-Chair, Legislative Budget Conference Committee  
State Capitol, Room 5019  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: Budget Funding Request: California Green Business and Green Technical Assistance Program—  
SUPPORT**

Dear Chair Ting and Vice-Chair Mitchell,

I write to you today in support of the Assembly Budget Committee's action to provide \$2 million annually to fund the California Green Business Program (Program) on an on-going basis and request that the Legislative Budget Conference Committee adopt the Assembly action. With this continued funding, the Program will provide support and assistance to green business certification programs operated by local governments that certify small- and medium-sized businesses that voluntarily adopt environmentally preferable business practices, including, but not limited to, increased energy efficiency, reduced greenhouse gas emissions, water conservation, pollution prevention and waste reduction. In the 2017-18, and 2019-20 Budget Acts, \$1 million was appropriated to the California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA) for the Program. Unfortunately, it was done on a one-time basis each year.

The Program is managed by the California Green Business Network (CAGBN), a non-profit governed by member municipalities. Local governments and businesses implement green business programs and gain recognition for preventing or reducing pollution, conserving resources & significantly reducing greenhouse gas emissions, all while saving money. The CAGBN delivers technical assistance for and validates sustainable business activities, strengthens the green marketplace, and tracks measurable outcomes using state and federally endorsed calculators. The CAGBN has worked closely with the California Air Resources Board (CARB) and CalRecycle on metrics and has partnered on federal grant opportunities to successfully launch programs in disadvantaged communities and tough to reach business sectors.

This program targets a critical and underserved uncapped sector - small-to-medium sized businesses (SMBs) – which contribute significantly to California's poor air quality and environmental woes and yet positively to the economy. In order to reach SMBs in the communities that bear their fair share of a poor environment, more than 25% of the funding the Program received in 2017-18 was used for SMBs in disadvantaged communities. If this request is successful, this same requirement would be maintained moving forward. SMBs rarely have staff assigned to managing environmental performance. These businesses typically have a lack of expertise, time, knowledge and funding to implement important conservation practices, even when it would benefit their bottom line. Many small businesses do not take advantage of rebates and resources that are available.



Collectively, as of early 2019, California Green Businesses save annually an estimated:

- 110,000 metric tons of CO2
- 64 million gallons of water
- 33,000 tons of waste diverted from landfill
- \$7 million in utility savings for small businesses

With the first one-time appropriation, CAGBN:

- Grew six (6) new municipal programs in 2018, and aims to add five (5) new programs in 2019, with more than half representing traditionally underserved regions or disadvantaged communities
- Translated many of our resources to reflect our State's diverse communities
- Increased business enrollment by over 230% through effective community-based social marketing
- Met our two-year goal to work with 1000 businesses in a little over a year

The CAGBN aims to certify 40,000 businesses by 2050. If successful, California could expect to see the following savings: over 10 million metric tons of greenhouse gas emissions saved, 1.6 billion gallons of water saved, and \$390 million in estimated utility savings for businesses. The additional funding provided will allow the program to grow and work towards achieving these long-term goals.

As demonstrated, the return on investment into Green Business Programs is significant. The state funds have led to a considerable reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from businesses, at a cost of \$12-\$16 per ton of emissions reduced. We need to continue to look toward funding for programs that can reduce GHGs at a low cost per ton that also benefit the backbone of the economy; small businesses. I believe the Program is a proven, cost effective, investment. The additional investment through this budget request will help the state accomplish all of its AB 32 and SB 32 goals, while demonstrating these practices make sense for a small to medium sized business' bottom line.

For these reasons, the County of San Mateo is requesting the continuation of this funding on an on-going basis. Should you have any questions about our position, please contact Connie Juarez-Diroll, Legislative Officer ([cjuarez-diroll@smcgov.org](mailto:cjuarez-diroll@smcgov.org), 650-599-1341).

Sincerely,



Carole Groom, President  
Board of Supervisors

cc: Members of the Budget Conference Committee  
San Mateo County Delegation  
Board of Supervisors  
County Manager  
Office of Sustainability







# **Federal Legislative Correspondence**

June 19, 2019

Nancy Potok, Chief Statistician  
Office of Management and Budget  
9257 New Executive Office Building  
725 17<sup>th</sup> Street NW  
Washington, D.C. 20006

**RE: OMB Directive 14: Consumer Inflation Measures Produced by Federal Statistical Agencies**

Dear Ms. Potok:

On behalf of the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors, I respectfully submit these comments in response to the May 7, 2019 Office of Management and Budget's proposal to adjust the Official Poverty Measure (OPM) by changing the rate of inflation used to calculate the poverty threshold each year.

