

# COUNTY OF SAN MATEO



## COUNTY MANAGER'S

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

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*The Human Services Agency's Selina Toy-Lee presents  
to Civics 101 Academy participants on HSA night*

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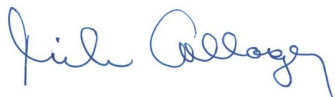
Dear Honorable Board,

In what feels like a blink of the eye, fall is upon us — wasn't just yesterday the beginning of summer? But during that proverbial blink, the County's departments and dedicated employees have been hard at work delivering on our collective commitment to your constituents and our community.

As you'll find in the pages of this fall 2019 edition of the County Manager's Quarterly Report, our work the last three months has included completing our eagerly anticipated Regional Operations Center (ROC), finalizing the adopted budget, earning two prestigious Challenge Awards from the California State Association of Counties for Home for All and the Integrated Medication Assisted Treatment Team, and being ranked fifth by population category in the 2019 Digital Counties Survey which recognizes innovation and digital services. We've practiced our emergency preparations, collaborated between departments, tested new innovations and begun the 2019 session of Civics 101 which lets our public learn firsthand about how we work.

Please enjoy discovering greater details about these notable successes and our remarkable employees in this edition of the Quarterly Report. Meanwhile, I and every member of County staff will be busy creating even more accomplishments to proudly showcase in the next.

Regards,



Mike Callagy  
County Manager/Clerk of the Board



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# ANTICIPATED BOARD AGENDA ITEMS

## AGRICULTURE/WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Pest Detection agreement with CDFA to BOS ..... Fall 2019

## HOUSING

DAHLIA: web-based program to connect housing units to renters ..... Fall 2019

## HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY

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## INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Agreement with Presentation Products, Inc., dba Spinitar, to provide audiovisual support and maintenance services for the Regional Operations Center (ROC) ..... September 2019

## SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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## SUSTAINABILITY

Amendment to consultant contract to incorporate the Sea Level Rise, Coastal Surge and Climate Change tools into models for the lagoon and Pescadero Marsh ..... October 2019

# NEW MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES

## HEALTH

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### **Carlye Hatwood, Assistant Chief Information Officer (Health Information Technology)**

With rich clinical leadership experience of over 20 years in health care, Carlye has been appointed the first assistant chief information officer for Health Information Technology (HIT). She has managed large teams as an IT leader and as a nursing leader, in public and nonprofit organizations. Carlye served as HIT's business intelligence and nursing informatics director, leading the work to regionalize the health information exchange and designing and implementing the universal documents solution.



### **Clara Boyden, Deputy Director for Alcohol & Other Drugs (Behavioral Health & Recovery Services)**



Clara Boyden has been named BHRS' Deputy Director for AOD Services. Her public service involvement dates to 1991, during her time at the Fund for Public Interest Research, where she organized the Sierra Club, Pesticide Watch and the National Environmental Law Center into a legal victory over Shell Oil for Clean Water Act violations. She joined the County's Tobacco Prevention Program in 1998. In 2006, she was promoted to a management position within AOD just as the Behavioral Health & Recovery Services division was being created within SMC Health.

## HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY

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### **Leane Ferreira, Management Analyst**

Leane is responsible for providing support to the Economic Self Sufficiency management team. Her duties include data analysis, project management and serving as a liaison to state and federal agencies.



## PARKS

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### **Hannah Ormshaw, Natural Resource Manager**



Hannah Ormshaw is a geographer and ecologist by training, who is passionate about being a steward for sensitive species and habitats and for applying science as the basis for effective resource management. She brings expertise in wildlife biology, botany, GIS, permitting, ecosystem restoration, rangeland management and hydrology to achieve the department's natural resource management goals. You might find her in the parks doing butterfly surveys, looking up into the trees for birds, or searching for invasive plants to remove. Hannah holds a Bachelor of Science in environmental studies from the University of Waterloo and a Master of Science in geography from the University of Toronto.



# AGRICULTURE / WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

## Weed Programs and the Local Lowdown

Not so long ago, an obscure cowboy out on the range observed “Weeds are universal, indiscriminate, unrelenting, and downright discouraging.” No truer words were ever spoken, and adding complexity to the calculation is that one man’s weed is another’s lovely flower. Given this divergence of opinion, managing weeds can be surprisingly difficult, especially when factoring in the possible use of herbicides. Success requires engagement of affected partners, education of communities, dedication and patience.

There are over 35 regulated weeds that are already widespread and established in coastal California, including San Mateo County. These degrade land values by reducing rangeland productivity, creating impenetrable barriers restricting the movement of both livestock and wildlife, and displacing native species and endemic plant communities. One of the great pleasures and responsibilities of county agriculture departments is the management and/or eradication of weeds designated as regulated invasive species by California’s Food and Agricultural Code and USDA. Although agricultural commissioners have abatement order authority for regulated pests, developing relationships with affected communities has been key to the success of the programs and gaining the trust of the community.

In response to the Great Recession, California’s Department of Food and Agriculture cut funding to counties and local Weed Management Area groups. However last year, Assembly Bill 2470 (Greyson) restored some of those funds. Although extremely competitive, San Mateo County Parks, Friends of Edgewood Park, and State Parks with the assistance of the Agriculture Department, successfully applied for and received three grants totaling about \$180,000. These projects are to control Jubata grass at Montara State Park, manage Bermuda buttercup (“sour grass”) in County parks and to eliminate invasive weeds displacing native grasslands at Edgewood Park.

In addition to these new projects, there are projects the Agriculture Department has prioritized: eradication of Fertile Cape weed, Purple Loosestrife, Canary Islands Saint John’s wort and satellite populations of Skeleton weed. County Parks, Public Works, Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District, Peninsula Open Space Trust and Agriculture have also been managing Jubata grass on heavily-invested properties.

Looking to the future and innovation to do the job better, several County departments — Ag, DPW, Fire, Parks, Sustainability — and local state and federal parks as well as other resource protection agencies are funding the development of high resolution aerial vegetation survey maps. These will not only help identify vegetative composition and assess fire risk, but also help locate and identify regulated weed populations greatly assisting in weed control and management efforts.

To address new pest pathways, Agriculture staff monitor the local Craigslist, eBay and other online sales outlets for regulated plants and take enforcement action when regulated plants are advertised for sale.



Skeleton Weed  
Edgewood



Slender False Brome



Stinkwort



Purple Loosestrife

# AGRICULTURE / WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

## WEED MANAGEMENT

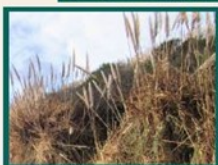
In 2018, Pest Eradication efforts focused on introduced, regulated weed species. Our Department leads the San Mateo County Weed Management Area (WMA) Group, a collaboration that coordinates, educates and funds invasive weed projects including removal, destruction and monitoring of noxious weeds. Members of the WMA include government, non-profit and private stakeholders, which updated a strategic plan for prioritizing weed species to control. Various projects were underway to preserve sensitive native habitats from cape ivy, Canary Island hypericum, slender false brome, and other invasive weeds endangering endemic species and agricultural lands. Along with hand pulling stinkwort (*Dittrichia graveolens*), the county funded the following projects:



### Fertile Capeweed • *Arctotheca calendula*

A - Rated\*

- Perennial rosettes with daisy-like yellow flowers, dark center
- Open or disturbed sites; growing in at least 14 parcels in the county near Bean Hollow and Hwy 1
- Mapped, hand pulled and treated with herbicides



### Jubata Grass • *Cortaderia jubata*

C - Rated\*\*\*

- Perennial grass, long leaves from base w/ plumed panicles maturing violet to white
- Mostly along coast in bare/sandy soil; found in thousands of acres throughout the County, focused on 257 acres near Pescadero Creek Road, and ongoing control at Pillar Point Bluff.
- Mapped, mechanical methods and treated with herbicides



### Purple Loosestrife • *Lythrum salicaria*

B - Rated\*\*

- Perennial clumps up to 3 meters tall w/ spikes of purple flowers
- Wetlands; found in and around Reflection Lake in La Honda
- Mapped and hand pulled



### Skeletonweed • *Chondrilla juncea*

A - Rated\*

- Perennial or biennial, basal rosettes w/ wiry stems and small yellow flowers
- Disturbed land; San Carlos, near Caltrain tracks, Edgewood Road/Hwy 280 and Edgewood Park
- Mapped, hand pulled and herbicide treatment

\*A - Rated pests are highly invasive, considered detrimental to agriculture and the environment, and regulated for eradication.

\*\*B - Rated pests may be detrimental to agriculture and eradication is subject to the discretion of the local Ag Commissioner.

\*\*\*C - Rated pests are controlled at the discretion of the county Agricultural Commissioner.

## In Memoriam:

### Deputy Director Maria Mastrangelo

It is with a heavy heart that we report the passing of Agriculture Department Deputy Director Maria Mastrangelo on August 25. Those in the County and agricultural community who worked with Maria understand we have lost a dear friend and valued colleague. She was a leader and teacher who epitomized dedication, commitment and perseverance. During Maria's 34 years with County of San Mateo, she was central in responding to the challenges and needs of San Mateo County's evolving agricultural community. As an administrator within the office she was essential in fulfilling fiscal, programmatic and administrative responsibilities as well as locally implementing regulatory changes at the State and federal levels. Maria had high expectations of staff but modeled the way by being present and expecting the most from herself. She anticipated and addressed issues in advance, and often worked late and on weekends to ensure the work got done — whether that was submitting the budget, preparing a Notice of Proposed Action, or assisting staff with an assignment. Maria was the department's collective conscience and institutional memory. For everyone at Agriculture/Weights & Measures, it has been a privilege to have worked with Maria and she is greatly missed.



# AGRICULTURE / WEIGHTS AND MEASURES



## HONORS

### Retirements

**Paul Lasker:** Biologist/Standards Specialist

**Renald Tourino:** Biologist/Standards Specialist

### State Licensing Exams

Seven Ag/W&M staff passed 10 state licensing exams.



## FUTURE DIRECTION



- Annual Half Moon Bay Art & Pumpkin Festival, Oct. 19-20, and Weigh-Off, Oct. 14
- Annual Grower and Farm Worker pesticide training workshop, December 2019

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## Tax Collector's System Goes Live



**Padma Nagarajan**

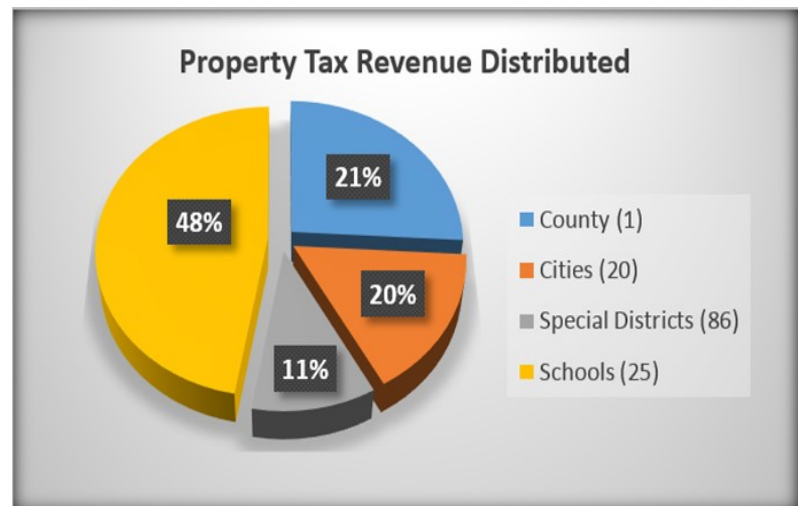
The Controller's Office Property Tax team played a significant role in assisting the Tax Collector's Office with the integrations of their new property tax system. The new tax collection system went live on September 3. Development and testing of the interfaces between the two offices' systems was a substantial undertaking. Special thanks to Senior Systems Engineer **Padma Nagarajan** and Senior Information Technology Analyst **Myrlene Lipat** for their technical and business expertise, teamwork, and hard work to do what it takes to get the job done right. We are grateful to have them on our team.



**Myrlene Lipat**

## Property Tax Revenue Distributed - JULY 1, 2018 - JUNE 30, 2019 (estimate)

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.



	TAX	DEBT SERVICE	SPECIAL CHARGES	TOTALS
County (1)	559,101,702	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 559,101,702
Cities (20)	349,959,456	4,885,914	178,650,445	533,495,815
Special Districts (86)	231,294,949	2,732,890	72,830,201	306,858,039
Schools (25)	1,028,763,387	241,841,468	37,399,057	1,308,003,911
	\$2,169,119,494	\$249,460,271	\$288,879,702	\$2,707,459,466

## County's Financial Highlights Report Wins Award for 17<sup>th</sup> Consecutive Year



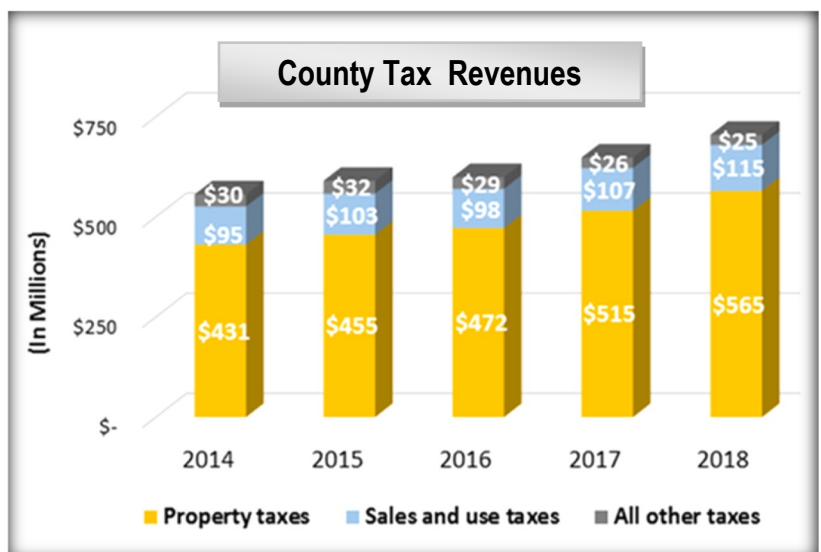
In 2018, the County of San Mateo was one of six in California, and one of 93 nationwide, to receive the Financial Highlights report award. There are over 3,000 counties in the country. Across the nation there are only 15 other counties earning this award for more consecutive years than our County's 17 years.

The more in-depth Comprehensive Annual Financial Report was similarly honored earlier this year for the 19<sup>th</sup> consecutive year.

The Award for Outstanding Achievement in Annual Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) is the highest form of recognition for excellence in state and local government financial reporting. The report details how the County receives and spends its funds, in a concise and easy-to-read manner.

A portion of the report demonstrates a four-year period from FY 2013-14 to FY 2017-18, whereby the total annual tax revenues which primarily include property and sales/use taxes, increased by \$149 million (26.8 percent) from \$556 million to \$705 million.

*(See the chart on the right for details.)*





## Controller Presents to Silicon Valley Chapter of AGA and to County Employees

Controller Juan Raigoza conducted a training session titled “The Importance of Internal Controls” to demonstrate the value of internal controls, which apply to all operations—not just fiscal-related activities. Bay Area members of the Association of Government Accountants (AGA) attended the August 16 session in San Jose.

The slides below highlight some of the content offered in the training:

### Definition of Internal Controls

#### Per Institute of Internal Auditors:

“Any action taken by management, the board, and other parties to manage risk and increase the likelihood that established objectives and goals will be achieved.”

“Management plans, organizes, and directs the performance of sufficient actions to provide reasonable assurance the objectives and goals will be achieved.”



Internal controls are all about managing risks and achieving the organization's objectives.

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### Why Should You Care?

- It's everyone's responsibility.
- Everyone should look to reduce risks.
- Everyone should look to improve operations.
- Everyone should look after the County's best interest.

We all have a fiduciary responsibility to look after our County's best interest.



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Financial risks may directly impact the County's bottom line. Operational risks may keep the County from doing things effectively and efficiently. Ultimately, all work and services provided by the County and its employees require the use of County resources.

