



# County of San Mateo

## Inter-Departmental Correspondence

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Department: COUNTY MANAGER

Board Meeting Date: 4/9/2019

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**Special Notice / Hearing:** None  
**Vote Required:** Majority

**To:** Honorable Board of Supervisors  
**From:** Michael Callagy, County Manager  
**Subject:** County Manager's Report #6 of 2019

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Accept this informational report.

**BACKGROUND:**

This report will provide you with updates on a variety of County initiatives focusing on Public Safety, Health and Human Services, Community Services and Performance, in addition to reports on legislation and issues that require your action. We also will keep you and the public informed about new services, upcoming events and general updates.

**DISCUSSION:**

**Community Services**

**Office of Sustainability to the grocery rescue**

A "Grocery Rescue" Pilot has begun in San Mateo County, to divert edible food currently being sent to the landfill, as required under Senate Bill 1383. The Office of Sustainability is partnering with Second Harvest Food Bank to study best practices for recovering groceries from supermarkets, certain grocery stores, wholesalers, commissaries, and caterers which, beginning in 2022, will no longer be able to landfill or compost edible food. The four-month study will work with all five Costco stores in San Mateo County, and in the first two weeks has already recovered over 11,000 lbs. of groceries and delivered them to Second Harvest distribution sites to feed hungry residents.

According to baseline studies, there may be as much as 33 million lbs. of edible food to be recovered in San Mateo County each year from similar sources. The legislation aims to reduce the amount of methane (a potent greenhouse gas) that is generated by food waste breaking down in landfills. 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 our landfill sites and compost facilities.

**Ag working to secure wildlife conflicts advisor**

The County's Department of Agriculture is currently working with University of California Cooperative

Extension (UCCE) to seat a UC Wildlife Conflicts Advisor position in San Mateo County. The position, when filled, will help with education, outreach and advising on management and research. This will include problems with wildlife like deer, lions, coyotes and ravens. The advisor will also work with and advise the public, ranchers and farmers on managing wildlife conflicts.

### **Immigrant Services helping residents know their rights**

As our immigrant communities remain concerned about enforcement activities, the Immigrant Services division of the Office of Community Affairs (OCA) is taking steps to ensure that they know their rights. The office has begun printing and distributing the Immigrant Legal Resource Center's Know Your Rights Red Cards and has been distributing them at community events, libraries, Human Services Agency offices, core services organizations and others. To date, they have distributed 10,000 and have ordered more.

OCA also partnered with Community Legal Services in East Palo Alto and the Human Services Agency to produce a "Know Your Rights" video after learning through our partnership with removal defense contract partners and the Rapid Response Network, that there was a slight increase in Immigration Customs and Enforcement (ICE) activity and enforcement in the last month. We responded with the quick one-minute video in English and Spanish. OCA also continues promoting the Immigration Toolkit it developed to help residents understand their rights, develop child care plans and contact nonprofit legal service providers.

### **Measure K**

#### **Community health promoted in EPA**

The Ravenswood Family Health Center along with community members recently celebrated the expansion of their pediatric dental wing. With nine new and fully accessibly dental chairs, the East Palo Alto-based nonprofit will be able to serve an additional 3,500 patients each year. Ravenswood primarily serves working families employed in low-wage service jobs that support the Silicon Valley economy. A \$69,000 Measure K grant approved by your Board contributed to this valuable project. Photos from the celebration are available on our County's Facebook page.

#### **The Ramaytush Ohlone: The first people to call the Peninsula home**

The latest in a series of articles centered on the native Ramaytush Ohlone and the first Europeans to explore what is today San Mateo County is available on the County's Measure K website:

<http://cmo.smcgov.org/measurek>. As you know, the Ohlone-Portolá Heritage Trail Project is a multi-jurisdictional effort to tell the history of the Ohlone people who lived in the area and were instrumental in supporting the 1769 Portolá Expedition. This latest article is an attempt to describe how the native people of our area lived prior to European contact. The feasibility study for the project went before the Parks Commission at its April 4 meeting.