For reasons outlined below, the County of San Mateo opposes any change that would reduce the inflation rate tied to eligibility for a number of the federal, state and non-profit programs intended to support individuals and families served by county agencies. We oppose changing from the current Consumer Price Index (CPI) methodology to any of the alternatives put forth in the Notice, including the chained CPI or the Personal Consumption Expenditures Price Index (PCEPI).

The Notice states it is not seeking comment on how its proposal would affect the poverty guidelines that the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) develops that determine income eligibility for programs like Medicaid/Medi-Cal and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP/CalFresh) and many others. However, it is impossible to separate the two. While the OPM is primarily used for statistical purposes, HHS in fact bases its annually issued poverty guidelines on the OPM thresholds. Consequently, changes to the OPM poverty threshold will affect the HHS eligibility guidelines themselves.

Due to that connection, it is critical that the federal government first analyze and solicit public comments on the potential effects a change to the OPM will have on the programs we administer and provide to individuals and families. Changes to the OPM that reduce the measure's rate of growth will, over time, reduce eligibility for health and human services programs and shift more of the financial burden of supporting vulnerable individuals and families to county and state governments. The Notice itself acknowledges this when it states, "[C]hanges to the poverty thresholds, including how they are updated for inflation over time, may affect eligibility for programs that use the poverty guidelines."

The effects of a change to using a chained CPI or PCEPI would further exacerbate known problems with the current OPM. Due to ever-rising housing costs above the rate of inflation overall, low-income families in California and many other states spend an increasingly larger share of their income on housing. Many of those families pay for child care, another high and increasing cost, to enable them to





work. These families also experience more difficulty in affording health care and experience food insecurity at greater rates, despite food assistance program. Those key factors are not addressed adequately with the current poverty measure, nor does it capture regional costs of living.

Our County, one of the nine San Francisco-Bay Area counties, is one of the most expensive places in the country to live. In fact, with the median price of a single-family home topping \$1.325 million and the average rent for a two-bedroom apartment at \$3,170 per month, we face some of the highest regional housing costs of all the Bay Area counties. Because the current calculation does not reflect the true cost of living in a high cost county like ours, any changes to the official poverty measure that does not take this into account will only serve to plunge more of our most vulnerable populations into deeper poverty.

Adopting a widely accepted, alternative poverty metric such as the Supplemental Poverty Measure (SPM) would more fully capture those actual costs described above. We strongly urge that any adjustments to the OPM should correct, rather than exacerbate, the existing formula's deficiencies. Further, if the Administration is pursuing a more accurate measure of poverty, it cannot narrowly focus on inflation, but instead must undertake a comprehensive, evidence-based reevaluation of OPM's underlying formula so that it can capture the true cost of meeting basic needs in our counties as well as in individual states and/or regions.

For these reasons described above, the County of San Mateo urges a more comprehensive and thoughtful approach to determining the Official Poverty Measure than the Notice seems to indicate is being contemplated. Thank you for the opportunity to comment. If you have any questions, please contact our Legislative Officer, Connie Juarez-Diroll (650-599-1341, [cjuarez-diroll@smcgov.org](mailto:cjuarez-diroll@smcgov.org)).

Sincerely,



Carole Groom, President  
Board of Supervisors



July 1, 2019

Office of the General Counsel, Rules Docket Clerk  
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development  
451 7th Street, SW, Room 10276  
Washington, DC 20410-0001

**RE: [DOCKET NO. FR-6124-P-01, RIN 2501-AD89]: HOUSING AND COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1980: VERIFICATION OF ELIGIBLE STATUS**

To Whom It May Concern:

As the Executive Director of the Housing Authority of the County of San Mateo (HACSM), I am submitting comments regarding the above referenced Federal Register Notice concerning the proposed rule that would make changes to HUD's regulations implementing Section 214 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1980 as amended. HACSM administers the Housing Choice Voucher program and other housing subsidy programs to the benefit of low income families, the elderly, homeless veterans and other special need groups in our county. HACSM strongly opposes HUD's proposed rule as it attempts to change the process of determining how to provide rental subsidy to "mixed families," which are households comprised of individuals both with and without eligible citizenship status. **The Department's current regulation, codified by existing law, already prohibits rental assistance to ineligible noncitizens.** Instead, it allows mixed family households to reside in assisted housing under a reduced, pro-rated rent calculation, which excludes the ineligible family member from the calculation. This approach effectively ensures that the ineligible household member does not receive housing subsidy.