## What Are Risks?



- **Risks** = anything that could negatively impact the County's ability to effectively meet its objectives/goals.
- **Financial risks** = risks that may hinder the County from achieving expected financial gains/revenues, or risks that may result in unexpected financial losses/expenses.
- **Operational risks** = risks that may hinder the County from achieving its objectives/goals in an effective and efficient manner.
- **How to mitigate risks?** Implement internal controls.

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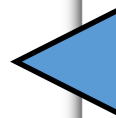
## San Mateo County Code of Ethical Conduct

### Protection of Assets from Fraud, Waste and Abuse

- Ensure County monies, property and information are safeguarded
- Use prudent judgement and business best practices
- Protect against all improprieties in public programs and services
- Take action to prevent and deter fraud and abuse
- Have integrity in administration of services to ensure public's trust



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Every employee is required to safeguard the County's property and information, and to take action to prevent and deter fraud and abuse.

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Controller Juan Raigoza also provided this training to San Mateo County employees in September and will provide three more sessions later in the fiscal year.

Increasing employees' awareness of internal controls so they may better understand the benefits they bring to our County is the primary objective of the course. The course also provides tools and resources to assist employees in conducting risk assessments of programs/operations to help them identify risks and improve their respective internal controls.

When it comes to following proper ethical behavior and internal controls, the "Tone from the Top" truly leads expectations and actions within any organization. All County managers are being encouraged to participate.

Everyone is welcome to join in on the November 6 or December 4 sessions as their calendars permit.





### Fire Captain Mike Wischer Promoted

The San Mateo County Fire Department (SMCFD) recently welcomed Fire Captain Mike Wischer into the position of wildland urban interface (WUI) specialist. At age 15, Captain Wischer began his fire service career in his hometown of San Mateo as an explorer with the San Mateo City Fire Department. He started his professional career as a seasonal firefighter with CAL FIRE in the Santa Cruz County Division and in 2013 was promoted to fire apparatus engineer with assignments in San Mateo and San Luis Obispo counties.

Captain Wischer was hired as a part of the department's six-year operating plan to reduce the wildland fire risk locally. Having grown up in San Mateo, and currently living in Redwood City, he is eager to put his experience and expertise to work. An avid outdoorsman, Mike is very familiar with the wildland urban interface challenges we face. Captain Wischer is responsible for evacuation planning, weed abatement, defensible space and pre-fire planning.



*Fire Captain Mike Wischer*

### Vegetation Management Fuel Reduction Projects Begin

In a 45-day report to Gov. Gavin Newsom in response to Executive Order N-05-19, CAL FIRE systematically identified high priority fuels reduction projects and other measures to immediately begin to protect over 200 of California's most wildfire-vulnerable communities and put the state on a path toward long-term wildfire prevention and forest health. Two projects are on San Mateo County Parks' land:

- The King's Mountain Road Shaded Fuel Break Project began on Kings Mountain Road. This area is heavily impacted by the significant rise in Sudden Oak Death in the Bay Area. High mortality in oaks and Tan Oaks and densely stocked redwoods with a heavy brush component impact the main evacuation route for populated areas. Treatments include mastication, large dead and dying tree removal, burn piles and chipping.
- The El Granada Quarry Park fuel break also began. Quarry Park is an overcrowded forest of unhealthy eucalyptus. Heavy fuel loading and the vigorous sprouting of the species combine for a dangerous situation. Vegetation management projects will include lengthening and improving an existing fuel break on parts of the south, north and eastern perimeter, adjacent to homes. CAL FIRE will also augment San Mateo County Parks' work along roads in the interior to provide better emergency access. This project will help protect the communities of coastal San Mateo County in the event of a wind-driven wildfire.





## Fire Suppression Operations and Response Summary

445 emergency calls for service  
(June 20, 2019 – August 27, 2019)

SMCFD crews have remained busy over the past three months responding to a variety of emergencies. Overall, wildland fires have been below normal due to the late rains and moist vegetation. However, the risk remains high as the above-average rainfall has 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 Q3, but there were multiple vehicle fires and several small grass fires. Additionally, several remote area rescues, ocean rescues and cliff rescues occurred.



A "fully involved" vehicle fire on Highway 84 near La Honda spread to nearby vegetation



Firefighters and paramedics treat a patient who lost control in the Sky Londa area

### Incidents by Type

Start Date: 6/21/2019

End Date: 8/27/2019

Class: F

Jurisdiction: COF

Type Code	Total
Mutual Aid	1
Mutual Aid - Paramedic	1
Fire Alarm	5
Fire Alarm - CO	2
Fire Alarm - Smoke Detector	8
Fire Alarm - Water Flow	1
Fire Information	90
Fire	4
Full Assignment	6
Grass Fire	3
Residential Lock Out	1
Vehicle Lock Out	5
Medical Aid	164
Odor Investigation	10
Public Assist	11
Public Assist- Water	1
Pole Fire	1
Smoke Investigation	23
Sparking/Arcing Wires Down	2
Traffic Accident	64
Tree Down	15
Trash Fire	4
Vehicle Fire	10
Wires Down	5
Water Rescue Investigation	1
Total Incidents: 445	





## SMCFD Continues Fire Prevention Efforts

- On August 13, SMCFD/CAL FIRE hosted a Fire Weather Roundtable bringing first responders, land managers, the National Weather Service and PG&E together to discuss the impact of fire weather watches and warning in San Mateo County.
- CAL FIRE firefighters in San Mateo County have continued to conduct 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 continue to conduct fire and life safety inspections and review plans for construction in the unincorporated parts of the county.

Fire Marshal's Office Activity (July-Aug 2019)			
	July	Aug.	Total
Smoke Detector Inspections	0	3	3
Plan Reviews (Commercial)	4	6	10
Plan Reviews (Residential)	30	26	56
Weed Abatement Issues	64	28	92
Permits	3	6	0
Inspections: Defensible Space (LE-100)	88	464	552
Inspections: Sprinkler/Hydrant/Tanks	12	13	25
Inspections: Other	28	16	44
Inspections: Mandatory (Title 19)	3	4	7



*Fire Prevention staff conduct a defensible space inspection in the Highlands community*



*State Sen. Jerry Hill with Pescadero Fire Station firefighters*



## Training Summary

SMCFD/CAL FIRE firefighters spent over 1,612 hours training on a variety of fire, medical and rescue subjects to ensure operational readiness.

Training topics included:

- Company Officer Academy
- Firefighter Academy
- S-212 Chainsaw Operations
- Violent Intruder
- Home Medications
- CPR
- Rope Rescue - Lower/ Raise Ground School
- Essential Emergency Management Concepts
- San Mateo County EMS Protocols
- Essentials of Emergency Management

SMCFD/CAL FIRE firefighters participated in 25 hours of training with Loma Mar Fire Company 55, La Honda Volunteer Fire Brigade Company 57, and Kings Mountain Volunteer Fire Dept. Company 56 on a variety of topics, including:

- Vehicle Stabilization
- First and Second-Due Company Operations
- Driver Training
- Progressive hoselays
- CPR
- Driver Training
- San Mateo County EMS Protocols



*Volunteer fire companies practice structural fire drills at a nighttime drill in Half Moon Bay*



*Firefighters assigned to Ladder Truck 17 practice high angle rope rescue scenarios*



## FUTURE DIRECTION



1. Occupancy of Fire Station 58.
2. Finalize order for several replacement fire engines.
3. Hire forestry assistant and information officer staff for WUI risk reduction program.
4. Finalize and adopt standardized wildfire emergency evacuation zones.
5. Assist in getting local fire-verification cameras online.
6. Continued defensible space inspections.



## Build Up for San Mateo County's Children

Currently, **San Mateo County faces a shortfall of 19,000 child care, preschool and after school spaces**, directly impacting children's early education and families' economic opportunities. By 2025, this shortage is expected to rise by 27 percent.



### Building Up the Child Care Supply through Faith-Based Organizations



Opening child care centers is not new to Heather Hopkins. After noticing a need for more child care spaces that could accommodate the ever-changing schedules of busy families, she opened Toddle, a flexible child care center that serves children ages 2 to 6 in Menlo Park. Today, **Heather has joined forces with Build Up for San Mateo County's Children to help address the critical shortage of quality child care facilities in San Mateo County** by establishing child care centers on the grounds of existing faith-based organizations.

With the help of funding from First 5 San Mateo County, and other public and private sources, Build Up has enlisted the help of Heather to work with Build Up Director Christine Padilla to explore opportunities within faith-based organizations, become liaisons, and provide technical support in the community. The team helps to assess an organization's potential for hosting onsite early learning programs and assist with the permitting, licensing and renovation processes to open (or expand) child care facilities. They also connect faith-based organizations with early learning partners so that they can operate high-quality preschool and child care programs.

Currently, Heather and Christine are working with eight faith-based organizations in the community — St. Andrew's Lutheran Church and Sturge Presbyterian Church being two that are farthest along in the process. "We're able to help them overcome the obstacles and understand the many complicated steps in the permitting process. Their vision for providing quality child care on their church grounds is going to become a reality. It's a win-win for everyone," said Heather.



A new initiative designed to grow and improve the supply of child care and preschool facilities in San Mateo County.

To learn more, visit [buildupsmc.com](http://buildupsmc.com)





## Help Me Grow San Mateo County



Help Me Grow is a comprehensive system that promotes universal early identification and linkage to intervention, and ensures all children reach their greatest potential. Early detection and connection to services lead to the best outcomes, yet 4,000 children ages 0 to 5 years in San Mateo County are not receiving the early intervention services they need.

Through **Help Me Grow**,

### Families...

- Have a safe place to explore questions about their child 0 to 5 years
- Learn about community activities and services for their child and family
- Connect to services for a child who may need extra support
- Gain increased community connection

### Providers...

- Receive more referrals to their services and programs
- Have one centralized resource where they can refer families
- Can trust Call Center staff to follow up on referrals
- Have easy access to information on community-based services
- Attend provider networking events to share new resources for young children and families



### Help Me Grow - By the Numbers

January – June 2019

69

Outreach Activities

510

Providers Reached

1133

Parents Reached

45

Unique Families Served  
By Call Center

24

Online Screenings  
Processed

**Help Me Grow Call Center: One number to call for all**

**HELP ME GROW SAN MATEO COUNTY  
CALL CENTER: 650-762-6930**



## FUTURE DIRECTION



### Trauma and Resiliency Informed Systems Initiatives (TRISI)

First 5 San Mateo County, with support from San Mateo County Health, is embarking on an initiative to transform service delivery for young children and their families. TRISI is a countywide effort to integrate a comprehensive commitment to address trauma and promote resiliency into our programs, structures and culture.

Our long-term goal: **Embed trauma and resiliency-informed policies at every level of the system**

- **Systems** – coordination and advocacy to leverage resources and align approaches across County agencies, community-based organizations, and private entities
- **Organizations** – assessment and implementation support to help move child and family-serving organizations along the developmental stages of trauma-informed practice
- **Providers** – training, resources, and coaching for professionals to enhance their work with children and families
- **Parents** – educate parents and caregivers to help recognize the signs and symptoms of trauma

### Becoming Trauma and Resiliency-Informed: Stages of Development



### TRISI DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION TIMELINE



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## Tricia Tayama, Keller Center Work to Recognize and Support Trafficking Victims

Dr. Tricia Tayama is using her two-year fellowship from the California Health Care Foundation's Health Care Leadership Program to develop tools for San Mateo County Health staff to **more readily recognize victims of human trafficking and direct them to the right resources**. A pediatrician and medical director of the Keller Center for Family Violence Intervention, Tayama identified a gap in the training for medical professionals, in part for a lack of clear protocols.

"Most professionals in the medical field know how to respond to potential victims of child abuse, sexual assault and domestic violence," she said. "But it's hard to ask questions about human trafficking if you aren't aware it's happening or don't know what to do with the information."

Opened in 2001, the Keller Center is attached to the emergency department at San Mateo Medical Center, with resources to help victims of child abuse, elder abuse, sexual assault and domestic violence. With the ability to provide not just a medical response and emotional support for patients, staff at the Keller Center also conduct forensic exams to gather evidence for court cases, are trained as child interview specialists, connect individuals and families with follow-up support and serve as expert witnesses in legal proceedings.

Tayama is using her organizational project to teach staff about human trafficking, build protocols for identifying and serving victims and survivors and bring greater awareness of human trafficking to the medical community.

"My goal is to make San Mateo Medical Center ready to respond to human trafficking," she said. "If a patient walks in, anyone who works here would be able to recognize red flags, ask screening questions in a trauma-informed way, and know what to do with the information. What referrals or mandated reports are needed? How can we best respond to the needs of the patient?"



## California Children's Services Team, Volunteers Host 10th Prom for Teens with Physical Disabilities



For the 10th year, the California Children's Services Medical Therapy Unit hosted an opportunity for **teens with physical disabilities to experience the excitement of a high school-style prom**. Supported entirely by volunteers and donations from the community, the event included clothes for the special occasion; hair, make-up and nail stations; lively music; a photo booth; and, food and beverages. The participating youth were current and alumni clients of SMC Health's California Children's Services Medical Therapy Unit and their families. **The program provides occupational therapy and physical therapy to children with eligible medical conditions.**





## Settlement Reached in Lead Paint Litigation

On July 17, 2019, after nearly 20 years of hard-fought litigation, 10 California jurisdictions including the County of San Mateo reached a settlement on behalf of the People of the State of California that will provide hundreds of millions of dollars to clean up the lead paint that poisons tens of thousands of children across the state each year. The defendants — Sherwin-Williams Company, ConAgra Grocery Products Company, and NL Industries, Inc. — will pay **\$305 million to the counties of Santa Clara, Alameda, Los Angeles, Monterey, San Mateo, Solano and Ventura; the City and County of San Francisco; and the cities of Oakland and San Diego** to address lead paint-related hazards, which to this day continue to be the most significant environmental hazard for children in California and around the country.

Prior to settlement, the court had imposed a time limit of four years on the use of the funds allotted to abatement, after which remaining funds would be returned to the defendants. The court also had restricted expenditure of the funds to certain kinds of remediation projects, excluding homes built after 1950 and areas contaminated by exterior paint.

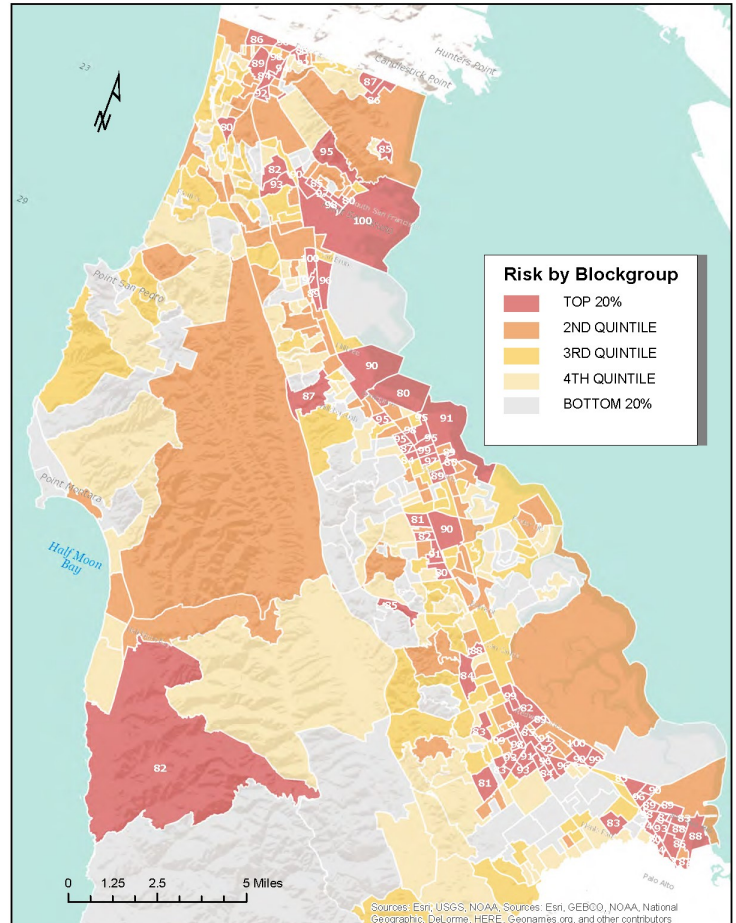
The settlement gives cities and counties the flexibility to clean up those and other types of lead paint hazards while prioritizing children and low-income households. It also allows the funds to be targeted for intervention services for children with lead poisoning due to lead paint exposure. In addition, it ensures that the cities and counties can use the funds paid by the defendants without the narrow time restrictions or the threat that any of the funds will revert back to the defendants.

Given these new developments, **County Health staff are designing services that are more expansive, efficient, and effective and tailored to the needs of the San Mateo County community.** Prior to the settlement, in June 2019, Health staff invited potential contractors to a scoping session to gather information about feasibility of services and worked on geographical information system (GIS) mapping of areas with higher concentrations of older housing compared to birthrate and poverty level (see draft map).

Staff are in process of taking this input and tailoring it into new programs, given the freedom from restrictions the settlement brings.

**The County of San Mateo's share of settlement funds is approximately \$11.9 million net of counsel reimbursement.** It is anticipated the County will receive the first payment of approximately \$2.4 million in September. Each year, the County will receive an additional \$1.5 million through 2024, with a final payment of \$2 million in 2025.

Draft Lead Paint Concentration: Births, Pre-1951 Housing, &amp; Poverty




## County Health, Partners Launch Public Charge Campaign

Responding to confusion about changes to the criteria for an immigrant to be considered a public charge, **County Health enlisted key entities to shape a public awareness campaign.** Part of federal policy, “public charge” is a ground of inadmissibility that can deny someone entry into the United States or prevent the ability to get a green card. The announced changes expand the list of publicly-funded programs that immigration officers may consider when deciding whether someone is likely to become a public charge. County departments and partners have heard questions and concerns from immigrant residents unsure about whether they should stop accessing public benefits. With the **Office of Community Affairs, Human Services Agency, Health Plan of San Mateo, Department of Housing and the Legal Aid Society,** County Health is promoting the message that residents should continue to access the health care, food, and housing services they need. A hotline (650-363-1800) and website (SMCPublicCharge.org) have been set up to respond to questions and concerns.

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**With social media, a radio public service announcement from Supervisor Carole Groom and other advertising, the campaign aims to connect residents with questions or concerns to accurate information.** County Health and partners developed posters in English, Spanish, Tagalog and Chinese and provided the text and graphics for other jurisdictions to adapt for their own campaigns. Los Angeles County’s Department of Health Services has recently launched an awareness campaign based on our tools.

## Emergency Preparedness Exercises Focus on Collaboration

County Health staff, including Emergency Medical Services (EMS), Public Information, and Environmental Health, joined the Office of Emergency Services (OES), County and regional partners at three major preparedness exercises. **The OES-led active shooter exercise at Mills High School in Millbrae took responders through a series of scenarios** over the course of a week to coordinate effective law enforcement and medical response to an active shooter and multi-casualty incident.



*Paramedics in tactical gear practice treating and removing the wounded during an exercise at Mills High School*



*Shruti Dhapodkar of EMS describes how County Health resources will coordinate at SFO during the response to an incident*

A table-top preparedness exercise simulating a nerve-agent attack inside San Francisco International Airport was held at SFO's Emergency Operations Center.

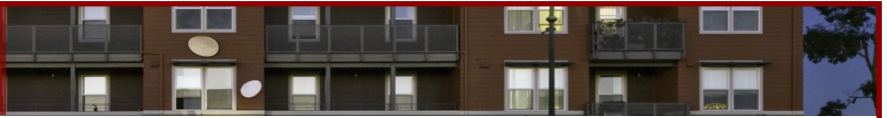
The **San Mateo County Healthcare Coalition's** annual workshop drew 90 local and regional stakeholders to develop plans for emergency operations, Medical Health Operational Area Coordination (MHOAC), multi-casualty incidents, medical countermeasures and cybersecurity.



*FBI Special Agent Elvis Chan speaks about cybersecurity in a health care context*



# HOUSING



## Affordable Housing Fund (AHF) 7.0

In June 2019, the Department of Housing released its seventh Affordable Housing Fund (AHF) NOFA offering roughly **\$29 million to support the new construction and preservation of multifamily affordable housing projects across the county**. This included \$25 million in Measure K funds approved by the Board of Supervisors in June, and an additional \$2 million recouped from a project previously awarded under last year's AHF 6.0. Behavioral Health and Recovery Services was also able to contribute \$1.7 million in No Place Like Home (NPLH) funding allocated to the County by the state to support housing for chronically homeless individuals with mental illnesses.

**DOH received 15 applications and recommended awards for 12 which will provide 1,068 affordable homes.** Of these 12, seven are projects that are new to the AHF pipeline and together amount to 645 units of affordable housing. Together the 15 applications requested over \$76 million, forcing the department to recommend less funding than was requested in most cases. That said, we believe our plan will allow each of the 15 projects to continue moving ahead according to their intended schedules, and in many cases, reach construction closings or submit applications for significant funding from other programs including the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC – Cap & Trade) program and Low Income Housing Tax Credits.

In order to meet these goals, DOH recommended committing \$37,451,751, which would in theory reduce the amount of funding available next year under AHF 8.0 by \$7.8 million. However, the DOH allocation plan involves strategically positioning several projects to maximize scoring on additional funding applications (primarily through the state) which we believe will allow DOH to substantially reduce some AHF 7.0 commitments prior to the release of AHF 8.0, allowing us to include those “returned” funds in AHF 8.0.

## HIP Measure K



HIPhousing

In FY 2018-19, HIP Housing successfully matched nearly 90 home seekers with home providers with the support of Measure K funding. Thirty-five percent of the home seekers matched work in the fields of education, healthcare, non-profit, or city/county government. In FY 2018-19, HIP Housing continued its large-scale marketing campaign to attract new home providers. Marketing campaign efforts included designing and displaying banners and billboards at major intersections or off major highways across the county, distributing mailing ads, and posting ads on social media. In the coming fiscal year, HIP Housing aims to match 100 home seekers with home providers, continue its marketing efforts, and redesign its website to attract new home providers to the program by providing information to homeowners who own accessory dwelling units (ADUs).



# HOUSING



## Bay Meadows Affordable – San Mateo City

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

- \$1,738,413 CDBG FY 17-18
- \$7 million AHF 5.0
- Housing Authority of San Mateo County (HASM) providing 34 Section 8 project-based vouchers and 12 Veterans Administration Supportive Housing (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
- \$2.6 million AHF 6.0
- HASMC providing 89 Section 8 project-based vouchers and 10 VASH vouchers

# HOUSING



## 2821 El Camino Real — North Fair Oaks

67 Units of Affordable Housing | Under Construction – Completion by January 2021



- \$1 million AHF 4.0
- \$5.8 million AHF 5.0
- \$2.6 million AHF 6.0
- HASMC providing 89 Section 8 project-based vouchers and 10 VASH vouchers

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## Mosaic Garden — Redwood City

55 units Affordable Apartment Preservation and Rehabilitation | Under Construction; 87 percent complete as of end of July 2019. Expected completion October 2019

- \$5,883,211 Affordable Rental Apartment Preservation Program (ARAPP) Acquisition
- \$2,546,000 ARAPP rehabilitation
- HASMC providing 31 Section 8 project-based vouchers and eight VASH vouchers





## Redwood Village Mobile Home Park



- 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.





## Client Story: Former Foster Youth, Brenda, Earns College Degree

Brenda entered the foster care system along with her four siblings when she was merely 11 years old. Sadly, within a year she was already with her third resource family and learned that reunification with her biological mother would not be possible. This was a traumatic time for Brenda as she was separated from her siblings, bouncing around short time foster homes, enrolling in new schools and confronted with challenging cultural environments.

**Fortunately, Brenda was placed with a stable and loving long-term resource family.** Her foster parents identified a bright youth with lots of potential. With the proper support, love and care, Brenda began her journey of healing. Her foster parents were strong role models and encouraged her to achieve her academic goals. After graduating from high school, Brenda attended Sonoma State University and was fortunate to participate in the study abroad program. She graduated Cum Laude with two bachelor's degrees in sociology and Spanish. **Today, Brenda has accepted a position as a college advisor fellow with U.C. Berkeley,** where she will help first generation, historically low-income high school students navigate the college application process.

As a teenager in foster care, Brenda credits many individuals for laying the foundation towards a pathway to academic success. Two are HSA employees Renate Rzepa (Children and Family Services social worker) and Melina Cortez (employment services specialist). Renate provided Brenda open communication and a comforting long-term relationship. Melina provided career guidance and directed Brenda through the college application process. Under our care, Brenda participated in the County's STEP internship program and CFS's Independent Living Program (ILP), where she returned to serve as the keynote speaker for this year's ILP graduation ceremony. Brenda has a bright future ahead of her and **everyone at HSA is very proud of her accomplishments.**



*Brenda with her CFS Social Worker,  
Renate Rzepa*



*One of the many happy children  
who received a new backpack*

## Children's Fund Backpack Drive Helps Ready Youth for School

**As students return to school, the Children's Fund continues to be there for low-income and foster youth in San Mateo County.** HSA provided 700 K-12 youth with backpacks and school supplies to help them be prepared and ready to learn for the upcoming school year. All backpacks and school supplies were generously donated by the community. **Each child was hand delivered a backpack filled with grade-appropriate school supplies, bringing instant smiles to their faces.** The Children's Fund deeply appreciates the countless volunteers, donations, and staff members who contributed to this enriching program, filling the hearts of young students.





## Daly City Regional Office Construction Making Strong Progress



The Daly City Regional Office remodel is coming along ahead of schedule. This project is the final modernization project for HSA's six regional offices. The remodel will update the entire interior of the building to match the other existing offices, add more capacity for future growth and add a new children's visitation room.

## Transitional Age Youth Summit Promotes Unity

HSA hosted its 6th Annual Transitional Age Youth Summit organized by Foster Youth Ambassadors, the County of San Mateo Independent Living Program, Skyline College, and the Central Labor Council. This year's theme was unity and the summit offered six valuable workshops and an interactive foster youth panel to empower and strengthen their connections with the community and one another. Workshop topics included gang intervention, healthy relationships, self-care, understanding trauma, social justice and youth mentorship. These valuable workshops helped our youth identify challenges and provided solutions on how to obtain the support and resources necessary to address those issues.



*CFS Manager John Fong working with AB 12 Youth*

## Catering Connection Sales on Fire with New Smoker



Catering Connection unveiled a brand new barbecue smoker at a fundraising luncheon for County employees to raise funds for this year's American Heart Association Heart Walk. The lunch was sold out in nearly one hour and raised more than \$2,800! Catering Connection is part of the Vocational Rehabilitation Services (VRS) program at HSA. It helps residents with disabilities and other barriers to achieve employment, creating pathways towards self-sufficiency through vocational counseling, job training and placement.

*VRS using the new smoker at County Center*



## Mobile Office Rolls into Daly City, Pescadero & Redwood City

HSA continued its soft rollout of the CalFresh Mobile Office as **our outreach team hit the road again to assist eligible clients to access CalFresh benefits.** Thanks to changes in the law, seniors and individuals with disabilities in California who receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI)/State Supplemental Payment (SSP) benefits are now also able to access CalFresh food benefits, reducing hunger and poverty among residents in San Mateo County. The CalFresh Mobile Office team traveled to Hillcrest Gardens in Daly City, the Community Health Fair in Pescadero and the 2nd Annual Inclusion Festival in Redwood City offering information and nutrition tips, and signing up clients for CalFresh benefits.



*The CalFresh Outreach Team in action at Hillcrest Gardens*



*2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Inclusion Festival, Redwood City*



*Community Health Fair, Pescadero*

## CLIENT SNAPSHOT



**Medi-Cal individuals**

126,767 (July)



**Children & Families cases**

346 (July)



**CalFresh individuals**

19,693 (July)



**CalWORKs individuals**

1,622 (July)

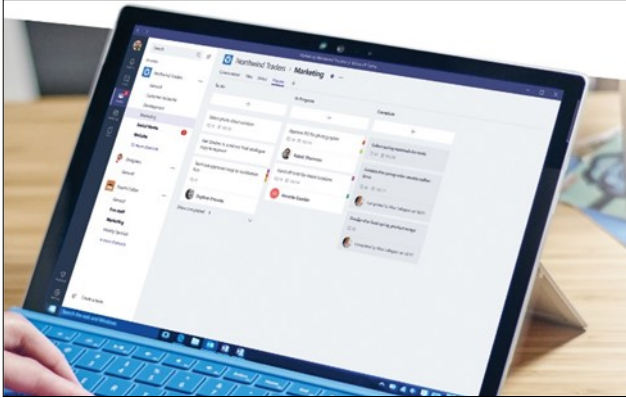
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# INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT

## Microsoft Teams Becomes County's Primary Application for Team Collaboration

Microsoft Teams is the latest addition to the County's software toolset for group communication and collaboration. **As of September 30, it is available to all County workforce members**, enabling us to work together more efficiently within our internal workgroups and project teams as well as the third-party vendors and agencies with which we collaborate.

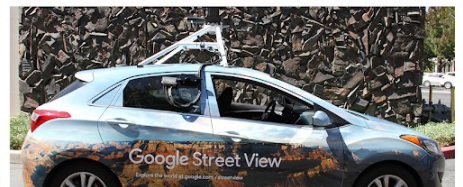
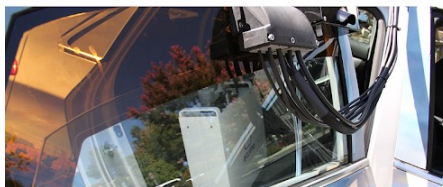


Microsoft Teams replaces Skype for Business as the County's primary application for online meetings and instant messaging.

Microsoft Teams extends the capabilities of Skype for Business, **bringing together chat, meetings, calling, collaboration and file sharing into a single interface**. This new central hub for teamwork can help streamline the way County staff work together to serve our residents, businesses and visitors.

## Data Analytics and AI Used to Monitor Air Quality

As part of our goal to expand localized Air Quality (AQ) monitoring in the 450 land miles in San Mateo County, SMC Labs recently launched a first-of-its-kind partnership with Aclima and Google Cloud that provides **block-by-block hyperlocal air pollution and climate emissions intelligence**. With the use of a fleet of electric vehicles and Google Street View cars equipped with AQ monitoring hardware, the **pilot vehicles will canvass 17 square miles over the next several months to create a baseline of AQ**. The pilot area includes the cities of Foster City, San Mateo, Belmont and Hillsborough. Once the baseline is established, the County of San Mateo can work with cities, schools and the business community to address potential hot spots in elevated emissions from CO<sub>2</sub>, methane and particulate matter.