The proposed rule would have serious negative consequences, separating families, exacerbating homelessness and decreasing the amount of housing assistance that would otherwise be available. Therefore, HACSM urges the withdrawal of the proposed rule in its entirety and requests the Administration and Congress provide adequate funding to ensure every family who is eligible for HUD assistance has access to affordable housing.

**Impact on Assisted Households in San Mateo County**

San Mateo County, California is located directly south of the City of San Francisco and encompasses a portion of "Silicon Valley". Our area has one of the most expensive rental housing markets in the nation. This misguided rule would force families of mixed-immigration status to break-up to receive assistance or to forego assistance altogether. Additionally, U.S. citizens and individuals 62 years of age or older who are not able to provide proof of citizenship and immigration status will face losing their assistance and could become homeless. In our county we estimate that 136 households, comprised of 559 individuals would be negatively impacted by this new rule. Given our "hyperactive rental market" these families will most likely become homeless. More than half of the individuals in these households are children, most of whom are U.S. citizens and legally qualified to receive the very housing assistance in question.

## **Administrative Impact on HACSM**

Under the proposed rule, HACSM will have to collect and verify additional immigration information from tenants and applicants. We will also be required terminate Housing Choice Voucher participants. Terminations require the Housing Authority conduct a grievance hearing and other administrative steps. HUD's own impact analysis estimates the cost per household at \$3,000. HACSM is very concerned about the increased administrative costs as the Housing Choice Voucher Administrative Fee has been underfunded for years.

As mixed families are terminated from the programs, there will be increased subsidy costs to serve households that qualify for full subsidy. This will most likely cause HACSM to assist fewer households, not more, as some advocates of the rule have claimed.

## **Conclusion**

The proposed rule runs counter to HUD's mission and breaks with the sensible policies the Department has had in place for over two decades. It does not promote strong, sustainable and inclusive communities nor does it address the national affordable housing crisis. As stated above, the law is already clear and incontrovertible that ineligible immigrants may not receive housing assistance - which they do not. Why harm children, seniors and families that currently receive proper subsidy under existing laws and regulations? HACSM asks that the proposed rule be withdrawn.

Sincerely,

Ken Cole  
Executive Director  
Housing Authority of the County of San Mateo  
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Belmont, CA 94002

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July 2, 2019

The Honorable Anna Eshoo  
U.S. House of Representatives  
202 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

**RE: H.R. 2692 (Broadband Conduit Deployment Act of 2019)—SUPPORT**

Dear Congresswoman Eshoo:

On behalf of the County of San Mateo and its Information Services Department, I would like to lend my support to H.R. 2692 the "Broadband Conduit Deployment Act of 2019". It is imperative that state and local government find new strategic ways to expand broadband connectivity particularly in rural areas.

This legislation creates a unique window of opportunity to lay fiber in areas of need during scheduled state highway construction and maintenance repair. This is important as more than half the cost of new broadband deployment is attributed to the expense of tearing up and repaving roads. Many cities have adopted a "Dig Once" ordinance for fiber deployment within city limits, but this expands the scope to state-owned roads and highways.

Despite being home to the largest tech population in the world, many San Mateo County residents and small businesses in rural areas face numerous challenges accessing the internet. As a direct result of this lack of adequate broadband service, San Mateo County launched "SMC Public Wi-Fi" four years ago. The goal of this ambitious project is to provide free wireless services to 81 sites throughout the County. H.R. 2692 will help municipalities expand broadband access without an excessive financial burden by partnering with the State highway projects.

For all the reasons stated above, the County of San Mateo supports H.R. 2692 and thanks you for your leadership on this issue. Should you have any questions about our position, please contact Jon Walton, Director, Information Services Department (650-599-1284, [jwalton@smcgov.org](mailto:jwalton@smcgov.org)) or Connie Juarez-Diroll, Legislative Officer (650-599-1341, [cjuarez-diroll@smcgov.org](mailto:cjuarez-diroll@smcgov.org)).

Sincerely,

*Carole Groom*

Carole Groom, President  
Board of Supervisors

cc: San Mateo County Board of Supervisors  
San Mateo County Manager  
San Mateo County Information Services Department







*Serpentine Trail in Edgewood Park*

**COUNTY**<sub>OF</sub> **SAN MATEO**





*Pigeon Point Lighthouse*



**COUNTY MANAGER'S**  
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