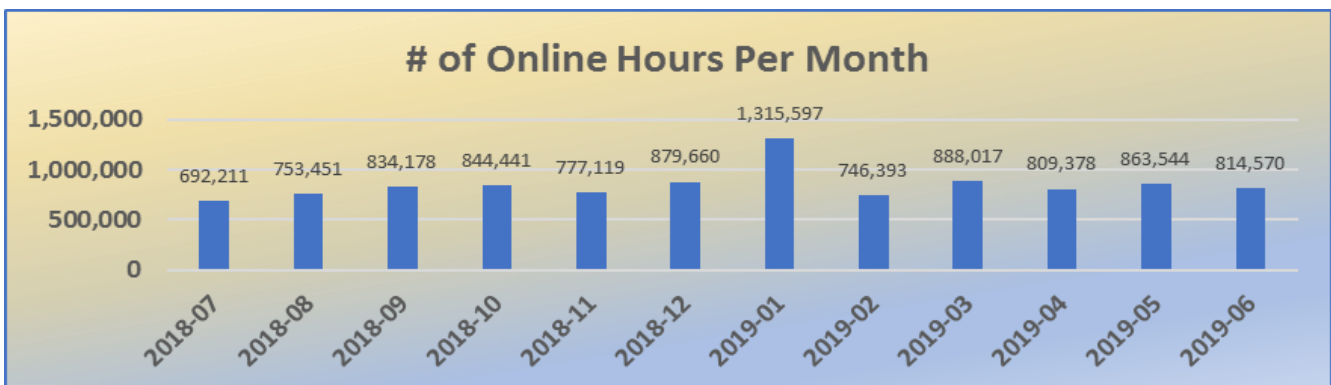
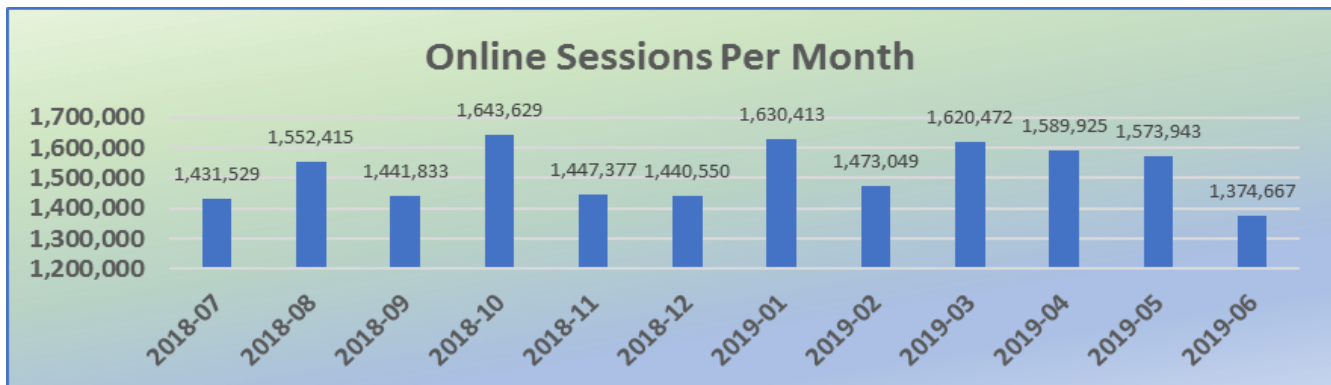
This pilot complements the "stationary" AQ monitoring network that was erected earlier this year. **There are a total of 10 stationary AQ sensors on both the coast and bayside**, stretching from Daly City to East Palo Alto. Prior to this effort, the County had to rely on just one sensor provided by the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) for AQ monitoring.



# INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT

## SMC Public WiFi Usage Grows

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Growth
Sites	76	90	+18%
Sessions	13.4M	18.2M	+36%
Hours	7M	10.2M	+46%



## Crowd Estimation Ability Aids Policymakers

As we continue to expand the successful SMC Public WiFi program where we are connecting people in need to free public wireless services, SMC Labs is looking to see how we can use that WiFi platform to also connect “things” to the internet, better known as Internet of Things (IoT). SMC Labs recently launched a pilot project at Coyote Point Park where we are **using the WiFi platform to launch a crowd mobility study**. The goal is to get an accurate account of the number of people using the park, but also see their movements and gauge public interest of park amenities used most and at what times of the day. It is a good way for policy makers to use **data on crowd estimates and moderate how people move around** in parks. Eventually, the same technology can be used to track pedestrian, bicyclist, scooter and even motor vehicle movement at traffic intersections, transit centers and downtown corridors. All the while, the technology is **non-identifying and only tracks your cell phone that is WiFi enabled**. We look forward to tracking other IoT use cases (Smart Waste Disposal, Smart Irrigation, etc.) using the existing SMC Public WiFi platform.

# INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT

## Public WiFi Aids Pescadero Arts & Fun Festival Vendors



Pescadero remains among our most heavily used SMC Public WiFi sites due to challenging access to Internet and wireless services. Usage grows significantly towards the summer months as the town hosts multiple festivals. The SMC Public WiFi system has **expanded their capabilities so that festival vendors can connect to the WiFi system to conduct transactions expediently and securely**. Visitors can also tap into the Public WiFi to connect and share their activities through pictures and videos.

Through partnership with SMC Labs and piloting IoT solutions through our SMC Public WiFi that anonymously counts unique devices, we are able to **determine attendance to a measure of high reasonability**. On a daily basis, 2,000 - 4,000 people visit Pescadero; however, the number measured approximately 10,000 during the Arts & Fun Festival held August 16 - 18.

## WiFi Expanded in North Fair Oaks

North Fair Oaks is **among the most underserved areas** in terms of access to the Internet. Public WiFi coverage was expanded for **four housing complexes by the St. Francis Center** late last fiscal year. The census tract block group **household income level for a family of four in this area is \$39,815**, whereas the median house income level for a family of four for the entire county is over \$116,000 (based on 2017 data). The households we are serving derive many of their daily necessities, e.g. food, clothing, housing, etc., through charitable donations via the St. Francis Center.





## HONORS

### 2019 Digital Counties Survey Honors County



*ISD's Assistant CIO Michael Wentworth receives the award at this year's NACo Conference in July.*

The Digital Counties Survey is conducted each year by the Center for Digital Government in partnership with the National Association of Counties (NACo). All counties in the country are invited to participate in the survey, which **examines the overall technology programs and plans of the county.**

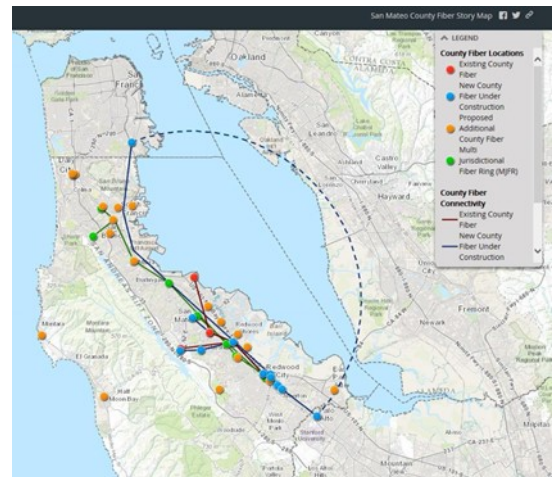
This year, the **County of San Mateo ranked fifth in its population category** and was recognized for its initiatives related to **citizen engagement, innovation and cybersecurity.**

### CIO Jon Walton Elected to Chair SAMCAT Board

The County of San Mateo has been an active member of the San Mateo County Telecommunications Authority (SAMCAT) since its inception in the '80s. Under the direction of CIO Jon Walton, the County has **taken the lead on upgrading SAMCAT's shared fiber network** and initiated discussions on regional (IoT) programs. At the last meeting, **he was unanimously elected as chairman of the SAMCAT board.** Congratulations, Jon!

#### About SAMCAT

SAMCAT is a Joint Powers Authority (JPA) formed in June 1989. It has **18 member agencies** including the cities of Belmont, Brisbane, Burlingame, Colma, Daly City, Foster City, Half Moon Bay, Hillsborough, Millbrae, Pacifica, Portola Valley, Redwood City, San Bruno, San Carlos, San Mateo, County of San Mateo, South San Francisco and Woodside. It has developed **model agreements that have sped time-to-market for companies** such as RCN which obtained their first competitive Cable TV Franchises in California from San Mateo County agencies that are SAMCAT members. It also manages programs for its members including the Emmy Award Winning Peninsula TV channel on Comcast and RCN Cable Systems in San Mateo County and the RCN Multi-Jurisdictional Fiber Network (MJN) in Silicon Valley.





# OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS



## Cities and Organizations Proclaim Support

Several organizations have committed their **support and commitment** to working together with the County of San Mateo to help ensure a complete and accurate count of all residents during Census 2020. The city councils of **East Palo Alto, Daly City, San Mateo** and **South San Francisco** have all passed resolutions or proclamations formalizing their support, as has the **San Mateo County Office of Education**. Others, including **First 5, San Mateo County Health**, and each **San Mateo County library**, have written outreach plans specifying how they will support Census 2020.

## San Mateo County Residents Film Census Testimonials



The Census team worked with six county residents to create short video testimonials discussing why Census 2020 is so important, how it affects our communities and why everyone should participate and be counted! In addition to **Ben Renda** from the **San Mateo County Veterans Commission**, other participants include **Henrietta Burroughs** from **East Palo Alto Today**, **Shelley Cheng** from **San Mateo Adult School Ambassador Program**, **Dr. Charito Sico** from **Kaiser Permanente**,

**Antonio Ruiz** from the **Multicultural Institute** and **Lilian Chang** from the **San Mateo County Youth Commission**.

## Census Team Outreach Activities

Media Interview	City Presentation / Meeting	County or CBO Presentation / Meeting	Regional Collaboration Meeting	Community Event
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This quarter was an exciting time for the Census Team! Not only did the Office of Community Affairs Census Team meet and/or present to many different organizations across the county, it also released a **Census 2020 Outreach and Support Request for Proposal**, which closed on August 7, 2019. Contracts have been awarded to **multiple community-based organizations** to partner with the County to educate, motivate and activate our residents to participate in the Census 2020 questionnaire, and ensure a complete and accurate count of **ALL county residents**. In late September, we coordinated an **Implementation Workshop** with the **State of California Census Office** and **Santa Clara County**, to continue building regional capacity for outreach by identifying gaps or opportunities for partnering organizations.



# OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

## *Be Seen Keepin' It Clean: Broadmoor*



## *SF Pride*



## *Facebook Festival*



## *East Palo Alto Block Fest*



## *Rapid Response: NFO Canvassing*



## Community Engagement

OCA attended eight different community events this quarter. This included tabling and providing support for various events such as: **Be Seen Keepin' It Clean in Broadmoor**, **SF Pride**, **EPA Block Fest**, **Congresswoman Speier's Town Hall in Redwood City**, **Philippine Flag Raising Day**, **Women's Equality Day**, **Facebook Festival**, and **CARON's 20th Anniversary Celebration**.

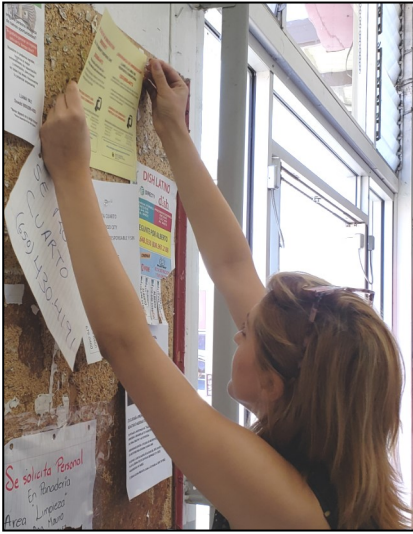
The OCA outreach team distributed important information regarding the County's Census 2020 efforts. **Over 300 San Mateo County residents** took the pledge to participate and complete the census next year.

Essential, multilingual materials such as the Immigrant Service Tool Kit, Red Cards, and the Rapid Response Call Line flyers have also been distributed throughout the county.

In total, OCA has reached out to over **5,000 San Mateo County residents!**  
**#BecauseCommunityCounts**

# OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

## Immigrant Services Responds to Community Fears



The Office of Community Affairs Immigrant Services responded to recent fears about Immigration and Customs Enforcement operations across the United States this summer by spreading valuable resources and information throughout San Mateo County's various departments, collaborative partners and local neighborhoods.

### Testimonial:

*"I was looking through these resources you sent, and wanted to commend you and your team on your work. **These are really comprehensive and user-friendly tools!**"*

- Victoria, Anti-Trafficking Coordinator, International Rescue Committee

## Public Charge Call Center Available

Our office has partnered with San Mateo County Health, Human Services Agency, Department of Housing and the Legal Aid Society to serve as a call center to assist with concerns over the new public charge policy change.

## Welcome Week Documentary Series Draws Hundreds

Immigrant Services hosted five documentary screenings for Welcoming Week in September about local and national immigrant experiences. As a member of Welcoming America, **The County of San Mateo is proud to support the many diverse communities** and make San Mateo County more welcoming toward immigrants and all residents. The two documentaries, **Waking Dream** and **I Learn America**, follow young immigrants through their different experiences in life. Over 200 individuals registered to attend the screenings. OCA will be screening these two documentaries at County Center Board Chambers in October for County staff and LMS credit.



## FUTURE DIRECTION



- October **Naturalization Oath Ceremony** at San Mateo History Museum

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# OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

## OES, Partners Hold San Mateo County Active Shooter Full-Scale Exercise



From July 29 through August 2, 2019, the **San Mateo County Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services (OES)**, in concert with **San Mateo County police and fire departments** held a weeklong **active shooter full scale exercise** at Mills High School in Millbrae. **More than 600 San Mateo County law, fire, Emergency Medical Services (EMS), school and public information officer (PIO) personnel participated** in this all-too-realistic exercise and scenario that included simulated weapons, injured victims, teachers and a shooter.



With most, if not all, fire departments/districts, the Sheriff's Office and local police departments participating, law and fire personnel practiced new **techniques for combating assailants and rapidly coming to the aid of injured victims** almost simultaneously. Because most school shootings are over within minutes, law enforcement techniques have continuously evolved since Columbine to create a **more rapid approach towards engaging shooters**. Because some victim injuries sustained require immediate response, law enforcement has begun engaging in life-saving techniques like tourniquet application while the area is being secured and protected for a more immediate response — referred to as a **Rescue Task Force** — comprised of **fire and EMS personnel under law enforcement protection** to begin administering care to the injured.



In addition to the law, fire and EMS personnel exercising response to an active shooter, school administrators and personnel participated and observed the weeklong exercise. Participants practiced **Lockdown/Barricade** – a technique utilized by school personnel **to protect students, teachers and school staff** in a classroom by blocking all access, staying out of sight and remaining silent until law enforcement personnel have arrived.

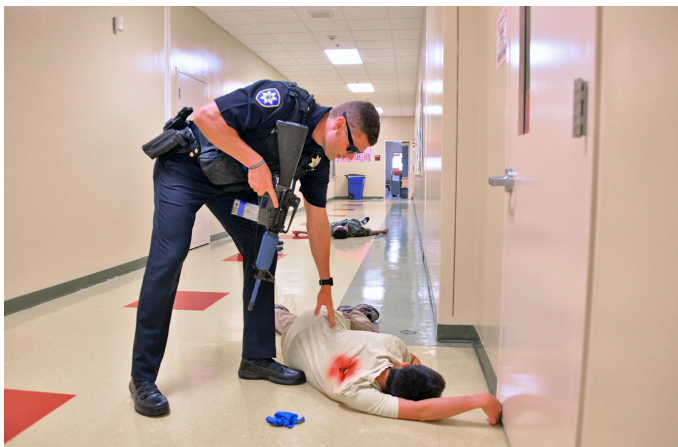
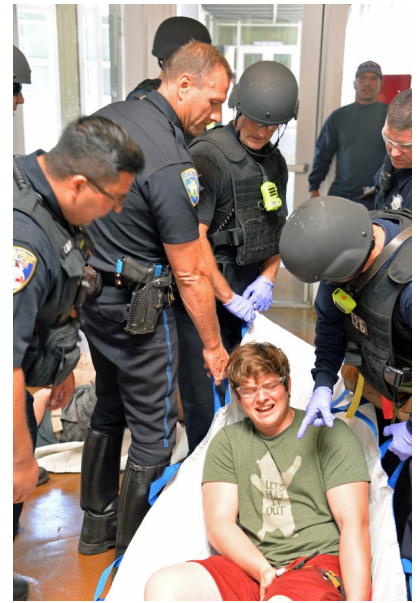


# OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

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Additionally, school representatives learned what their role would be in **working with law and fire/EMS** to assist in the response and recovery of an active shooter event.

Lastly, as part of the exercise, the **San Mateo Police Department** conducted a **Joint Information Center (JIC)** training for **San Mateo County PIOs** from law, fire, schools, businesses, non-profits and government agencies to simulate the **public communications component** of an active shooter incident. This would include uniform messaging for the school (e.g., teachers, students, staff, parents), for the surrounding community and for the general public and media regarding the situation.



## SMCAAlert Surpasses 100,000 Registrants

**SMCAAlert** ([www.SMCAAlert.info](http://www.SMCAAlert.info)), the county's opt-in public alert and warning system, recently surpassed **100,000 registrants!** SMCAAlert is San Mateo County's **alert and notification system** used by the County, cities and other law enforcement and fire agencies in San Mateo County to send **emergency alerts, notifications and updates** to the community via email or mobile phone. For those who live and/or work in San Mateo County, SMCAAlert is the alerting tool to keep them informed of fires, earthquakes, tsunamis, extreme weather, roadway closures, utility disruptions or any other natural or manmade disaster.



# OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY

## Understanding Sea Level Rise Vulnerability on the South Coast

In 2018, Sea Change SMC released a Sea Level Rise Vulnerability Assessment for the entire Bayshore and the North Coast (Half Moon Bay north). With new data from the U.S. Geological Survey, the County will be working with the San Mateo Resource Conservation District (RCD) and Revell Coastal, Inc. **to complete the last phase of assessment**, covering the south coast of from Half Moon Bay south to the county line. **Stakeholder engagement began in August at the Pescadero Arts and Fun Festival** where the County's Office of Sustainability, RCD and Pescadero Municipal Advisory Committee members engaged the community in discussions about sea level rise and community values.



Outreach will continue through summer 2020, focusing this fall on modeling sea level rise impacts with technical stakeholders, agencies and community leaders. In the winter and spring youth and the broader community will be engaged in developing solutions that align with community values. This will be done through walking tours, community conversations and student-led activities.

## Deconstruction Trainings Held

The OoS Waste Reduction Team facilitated a 12-day intensive training course in May to educate and **train community members on how to deconstruct buildings instead of demolishing them**. Deconstruction is the systematic removal of the different parts and materials of a house for the purpose of reusing them in future building projects. The training was led by The ReUse People of America and took place at a home in unincorporated Menlo Park that was going to be demolished. Approximately \$4,160 of salvaged wood, doors, bricks, a bathtub and other materials were transported to The ReUse People to be sold at their location in Oakland. Not only did this approach lead to the reuse of valuable building materials, it also provided a tax deductible receipt to the homeowners. **Trainees included the general public, the County's Vocational Rehabilitation Services participants and contractors**. One graduate, working at a demolition company, will be able to add this expertise to their company's service offerings. Based on the success of this inaugural course and the demand expressed by community members, a second training course is currently being developed.

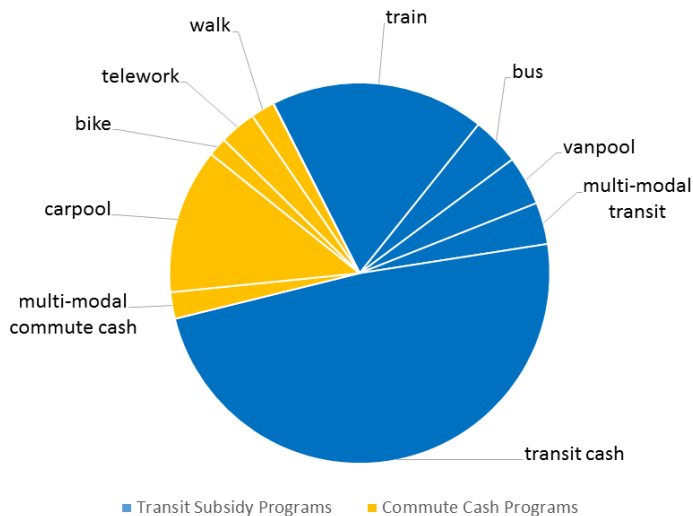




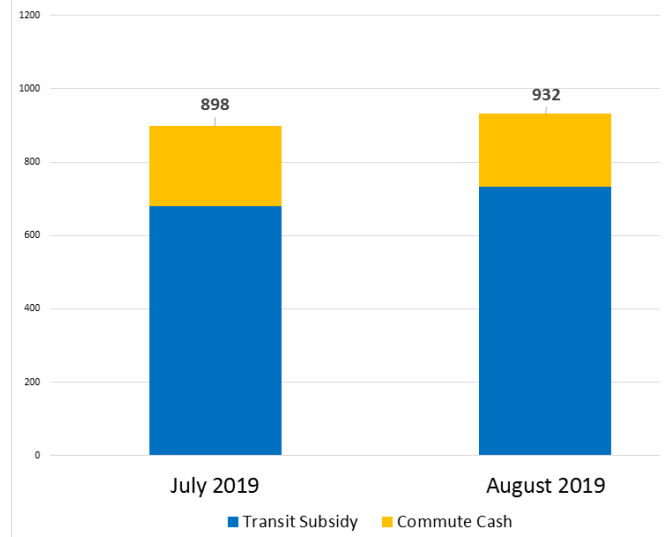
# OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY

## County Debuts New Commute Alternatives Benefits

HOW EMPLOYEES USED THEIR CAP SUBSIDIES  
IN AUGUST 2019



EMPLOYEES PARTICIPATING  
IN CLEAN COMMUTES



*Introducing SMC Shift, a new name for a bigger and better suite of employee commute benefits. Here's a first snapshot of employee participation in the program, which launched July, 2019.*

## Community Connection through Beautification

The Annual **Broadmoor Community Cleanup** was held June 20, 2019. This cleanup event was hosted by the Office of Supervisor David Canepa, the Office of Sustainability and the Broadmoor Police Department. It provided an opportunity for community members to build camaraderie around cleaning up their neighborhoods while getting to know each other and the local agencies. Ten intersections and neighborhoods in Broadmoor were tended to by 79 participants, whom collected a total of 1,125 items (1,600 pounds of trash).

## Planting Justice

A collaboration between the Office of Sustainability and the Sheriff's Office is bringing holistic wellness and resource conservation programming to Transitional Housing inmates at the Maple Street Jail. Implemented by Planting Justice, a community organization, over 30 inmates are receiving innovative and wholistic programming in the form of weekly workshops, as well access to an outdoor planter space and an outdoor garden area within the jail grounds. Planting Justice staff and inmates successfully planted the first phase of the outdoor garden space — an edible forest — on August 22 and 23.

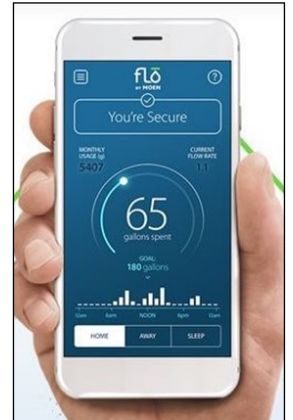




# OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY

## Smart Meters Test Water Conservation Strategies, Detect Leaks

Santa Clara and San Mateo counties are partnering to test the effectiveness of smart meters in water conservation. Based on the premise that awareness of residential water use leads to conservation, **40 households in Santa Clara County as well as 20 each in Burlingame and Foster City are using smart water meters to track and observe water use in real time via smartphone.** The pilot, administered by an outside consultant, will collect data for one year and evaluate the results, to be used to inform future water conservation efforts in both counties. Of particular interest is the opportunity for detecting and correcting leaks prior to high water bills or water damage.



## Community Garden Partnership Program

The Community Garden Partnership Program, first piloted in 2018, partners with schools, community organizations, resource centers and others, and provides funding and resources to build new community gardens or improve existing ones, as well as set up compost systems. By providing compost bins, garden planter beds, educational signs, garden tools and tool sheds, the program promotes the technique and benefits of composting, in the community and at home. To date, **the program has partnered and funded over 25 gardens throughout San Mateo County.** **Woodrow Wilson Elementary School in Daly City** installed eight garden planter beds, six tree planter boxes, an irrigation line and an accessibility ramp to the new garden located next to the school soccer field and playground. **Millbrae's Central Park** received 28 garden planter beds and four ADA-compliant planter beds, a path walkway, garden tools, sheds and compost bins. A Community Garden Workday held on June 8 hosted 60 residents and community members tending to the garden beds. The program also partnered with the **Cuesta La Honda Guild Homeowners Association** to build a new garden next to its tennis courts. The partnership built 21 planter beds using salvage lumber from Firewood Farms and installed a rainwater cistern that holds 1,500 gallons of water for the garden's irrigation needs.



# OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY

## Understanding Our Groundwater Resources

In 2018, the County completed an assessment of the San Mateo Plain Groundwater Subbasin, but this, the **largest groundwater basin in San Mateo County**, has never been comprehensively monitored for groundwater elevations over time. The Office of Sustainability developed and submitted a groundwater monitoring plan. Measurements will be taken every six months and uploaded into the State's database to be used to better understand changes to basin water levels as a result of events such as drought. Groundwater monitoring has been used as criteria for grant eligibility and paves the way to cross-agency collaboration on managing water as a resource.



## Ride and Drive Event Brings Electric Vehicles to County Employees

This September, the Office of Sustainability partnered with Peninsula Clean Energy to offer San Mateo County **employees an opportunity to test drive the latest electric vehicle (EV) models and share information on additional home energy efficiency resources**, including solar panel discounts from SunShares. Automakers demonstrating their vehicles included BMW, Chevrolet, Nissan, Tesla and Toyota. This event was first held in 2018 and hosted 200 test drives across eight plug-in electric vehicles.



## HONORS

- **Home for All**, the County's initiative to promote and preserve housing at all levels of affordability in San Mateo County, **was honored by the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) by receiving a Challenge Award**. CSAC's annual statewide program honors innovation and best practices in county government.
- **Russ Hayes retired in July 2019**, after serving the County of San Mateo for over 30 years. Since starting his career with the County in 1988, **Russ served in various roles and departments before becoming the surplus property officer**, where he assisted County departments with reusing surplus furniture, electronics and vehicles. Russ is known for going above and beyond to help his fellow employees and to assist departments with the management of their surplus property in a timely manner. **His work and dedication to the surplus property program resulted in substantial recovery of funds for the County**. He embodied the principle of reuse through his work, and diverted unwanted items to needy non-profits, schools, and partner agencies. **Russ always brought a positive energy, collaborative attitude and steadfast dedication to his work and to his team.**





# PARKS

## The Bridge That Volunteers Built



### Project Snap Shot

12 Volunteers / 630 Volunteer Hours

8 Park Staff / 50 Hours

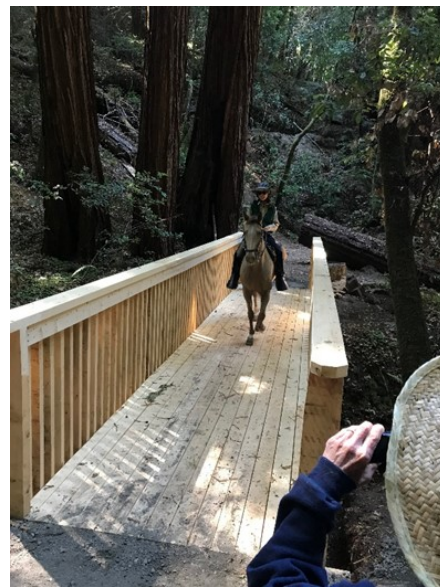
Project Cost \$26,000 / Project Donations \$25,000

The Towne Creek bridge is a wooden structure that spans Towne Creek in Pescadero Creek Park and allows park visitors to continue along the West Brook Trail. It is popular with equestrians given its proximity to the Jack Brook Horse Camp in Sam McDonald Park. In 2017, winter rains and aging support structures caused the bridge to wash out and it has remained out of service until this summer.

A contingent of volunteers from San Mateo County Parks' Volunteer Horse Patrol, Mounted Patrol Foundation, Woodside Area Horse Owners Association and Equestrian Trail Riders Action Committee, along with department staff, designed and built a new and larger bridge. An equestrian, who is a structural engineer by profession, designed the bridge to accommodate the widening creek, trail conditions and visitor use. Staff secured project permits, resolved creekside erosion and filled sinkholes to stabilize the ground. Contractors installed concrete footings and volunteers assembled the bridge. Volunteers raised \$25,000 to cover labor costs and materials, including highly durable Alaskan Yellow Cedar lumber. The bridge passed inspection and reopened August 30.



*Damaged Towne Creek Bridge*



*New bridge completed*



# PARKS

## Natural Resource Management Measures Success through Species Counts

### Mission Blue Butterfly Count, San Bruno Mountain

Surveys for the Mission blue butterfly, an endangered species that inhabits San Bruno Mountain State and County Park, were conducted by natural resource management staff in spring 2019. Monitoring for this species is an ongoing activity required by the San Bruno Mountain Habitat Conservation Plan.



*Mission blue butterfly*

**Count:** 157 Adults

**Survey Area:** 2,145 acres

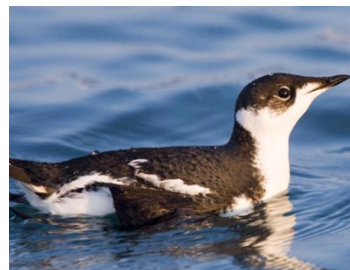
**Survey Time:** 90-100 hours for 12-13 days

### Marbled Murrelet Count, Memorial and Pescadero Creek Parks

In July, staff completed annual monitoring for the endangered Marbled Murrelet. This is a coordinated effort among area agencies in the Santa Cruz Mountains, where the small seabird nests. Staff record the presence of birds by noting bird calls and the number of birds observed in flight. Surveying begins around 5:15 a.m. and concludes 75 minutes after sunrise.

**Population:** No change

**Survey Time:** 20 hours over five days



*Marbled Murrelet*

### San Mateo Thornmint Count, Edgewood Park

Restoration efforts for the endangered San Mateo thornmint at Edgewood County Park and Natural Preserve have been successful this year, with a significant increase in plants occupying Edgewood and neighboring Pulgas Ridge. Restoration efforts began in 2008 at a time when only one small population of the plant was found in the park.

This restoration project is a collaborative effort among San Mateo County Parks, Friends of Edgewood, Creekside Science, San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, UC Berkeley Botanical Garden, Yerba Boadvocacy, California Native Plant Society, California Department of Fish and Wildlife and US Fish and Wildlife Service. Additional funding was provided by San Mateo County Parks Foundation and the Mellam Family Foundation.



*San Mateo Thornmint*

**2019 Plant Count:** 19,000

**Survey Area:** 319 Square Meters

## Summertime in San Mateo County Parks

June - August

# 2019

### Visitors



933,812  
PARK VISITORS

### Reservations



1,037  
PICNIC



2,134  
CAMPING

### Events

96

DEPARTMENT-ORGANIZED  
EVENTS



45

GUEST-ORGANIZED  
EVENTS

6,163

PARTICIPANTS



10,786

PARTICIPANTS

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## 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**. A needs assessment helped determine that the near 90-year-old station had outlived its useful life and that living and working conditions and performance could be improved by constructing a new station. The first phase of the station replacement project, which will result in occupancy, is nearly complete with **occupancy anticipated during October 2019**. An additional project phase that includes demolition of the old station, landscaping, and construction of a new accessory building is slated for completion in late 2019.



## REGIONAL OPERATIONS CENTER (ROC)

The ROC — 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. The project is nearly complete. Water efficient landscaping required by County ordinance has been installed. Final interior quality control inspections and punch list items are being completed and the building is receiving a thorough cleaning. ISD is stacking and racking networking equipment in the data center, dispatch workstations have been installed in the operations center and the extensive array of radio antennas have been mounted on the roof. **A ribbon cutting took place on September 18, 2019**. Departments will be moving into the facility over the next several months.



## ANIMAL SHELTER



Construction at Coyote Point of a new animal shelter, to replace the existing facility 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 Historic Places, **was lifted from its footings at the Government Center and moved across the street to its new location at the rear of the historic courthouse.** The home completed the journey intact and, following some minor touch ups, was lowered onto its new foundation. Minor repairs to the interior walls and ceiling, installation of furniture and cleaning will be completed prior to reopening. In the space adjacent to the Lathrop House, the San Mateo

County Historical Association intends to install a Carriage House to preserve and display its collection of historic passenger carriages. The timeline for completion of that project is not yet known, but more than **\$6 million has been raised from private donors in support of the project.**

## COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING 3

County Office Building 3 (COB 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. Site demolition is nearly complete, and construction documents are being finalized. As part of the project, the portions of Hamilton and Bradford streets running through County Center will be permanently closed to vehicle traffic. This closure is tentatively set for early to mid-October 2019. Notice to staff will be sent in advance of closure once the date is finalized. **COB 3 is slated for completion in 2022.**



## PARKING STRUCTURE 2



The new parking structure, to be located on the former jury parking lot, **will add 1,022 additional parking stalls over seven levels.** Design is complete. Temporary fencing and a noise barrier to mitigate construction noise at sensitive receptors have been placed around the site. The construction permit has been issued. **Construction is underway,** trees have been removed, pavement has been demolished, and utilities and

foundation began in late September. During construction, access from Winslow Street to the existing garage will remain 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 Department of Public Works (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, approximately 300 Health employees will be relocated off-site.** In addition, the coroner's facilities (morgue and

offices) will be consolidated onto the Health campus. The project is currently underway and will proceed in multiple phases with an **estimated completion for the final phase June 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 health care 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. Though 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 constructed in 1952 originally as a tuberculosis ward and then 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 housing 57 beds. The design development package is complete and the project is currently on budget. The CEQA/EIR/Permitting is the critical path in

preconstruction phase. County Health end users and ISD team are actively involved as the detailed design components continue to evolve. An updated draft schedule has been provided which still shows mobilization slated for Q1 2020 and final hardscape site work Q4 2022.



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# PROBATION

## Pretrial, Probation and Parole Supervision Week



The Probation Department celebrated Pretrial, Probation and Parole Supervision Week on July 21-27, 2019. During this time every year, we make an extra effort to acknowledge our staff's compassion, strength, and determination to serve our clients and the residents of San Mateo County. We

celebrate this week with thousands of probation, parole and pretrial services staff to highlight our dedication to client rehabilitation and social justice.

On July 9, Supervisor Warren Slocum and the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors issued a proclamation supporting Probation Services Week and emphasizing the vital role the Department plays in community corrections particularly through offender accountability and victim assistance.

This year's theme, "Restoring Trust and Creating Hope," speaks to how communities are experiencing emotionally turbulent times when trust and hope have been replaced with fear and polarization. It also challenges us to engage with our local communities around various issues such as victimization, racial and ethnic disparities, and gender inequalities. As a simple way to thank staff for the hard work and dedication they have in serving not just our clients, but the community of San Mateo County in general, each division hosted breakfasts, lunches and ice cream socials at all of our sites.



Chief John Keene and Supervisor Don Horsley

## Adult and Realignment Services Division

### Northern California Domestic Violence Roundtable

The Probation Department hosted the Northern California Domestic Violence Roundtable



committee meeting in July 2019. The committee's mission is to **create partnerships between neighboring counties to improve the quality of rehabilitative services** provided to domestic violence offenders as well as resources to **support survivors, victims and their families**. Over 60 probation officers and supervisors from 15 counties were in attendance. Various community-based

organizations were also present to provide valuable information regarding services to our offenders, victims and their families. The group also had a chance to listen to various speakers from different County departments as well as community-based organizations who talked about topics such as victim safety, working with veterans convicted of domestic violence offences and self-care for law enforcement officers that are working with the population first hand.

# PROBATION

## Institutions Services Division

### Juvenile Hall Summer Activities

#### American History Week: June 30 - July 5

Youth participated in making American history posters depicting our Founding Fathers and presented them to a panel comprised of Probation staff and a member of the Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Commission (JJDPCC).



#### Cultural Week: July 29 - August 2

Youth learned about different cultures throughout the world and tested their skills in a trivia game hosted by the Probation staff.

#### Career Week: August 5 - 9



The week started off with an interactive assembly facilitated by the San Mateo County Office of Education where the youth were encouraged to think about the people that are important in their lives and what do they consider important to themselves and what they aspire to become. The assembly ended with youth receiving information about the different resources available to them such as paid internship opportunities, resume writing skills and job training skills.

The main event was the “Key to the FUTURE” assembly, co-sponsored by Unity Care, where the Youth Services Center—Juvenile Hall gymnasium was transformed into a mini city of sorts that aimed to provide youth with a

glimpse of what real life would be like. Tables were lined up along the sides of the gymnasium and represented different industries such as a bank, grocery store, U.S. Postal Service, community college, elections, utilities, DMV and banks. Youth were provided with an ID, fake paper money, personal checks and individual goals they needed to complete to assist them in experiencing how it would be like to be independent, make decisions and eventually live on their own.





# PROBATION

## SNAPSHOTS

### INSTITUTIONS SERVICES DIVISION *as of July 2019*

#### JUVENILE HALL\*

37

Male

\*average daily population

9

Female

#### CAMP KEMP

7

Average Daily  
Population

\*girls who are at home but attend school at Camp Kemp

4

Girls in Phase II\*

### JUVENILE SERVICES DIVISION *as of July 2019*

#### ASSESSMENT CENTER

24

Bookings

#### SUPERVISION

10

Informal

18

General  
(moderate risk)

18

Intensive  
(high risk)

#### ELECTRONIC MONITORING PROGRAM (EMP)

40

Youths

### ADULT & REALIGNMENT SERVICES DIVISION *as of July 2019*

#### PRETRIAL

517

Clients on Supervised Own  
Recognizance (SOR) Release

#### DUI COURT

166

Active Participants

#### VETERANS TREATMENT COURT

19

Active Participants

#### INTENSIVE SUPERVISION

**345:** Total offenders under  
Intensive Supervision

**37:** Home Visits

**0:** Arrests

#### RESTITUTION COURT

**\$4,160** was collected from  
defendants who appeared  
in Restitution Court

**\$2,145** was collected from  
defendants who avoided  
going to Restitution Court

#### SEX OFFENDERS

82

active  
supervision

32

in  
treatment

91

on  
EMP

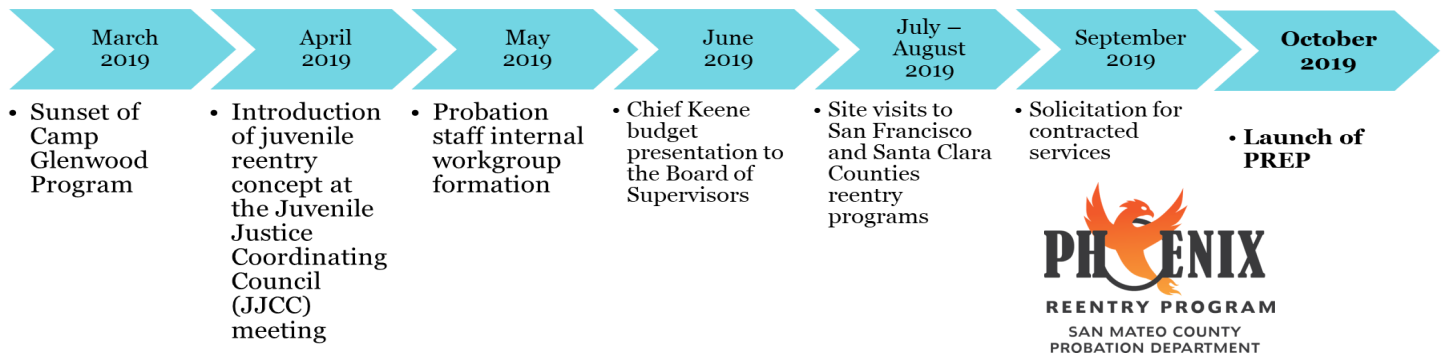
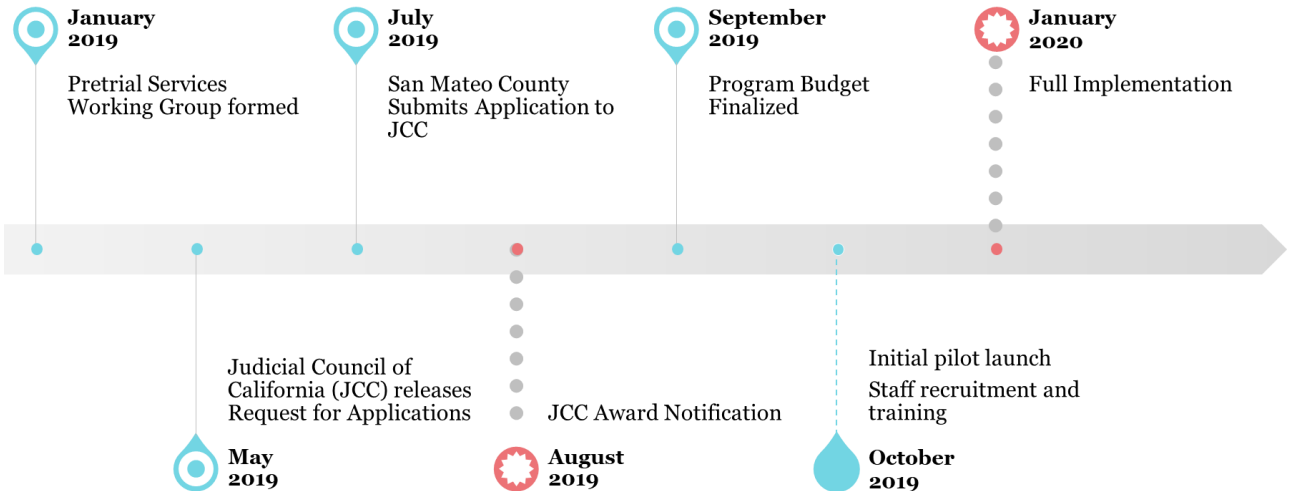
# PROBATION



## FUTURE DIRECTION



### Pretrial Services Pilot Program



### HONORS

#### Retirements

**Ralph McGill:** Probation Services Manager, retired in July 2019 after 20 years of service  
**Sharon Hite:** Lead Legal Word Processor, retired in March 2019 after 40 years of service  
**Leopoldo Aguirre:** Group Supervisor, retired in July 2019 after five years of service

#### Service Awards

*The following employees were recognized for 20 years of service on Sep. 17, 2019:*

**Tracy Shwan:** Financial Services Manager  
**Robert Austin:** Deputy Probation Officer  
**Coralie Molina:** Deputy Probation Officer  
**Tracey Maas:** Deputy Probation Officer  
**Paulina Fonseca:** Deputy Probation Officer

#### New Employees

**Jenifer Logia:** Management Analyst, Adult & Realignment Services Division  
**Anabel Nieves:** Legal Office Specialist, Adult & Realignment Services Division  
**Lavinia Prema:** Legal Office Specialist, Adult & Realignment Services Division  
**Nicholette Harrison:** Group Supervisor, Institutions Services Division



## Dispatchers Visit Regional Operations Center

The department hosted the first Continuing Education session in the new Regional Operations Center (ROC) so dispatchers and support staff could begin to understand their new workspaces, provide feedback and ask questions.

The new center and new Computer-Aided Dispatch system (CAD) mean new ways of doing business, not to mention new responsibilities in a wholly different environment. There is so much to look forward to, and it's all right around the corner.

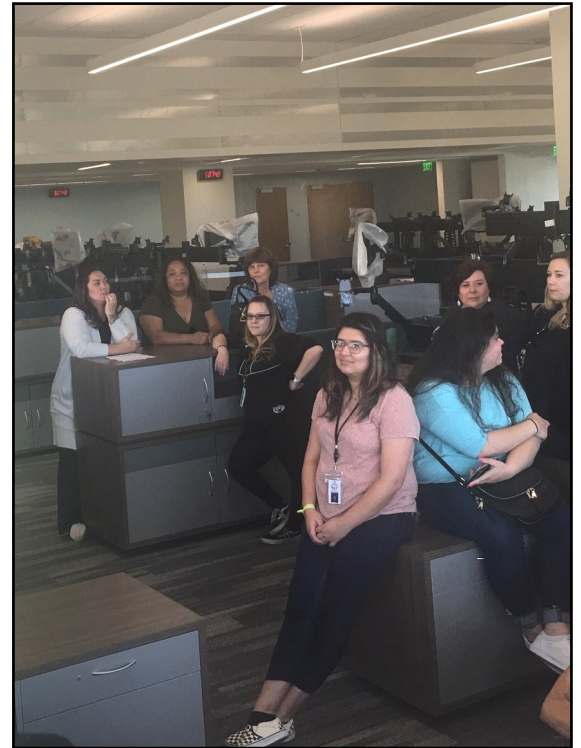
## Assistant Director Retires, Honored by Board of Supervisors

The department and the County said goodbye to Assistant Director Bob Lotti after he was presented with a proclamation by the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors on June 26, 2019 for performing the life-saving Heimlich maneuver on his co-worker Natasha Claire-Espino when she was choking.



Assistant Director  
Robert L. Lotti, Jr.

**Lotti led the department during a critical time.** He was responsible for representing the department during labor negotiations for the new Memorandum of Understanding as well as serving as the lead department liaison for the ROC, among many other projects. We will miss his sense of humor, his compassion and his common-sense approach to leadership in Public Safety Communications. His commitment to mentoring new leaders is unparalleled.



*Dispatchers learn about the new building in the first training session there*



*Bob Lotti, flanked by Natasha Claire-Espino and members of his family after receiving a special Board proclamation*





## Regional Operations Center Ribbon Cutting a Big Success

The ribbon cutting for the new Regional Operations Center was held September 18, 2019 in Redwood City and was well-attended by county residents, leaders, staff and first responder agencies. County Manager Mike Callagy outlined a history of the \$64.5 million project while thanking the Board of Supervisors and the multiple others who brought the building to its completion. We were touched to hear him speak directly to our dispatchers, reminding them that this new center was designed and built with them in mind.

Attendees were treated to tours of the Office of Emergency Services, the Emergency Operations Center, training and workout areas and the Public Safety Communications Dispatch Center and Administrative Offices, led by the project's transition team and PSC's own Judy Husary and Robert Bustichi. The evening included food, music and some fun giveaways for everyone who stopped by.

Public Safety Communications is grateful to County Manager Callagy, the Board of Supervisors and the citizens of San Mateo County for their unwavering support of this project. We look forward to our move in the next few months.



*Project lead Deb Bazan, Supervisor Warren Slocum, HR Director Rocio Kiryczun, DPW Director Jim Porter, Board President Carole Groom, Supervisor Dave Pine, Sheriff Carlos Bolanos, Supervisor David Canepa, County Manager Mike Callagy, Interim PDU Director Adam Ely and PSC Director Daniel T. Belville cut the ribbon to welcome the public to the new center*





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*The video wall in the new Communications Center is nearly 30 feet long and composed of 26 monitors*



*Robert Bustichi and Judy Husary led tours through the new building*



*Rock candy, Pop Rocks, commemorative mugs and "ROC Star" sunglasses were some of the fun giveaways at the ribbon cutting*





## Department Busy with Recruitment and Training

PSC / 9-1-1 continues to recruit and train new dispatchers and call takers during this busy time. Five new hires are studying in the academy to learn skills as law call takers. There are continuous recruitments for entry level as well as lateral transfer positions as PSC works to find and train qualified emergency



*New Law Call Takers in Training: Dijanna Moses, Eric Becerra, Ericka Escheverria, Victoria Guissi and Veronica Ochoa*

dispatchers. Keep your eyes open for the department at a variety of college job fairs, disaster preparation events and other venues where we'll be handing out career information to job seekers.

PSC recently requested letters of interest from dispatchers who are interested in becoming communications training officers (CTOs). CTOs are specialized trainers who are integral to successfully qualifying the next group of call takers and dispatchers. The interest level was high; several staff have applied to be CTOs and interviews are underway, with selections to happen soon.



*Nicole Ghorso works the PSC exhibit table at the Silicon Valley Disaster Prep Day at Stanford Shopping Center*

Our department is out to spread the word that dispatching is a meaningful, rewarding career. Share this information with people you know who may be interested in joining us! Job postings are on the County's jobs page: [jobs.smcgov.org](https://jobs.smcgov.org)



# SHERIFF'S OFFICE



## Community Connections

### Safe Bike Rides Encourage Strong Connections

Weekends are for enjoying the outdoors! Deputy Rodney Reed and staff from the Siena Youth Center of the St. Francis Center regularly take a group of kids on bike rides throughout Redwood City. During these safely guided bike rides many wonderful conversations are started and the bond between these future leaders and the adults continues to strengthen, all while getting exercise and enjoying the beautiful sights of San Mateo County.



*Captain Christina Corpus, Sergeant Andrew Hui, Deputy Randolph Cousenes and Deputy Helu Palatavake helped distribute backpacks to eager students*

### Public Safety Partners Help Students Gear Up for School

With the start of a new school year, we helped families to get ready. The San Mateo County Sheriff's Office, along with the Redwood City Police and Fire Departments, distributed backpacks with supplies to 600 children at Kipp Excelencia Community Prep Charter School in the North Fair Oaks area.

### Coffee with Deputies

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



# SHERIFF'S OFFICE

## National Night Out

At the National Night Out event at the Fair Oaks Community Center **San Mateo County Sheriff's deputies handed out backpacks filled with school supplies!** You could tell by the smiles on their faces how much these backpacks meant to these kids. The generous donors from the Family Giving Tree helped make the start of this new school year a successful one for many young scholars.

To learn more about donating backpacks, visit: <https://familygivingtree.org>

## Community Programs

### SAL (Sheriff's Activities League)



Up early and they hit the ground running!! The Sheriff's Activities League l'mpossible girls running group ran the Redwood City Fourth of July 5k run.

### Community Alliance to Revitalize our Neighborhood Distributed Dozens of Free Bike Helmets



The San Mateo County Sheriff's Office CARON Program, along with other organizations, gave away free bike helmets and taught how to properly fit them to dozens of kids and adults at the 6th annual North Fair Oaks Health Fair organized by the Siena Youth Center and Hoover School in Redwood City.

### CARON (Community Alliance to Revitalize Our Neighborhood) hosts caregiver academy

CARON and Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS) hosted the National Alliance for Mental Illness (NAMI) Basics Education Program. Congratulations to the 28 parents who graduated the program. This six-week academy is designed for parents and other family caregivers of children and teenagers with behavioral challenges.



Supervisor Don Horsley and Captain Saul Lopez, along with representatives from CARON and BHRS, handed out certificates to recognize the participants' efforts.

This program was part of the countywide activities planned for May, dedicated as Mental Health Awareness Month. Learn more about mental health or NAMI at <https://www.nami.org>.

# SHERIFF'S OFFICE

## Statistics *April 1, 2019—June 30, 2019*

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### **Calls for Service:**

28,975



### **K-9 Unit:**

Request for K-9 Service: 34  
Building Searches: 10  
Suspect Apprehensions: 9



### **Investigations:**

New Cases Assigned: 474  
Cases Forwarded to the District  
Attorney's Office: 10,268  
Cases Investigated & Closed: 715  
Missing Persons Reported: 86  
Missing Persons Closed: 73



### **Records:**

Online Reports Accepted: 116  
Public Records Act Requests: 20  
Records Counter Contacts: 6,800  
Number of Restraining Orders  
Entered or Updated: 2,160



### **Traffic Safety:**

Traffic Collision Reports: 125  
Traffic Citations: 6,053  
DUI Arrests: 57  
DUI Arrests + DUI Turnovers: 75  
Injury Collisions: 41  
Non-Injury Collisions: 84  
Fatal Collisions: 0



### **Parking Enforcement:**

Parking Citations: 8,573



### **Property:**

Items Booked into Property: 4,345  
Digital Items: 64,992  
Items Returned to Owners: 272  
Fingerprint Services Provided: 696  
Controlled Substances and  
Paraphernalia Destroyed: 1,640 pounds





## FUTURE DIRECTION



### Strategic Goals

- 1. Inmate Programs:** Renew inmate programming contracts with Service League of San Mateo County, JobTrain and the Office of Education: Enneagram Prison Project.
- 2. Public Safety:** Continue focusing on effective use of data analytics, Intelligence Led Policing, and technology to enhance public safety.
- 3. Community Programs:** 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:** This fall, the Sheriff's Office will be launching a recruitment marketing campaign on social media to recruit top quality candidates for all current open positions.



## 2019 Third Quarter Legislative Update:

The Legislature adjourned on September 13 after one of the strangest end-of-sessions in recent history. It included accusations of flame-throwing and a lack of decorum among legislators and was briefly halted after a protestor threw blood onto the Senate floor.

Despite these events, the Legislature completed the people's business and adjourned the first year of its 2019-20 Legislative Session. This year, legislators saw an opportunity to advance bills that were previously thwarted by Governor Jerry Brown and reintroduced numerous pieces of legislation that had drawn a veto in past years. In total, members of the Legislature introduced 3,033 bills and passed 1,314, including many affecting county services. As of the writing of this report, the governor has signed 689 bills and vetoed 19, leaving 633 enrolled bills awaiting his action by October 13.

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 measures, the list includes 134 bills which the County Manager's Office (CMO) is monitoring. Also included, are copies of County Board positions letters on numerous bills the County has acted on and comment letters in response to Trump Administration proposed federal rule changes in the following areas: Clean Air Act Section 209 waivers; Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program categorical eligibility; and the Consumer Inflation Measures.

I am very pleased to report that on September 12, Governor Gavin Newsom signed **AB 825** by Assemblymember Kevin Mullin, our County-sponsored measure, which creates the County's new Flood and Sea Level Rise Resiliency District. The bill, which was supported by all the county's 20 cities, received no "no" votes when it returned to the Assembly for a concurrence vote. The CMO was very pleased that the Governor took quick action on the measure and is extremely grateful to Assemblymember Mullin and his staff for all their hard work in getting this district bill signed. The CMO will continue to assist the County Flood and Sea Level Rise Resiliency District as it officially begins operations in January 2020.

As of the writing of this report, the CMO was awaiting the governor's actions on the following select list of measures:

- AB 524 (Bigelow) Peace officers: deputy sheriffs
- AB 1487 (Chiu) San Francisco Bay area: housing development: financing
- AB 61 (Ting) Gun violence restraining order
- SB 160 (Jackson) Emergency services: cultural competence

- SB 128 (Beall) Public contracts: Best Value Construction Contracting for Counties Pilot
- SB 294 (Hill) Property taxation: welfare exemption: low income housing

It should be noted that the CMO will continue to monitor and engage, as appropriate, on several two-year bills of interest and importance to the County, in the second year of the session including:

- AB 738 (Mullin) Regional housing needs allocation—County-sponsored bill
- SB 144 (Mitchell) Criminal fees
- SB 50 (Wiener) Planning and zoning: housing development: equitable communities incentive
- AB 1279 (Bloom) Planning and zoning: housing development: high-resource areas
- SB 281 (Wiener) Cow Palace Authority

The Governor has until October 13 to sign or veto bills passed by. New statutes take effect on January 1, 2020, unless they are urgency measures. The Legislature is currently on an Interim Study Recess and is scheduled to reconvene January 6, 2020 for the second year of the two-year session. The CMO will provide your Board with a full updated report of all measures tracked by the County following the October 13 deadline, and development of the revised and updated County 2020 Legislative Session Program will commence in the fall.



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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 October 1, 2019**

**County Sponsored or Priority State Legislation**

Bill Number & Author	Description	Position	Status
AB 738 (Mullin)	<p>Regional housing needs allocation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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. (Amended 3/21/19)</li> </ul>	Sponsor*	A—2-year bill
AB 825 (Mullin)	<p>San Mateo County Flood Control District</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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</li> </ul>	Sponsor*	Chaptered, 9/12/19

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	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. (Amended 8/20/19)		
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## Elections

Bill Number & Author	Description	Position	Status
AB 1704 (Mullin)	<p>Elections: all-mailed ballots elections</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to current law that conduct any election as an all-mailed ballot.</li> </ul>	Watch	A–2-year bill

## Energy

Bill Number & Author	Description	Position	Status
SB 155 (Bradford)	<p>California Renewables Portfolio Standard Program: integrated resource plans</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> </ul> <p>(Amended 8/30/19)</p>	Neutral*	Enrolled

## Environment

Bill Number & Author	Description	Position	Status
AB 470 (Limon)	<p>California Green Business Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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</li> </ul>	Support*	A–2-year bill

	medium-sized businesses that voluntarily adopt environmentally preferable business practices.		
AB 782 (Berman)	<p>California Environmental Quality Act: exemption: public agencies: property transfers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> </ul>	Watch	Chaptered
AB 1080 (Gonzalez)	<p>Solid waste: packing and products</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Would enact the California Economy and Pollution Reduction Act, which would impose a comprehensive regulatory scheme on producers, retailers, and wholesalers of single-use products, as defined, be administered by the department.</li> </ul>	Watch	S—2-year bill
AB 1509 (Mullin & Berman)	<p>Solid waste: lithium-ion batteries</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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. (Amended 5/1/19)</li> </ul>	Support*	S—2-year bill
SB 576 (Umberg)	<p>Coastal resources: Climate Ready Program and coastal climate change adaptation, infrastructure, and readiness program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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. (Amended 9/6/19)</li> </ul>	Watch	Enrolled

## Childcare & Early Learning

Bill Number & Author	Description	Position	Status
AB 452 (Mullin)	<p>Childcare: early childhood programs: grant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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. (Amended 4/29/19)</li> </ul>	Watch	S—2-year bill



AB 1001 (Ting)	<p>Childcare: local planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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. (Amended 7/3/19)</li> </ul>	Support♦	S—2-year bill
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## Child Support

Bill Number & Author	Description	Position	Status
SB 337 (Skinner)	<p>Child support</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Would increase the amount of child support to be paid to a recipient of CalWORKs aid, and prohibit this amount from being considered income or resources or from being deducted from the amount of aid to which the family would otherwise be eligible from \$50 for all families to \$100 for a family with one child and \$200 for a family with 2 or more children, as specified. (Amended 9/6/19)</li> </ul>	Watch	Enrolled
AB 1091 (Jones-Sawyer)	<p>Child support: suspension</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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. (Amended 3/21/19)</li> </ul>	Watch	A—2-year bill
AB 1092 (Jones-Sawyer)	<p>Child support: enforcement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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. (9/6/19)</li> </ul>	Watch	Enrolled

## Health, Hospitals and Mental Health

Bill Number & Author	Description	Position	Status
SB 10 (Beall)	<p>Mental health services: peer support specialist certification</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Would require the Department of Health Care Services, in consultation with the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development, to establish a statewide behavioral health peer support specialist certification program for individuals with lived behavioral health experience.</li> </ul>	Watch	Enrolled

SB 29 (Durazo)	<p>Medi-Cal: eligibility</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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 effective July 1, 2020. Would require the Department of Health Care Services to seek federal approvals to obtain federal financial participation to implement these requirements. (Amended 9/3/19)</li> </ul>	Watch	A–2-year bill
SB 175 (Pan)	<p>Healthcare coverage: minimum essential coverage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Would require California residents, and their dependents, to carry health insurance and impose a penalty for failure to maintain minimum essential coverage. (4/3/19)</li> </ul>	Watch	S–2-year bill
SB 228 (Jackson)	<p>Master Plan on Aging</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Would require the Secretary of the California Health and Human Services Agency to coordinate with the Director of the Department of Aging to lead the implementation process for the Master Plan for Aging established by Executive Order N-14-19, which will identify policy changes needed to prepare for California’s aging population.</li> </ul>	Watch	Enrolled
SB 428 (Pan)	<p>Pupil health: school employee training: youth mental and behavioral health</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Would require the California Department of Education to provide local education agencies with evidence-based mental and behavioral health training programs, to train classified school employees with direct contact with children and youth, implementation is contingent on an appropriation in the state budget.</li> </ul>	Watch	Enrolled
SB 438 (Hertzberg)	<p>Emergency medical services: dispatch</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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. (Amended 7/11/19)</li> </ul>	Neutral*	Chaptered, 10/1/19
SB 445 (Portantino)	<p>Alcohol and drug treatment: youth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Would require the Department of Health Care Services to convene an advisory workshop to work on the development of quality standards for youth substance use disorder treatment.</li> </ul>	Watch	Enrolled

AB 4 (Arambula)	<p>Medi-Cal: eligibility</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Would extend eligibility for full-scope Medi-Cal benefits to individuals of all ages, regardless of their immigration status. (Amended 5/17/19)</li> </ul>	Watch	S–2-year bill
AB 70 (Berman)	<p>Mental health in schools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would support youth mental health in schools.</li> </ul>	Watch	A–2-year bill
AB 377 (E. Garcia)	<p>Microenterprise home kitchen operations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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. (Amended 8/21/19)</li> </ul>	Watch	Enrolled
AB 414 (Bonta)	<p>Healthcare coverage: minimum essential coverage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Would require the Franchise Tax Board to report to the Legislature regarding specific information resulting from California’s minimum essential health coverage requirement and individual shared responsibility penalty. (Amended 7/11/19)</li> </ul>	Watch	Enrolled
AB 512 (Ting)	<p>Medi-Cal: specialty mental health services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Would codify a requirement that county mental health plans prepare a cultural competence plan, expands the required elements to be included in the plan, including mental health disparities and at least eight statewide performance targets for disparities reduction, and requires the plan to address county mental health plans progress towards meeting the reduction targets or making year-over-year improvements. (Amended 8/30/19)</li> </ul>	Watch	Enrolled
AB 577 (Eggman)	<p>Medi-Cal: maternal mental health</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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. (Amended 8/14/19)</li> </ul>	Watch	Enrolled
AB 914 (Holden)	<p>Medi-Cal: inmates: eligibility</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Would allow county welfare departments to continue to suspend Medi-Cal eligibility for incarcerated individuals under the age of 26, past the one year limitation in current statute.</li> </ul>	Watch	Enrolled



AB 980 (Kalra)	<p>Department of Motor Vehicles: records: confidentiality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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. (Amended 3/18/19)</li> </ul>	Support*	A–2-year bill
AB 1352 (Waldron)	<p>Community mental health services: mental health boards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Would state that a mental health board serves in an advisory role to the governing body and would require the board to review and evaluate the local public mental health system and advise the governing body on community mental health services delivered by the local mental health agency or local behavioral health agency, as applicable. (Amended 8.12/19)</li> </ul>	Watch	Enrolled
AB 1544 (Gipson)	<p>Community Paramedicine or Triage to Alternate Destination Act</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Would enact the Community Paramedicine or Triage to Alternate Destination Act of 2019, which permits local emergency medical services agencies, with approval by the Emergency Medical Services Authority, to develop programs to provide community paramedicine or triage to alternate destination services in specified specialties.</li> </ul>	Oppose unless amended*	A–2-year bill

## Housing

Bill Number & Author	Description	Topic	Position	Status
SCA 1 (Allen)	<p>Public housing projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Would repeal Article 34 of the State Constitution that requires an election to approve housing where more than 50% of the units are subsidized.</li> </ul>	Production	Watch	A–Desk
SB 4 (McGuire)	<p>Housing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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. (Amended 4/10/19)</li> </ul>	Zoning/Housing Approvals	Watch	S–2-year bill
SB 5 (Beall)	<p>Affordable Housing and Community Development Investment Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Would establish the Affordable Housing and Community Development Investment Program to be administered by the</li> </ul>	Funding	Watch	Enrolled

	Affordable Housing and Community Development Investment Committee (AHCDIC). Would authorize a city or county, joint powers agency, enhanced infrastructure financing district, affordable housing authority, community revitalization and investment authority, transit village development district, or a combination of those entities to apply to apply to the AHCDIC to participate in the program and authorize the committee to approve or deny plans for projects meeting specific criteria. The bill would also 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, as provided, to carry out a project under the program. Would provide up to \$2 billion annually from local ERAs to pay for projects approved under the Program. (Amended 9/5/19)			
SB 6 (Beall & McGuire)	Residential development: available land <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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. Would require the Department of General Services to create a database of that information and information regarding state lands determined or declared excess and make this database available and searchable by the public by means of a link on its internet website. (Amended 4/23/19)</li> </ul>	Public Lands	Watch	Enrolled
SB 9 (Beall)	Income taxes: low-income housing credits: allocation: sale <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Would make changes to the sale of low-income housing tax credits between partnerships. (Amended 4/3/19)</li> </ul>	Funding	Watch	A—2-year bill
SB 13 (Wieckowski)	Accessory dwelling units <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Would authorize the creation of ADUs in areas zoned to allow single-family or multifamily dwelling residential use. The bill would also revise the requirements for ADUs by providing that the ADU may be attached to, or located within, an attached garage, storage area, or other structure, and that it does not exceed a specified amount of total floor area. (Amended 9/6/19)</li> </ul>	ADUs	Watch	Enrolled

SB 18 (Skinner)	<p>Keep Californians Housed Act</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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. (Amended 5/21/19)</li> </ul>	Protections	Watch	Chaptered (7/30/19)
SB 50 (Wiener)	<p>Planning and zoning: housing development: equitable communities incentive</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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. (Amended 6/4/19)</li> </ul>	Zoning/Housing Approvals	Watch	2-year bill
SB 128 (Beall)	<p><del>Enhanced infrastructure financing districts: bonds: issuance</del></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><del>Would remove the public vote requirement for bonds issued by an Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District, which can be used to finance affordable housing production and preservation, among other purposes.</del></li> </ul>	Funding	Watch Gut & Amend	<del>A-L Gov</del>
SB 222 (Hill)	<p>Discrimination: veteran or military status</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Would state findings and declarations of the Legislature regarding the importance of housing for veterans and its priority, and declare that housing discrimination on the basis of veteran or military status is against public policy.</li> </ul>	Protections	Watch	Enrolled
SB 235 (Dodd)	<p>Planning and zoning: housing production report: regional housing need allocation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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. (Amended 9/9/19)</li> </ul>	Planning	Watch	S-2-year bill
SB 329 (Mitchell)	<p>Discrimination: Housing: Source of Income</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Would prohibit landlords from discriminating against tenants who rely upon housing assistance paid directly to landlords, such as a Section 8 voucher. (Amended 9/6/19)</li> </ul>	Protections	Watch	Enrolled



SB 330 (Skinner)	<p>Housing Crisis Act of 2019</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Would establish the Housing Crisis Act of 2019, place restrictions on certain types of development standards, amends the Housing Accountability Act, and makes changes to local approval processes and the Permit Streamlining Act. Sunsets the provisions pertaining to the Housing and Accountability Act on January 1, 2025. (Amended 8/12/19)</li> </ul>	Zoning/Housing Approvals	Watch	Enrolled
SB 529 (Durazo)	<p>Tenant associations: eviction for just cause: withholding payment or rent</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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. (Amended 5/17/19)</li> </ul>	Protections	Watch	S—2-year bill
SB 573 (Chang)	<p>Homeless Emergency Aid program: funding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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. (Amended 5/21/19)</li> </ul>	Funding	Watch	A—2-year bill
SB 592 (Wiener)	<p>Housing Accountability Act</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Would extend protection of Housing Accountability Act to accessory dwelling units and certain ministerial decisions, and adds new provisions related to enforcement to the HAA. (Amended 9/9/19)</li> </ul>	Streamlining	Watch	A—Rules
SB 384 (Morrell)	<p>Housing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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. (Amended 3/25/19)</li> </ul>	Streamlining	Watch	S—2-year bill
SB 621 (Glazer)	<p>California Environmental Quality Act: court actions or proceedings: affordable housing projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> </ul>	Streamlining	Watch	A—2-year bill

	Provides that these provisions don't apply to an affordable housing project if it is in certain location. (Amended 6/17/19)			
SB 744 (Caballero)	Planning and zoning: California Environmental Quality Act: permanent supportive housing: No Place Like Home Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Would make changes to the existing streamlined process for supportive housing developments and creates a CEQA exemption for developments that qualify for No Place Like Home funding. (Amended 7/11/19)</li> </ul>	Planning	Watch	Chaptered, 9/26/19
ACA 1 (Aguiar-Curry)	Local government financing: affordable housing and public infrastructure: voter approval <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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. (Amended 3/18/19)</li> </ul>	Funding	Watch	A—Third Reading
AB 10 (Chiu)	Income taxes: credits low-income housing: farmworker housing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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. (Amended 8/12/19)</li> </ul>	Funding	Watch	S—Appr. Suspense File
AB 11(Chiu)	Community Redevelopment Law <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Would authorize cities and counties, or two or more cities acting jointly, to propose the formation of an affordable housing and infrastructure agency by adoption of a resolution of intention that meets specified requirements, including that the resolution of intention include a passthrough provision and an override passthrough provision. (Amended 4/11/19)</li> </ul>	Funding	Watch	2-year bill
AB 36 (Bloom)	Affordable housing: rental prices <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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. (Amended 4/22/19)</li> </ul>	Protections	Watch	A—Rules
AB 68 (Ting)	Land use: accessory dwelling units <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Would delete the provision authorizing the imposition of standards on lot coverage and would prohibit an ordinance</li> </ul>	ADUs	Watch	Enrolled

	from imposing requirements on minimum lot size. (Amended 9/9/19)			
AB 69 (Ting)	Land use: accessory dwelling units <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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</li> </ul>	ADUs	Watch	S—2-year bill
AB 192 (Mathis)	California Integrated Community Living Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> </ul>	Production	Watch	A—Appropriations Suspense File
AB 264 (Melendez)	Income taxes: credits: development impact fees <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Would create an income tax credit for housing development fees to ease the financial burdens placed on builders for new housing projects.</li> </ul>		Watch	A—Revenue & Tax
AB 553 (Melendez)	High-speed rail bonds: housing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Would require redirection of the unspent high-speed rail bonds for housing.</li> </ul>		Watch	A—Transportation
AB 587 (Friedman)	Accessory dwelling units: sale or separate conveyance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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. (Amended 9/6/19)</li> </ul>	ADUs	Watch	Enrolled
AB 670 (Friedman)	Common interest developments: accessory dwelling units <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Would mandate that HOAs allow ADUs and JADUs on a lot zoned for single-family use that meets the requirements of state law governing ADUs. (Amended 5/24/19)</li> </ul>	ADUs	Watch	Chaptered, 8/30/19
AB 671 (Friedman)	Accessory dwelling units: incentives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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. (Amended 9/6/19)</li> </ul>	ADUs	Watch	Enrolled



AB 724 (Wicks)	<p>Rental property data registry</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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. (Amended 4/25/19)</li> </ul>	Fees/Transparency	Watch	A—2-year bill
AB 725 (Wicks)	<p>General plans: housing element: above moderate-income housing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Would prohibit a jurisdiction from allocating more than 20 percent of its' share of regional housing need for above moderate-income housing to sites with zoning restricted to single-family development. (Amended 4/2/19)</li> </ul>	Planning	Watch	A—2-year bill
AB 816 (Quirk-Silva)	<p>California Flexible Housing Subsidy Pool Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> </ul>	Funding	Watch	A—Appr. Suspense File
AB 847 (Grayson)	<p>Housing: transportation-related impact fees grant program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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. (Amended 3/27/19)</li> </ul>	Fees/Transparency	Watch	A—2-year bill
AB 881 (Bloom)	<p>Accessory dwelling units</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Would remove potential impediments to ADU construction by limiting the criteria by which local jurisdictions can limit where ADUs are permitted, by clarifying that ADUs must be ministerially approved if constructed in existing garages, and by eliminating for five years the potential for local agencies to place owner-occupancy requirements on the units. (Amended 9/9/19)</li> </ul>	ADUs	Watch	Enrolled

AB 1110 (Friedman)	<p>Rent increases: noticing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Would extend the notice period to which tenants are entitled for annual rent increases of more than 10% on month-to-month residential tenancies from the current 30 days for increases up to 10% and 60 days' notice for rent increases above 10% to 90 days' notice for increases above 10%.</li> </ul>	Protections	Watch	Enrolled
AB 1255 (Rivas)	<p>Surplus public land: database</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Would require each city and county to report to HCD an inventory of its surplus lands located in urbanized areas or urban clusters. Requires HCD to provide this information to the state Department of General Services for inclusion in a digitized inventory of state surplus land sites. (Amended 9/4/19)</li> </ul>	Public lands	Watch	Enrolled
AB 1279 (Bloom)	<p>Planning and zoning: housing development: high-resource areas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Would require certain development sites in high resource areas to allow for more density and height and makes these sites subject to "use by-right" approval.</li> </ul>	Zoning/Housing Approvals	Watch	S—2-year bill
AB 1481 (Grayson/Bonta)	<p>Tenancy termination: just cause</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Would with certain exceptions, prohibit a lessor of residential property from terminating the lease without just cause, as defined, stated in the written notice to terminate.</li> </ul>	Just Cause Eviction	Watch	A—2-year bill
AB 1482 (Chiu)	<p>Tenancy: rent caps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Would limit rent-gouging by placing an upper limit on annual rent increases: 5% plus inflation. Requires that a landlord have and state just cause, as specified, in order to evict tenants who have occupied the premises for a year. Both the rent cap and the just cause provisions are subject to exemptions including, among others: housing built in the past 15 years, single family residences unless owned by a real estate trust or corporation. The bill sunsets after ten years and does not preempt any local rent control or just cause ordinances. (Amended 9/5/19)</li> </ul>	Rent Cap	Watch	Enrolled
AB 1483 (Grayson)	<p>Housing development project applications: reporting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Would require a city or county to post on its web site a current schedule of fees, exaction, and affordability requirements imposed by the city, county or special district</li> </ul>	Fees/Transparency	Watch	Enrolled

	to a proposed housing development project. all housing zoning ordinance and development standards, and annual fee reports or annual financial reports, as specified. (Amended 9/6/19)			
AB 1484 (Grayson)	Mitigation Fee Act: housing developments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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. (Amended 9/6/19)</li> </ul>	Fees/Transparency	Watch	S—Rules
AB 1485 (Wicks)	Housing development: streamlining <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Would modify affordability requirements applicable to the by-right provisions in SB 35 (Wiener, 2017) such that a project located in the San Francisco Bay area, as defined, could instead dedicate 20% of the total number of units to housing affordable to households making at or below 120% of the area median income with the average income of the units at or below 100% of the area median income, except as provided. (Amended 9/6/19)</li> </ul>	Streamlining	Watch	Enrolled
AB 1486 (Ting)	Local agencies: surplus land <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Would revise the definition of “local agency” and “surplus land”.</li> </ul>	Public Lands	Watch	Enrolled
AB 1487 (Chiu)	San Francisco Bay area: housing development financing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Would establish the San Francisco Bay Regional Housing Finance Act and enable Bay Area voters to raise money for affordable housing and provides joint decision-making authority the Executive Board of ABAG and MTC with oversight by an advisory board with expertise in affordable housing.</li> </ul>	Funding	Watch	Enrolled
AB 1568 (McCarty)	General plans: housing element: production report: withholding of transportation funds <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Would prohibit a city or county from applying for state grants, except for specified transportation funding, if the city or county is found to be in violation of state housing law. (Amended 4/11/19)</li> </ul>	Funding	Watch	A—2-year bill
AB 1697 (Grayson)	Housing: tenancy termination: just cause <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Would require a landlord to have just cause, as defined, to evict a tenant who has resided in the property for at least 10 months. (Amended 5/1/19)</li> </ul>	Just Cause Eviction	Watch	A—2-year bill

AB 1706 (Quirk)	<p>Housing development: incentives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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 AML.</li> </ul>	Streamlining	Watch	A—2-year bill
AB 1763 (Chiu)	<p>Planning and zoning: density bonuses: affordable housing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Would revise the Density Bonus Law to require a city or county to award a developer additional density, concessions and incentives, and height increases if 100% of the units in the development are restricted to lower income households.</li> </ul>	Zoning/Housing Approvals	Watch	Enrolled
AB 1717 (Friedman)	<p>Transit-Oriented Affordable Housing Funding Program Act</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Would establish the Transit-Oriented Affordable Housing Program to use tax increment financing to fund multifamily housing near transit. (Amended 4/10/19)</li> </ul>	Funding	Watch	A—2-year bill

## Human & Social Services

Bill Number & Author	Description	Position	Status
SB 48 (Wiener)	<p><del>Homelessness: right to shelter</del> Low Barrier Navigation Center developments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> </ul>	Watch	S—2-year bill
AB 246 (Mathis)	<p>State highways: property leases</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> </ul>	Watch	A—2-year bill
AB 531 (Friedman)	<p>Foster youth: housing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Would authorize a resource family, foster family home, certified foster home, approved relative caregiver or nonrelative</li> </ul>	Watch	S—2-year bill



	extended family member of a participant to be automatically converted to a host family without additional certification.		
AB 728 (Santiago)	Homeless multidisciplinary personnel teams <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> </ul>	Watch	Chaptered, 9/26/19
AB 944 (Quirk)	CalWORKs: sponsored noncitizen: indigence exception <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> </ul>	Watch	Enrolled
AB 1088 (Wood)	Medi-Cal: eligibility <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Would require the Department of Health Care Services to request approval for an income disregard, to allow an aged, blind, or disabled individual to remain on Medi-Cal without a share-of-cost if the individual's eligibility would continue if not for the state buy-in of their Medicare Part B premium.</li> </ul>	Watch	Enrolled
AB 1301 (Cooley)	Child welfare: adoption <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Would transfer the administration of the Private Adoption Agency Reimbursement Program (PAARP) from the California Department of Social Services to county welfare departments.</li> </ul>	Watch	Enrolled
AB 1377 (Wicks)	CalFresh <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> </ul>	Watch	Enrolled

## Labor

Bill Number & Author	Description	Position	Status
SB 542 (Stern)	Worker's compensation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Would create a rebuttable presumption that a mental health condition or mental disability that results in a diagnosis of post-traumatic stress or mental health disorder is an occupational</li> </ul>	Watch	Chaptered, 10/1/19

	injury for specified officers who are primarily engaged in active law enforcement activities.		
AB 5 (Gonzalez)	<p>Worker status: independent contractors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> </ul>	Watch	Chaptered, 9/18/19
AB 314 (Bonta)	<p>Public employment: labor relations: release time</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Would expand terms used to establish eligible employee orientation activities under release time, unwinding a carefully crafted and recently enacted agreement by requiring employers to give release time to employees who serve as the exclusive representative at new employee orientations.</li> </ul>	Watch	Enrolled

## Land Use

Bill Number & Author	Description	Position	Status
SB 281 (Wiener)	<p>Cow Palace: Joint Powers Authority</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> </ul>	Watch	S—Appropriations
AB 1392 (Mullin)	<p>State Lands Commission: grant of trust lands: City of Redwood City</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> </ul>	Watch	Chaptered, 8/23/19

## Local Government

Bill Number & Author	Description	Position	Status
SB 139 (Allen)	<p>Independent redistricting commissions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Would require the establishment of an independent redistricting commission for counties with populations above 400,000 by March 1, 2020.</li> </ul>	Watch	Enrolled

SB 144 (Mitchell)	<p>Fees: criminal administrative fees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Would repeal the authority of counties to collect probation, restitution order, drug testing, public defender, and a range of other types of fees.</li> </ul>	Oppose unless amended*	A–2-year bill
SB 268 (Wiener)	<p>Ballot measures: local taxes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Would authorize a local agency to include in the ballot label the phrase “See voter guide for tax rate information” for a bond or tiered-rate tax, then provide a thorough, plain-language description of the measure’s tax effects.</li> </ul>	Watch	S–Enrolled
SB 287 (Nielsen)	<p>Commission on State Mandates: test claims: filing date</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>	Watch	A–2-year bill
AB 400 (Lackey)	<p>State mandates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Would extend to March 1 the deadline for a local agency or school district to file an annual reimbursement claim detailing state-mandated costs.</li> </ul>	Watch	A–2-year bill
AB 849 (Bonta)	<p>Election: local redistricting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>	Watch	Enrolled
AB 891 (Burke)	<p>Public property: safe parking program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Would require a city or a county with a population greater than 330,000, in coordination with other entities, to establish a safe parking program that provides safe parking locations and options for individuals and families living their vehicles. The bill would repeal these provisions on June 1, 2027.</li> </ul>	Watch	Enrolled
AB 931 (Boerner Horvath)	<p>State and local boards and commissions: representation: appointments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>	Watch	Enrolled

AB 1184 (Gloria)	<p>Public records: writing transmitted by electronic mail: retention</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> </ul>	Watch	Enrolled
AB 1640 (Boerner Horvath)	<p>Local government finance: budget reserves</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> </ul>	Watch	A–2-year bill

## Public Safety and Justice

Bill Number & Author	Description	Position	Status
SB 36 (Hertzberg)	<p>Pretrial release: risk assessment tools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Would require each county to maintain specified data for each individual that undergoes an assessment using a risk assessment tool.</li> </ul>	Watch	Enrolled
SB 42 (Skinner)	<p>The Getting Home Safe Act</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> </ul>	Watch	Enrolled
SB 221 (Hill)	<p>Firearms: law enforcement agencies: agency firearm accounting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Would require law enforcement agency by January 1, 2021 to adopt a written procedure to account for firearms that are</li> </ul>	Watch	S–2-year bill



	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.		
SB 230 (Caballero)	<p>Law enforcement: use of deadly force: training policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>	Watch	Chaptered, 9/12/19
SB 283 (Bates)	<p>Fatal vehicular accidents: chemical test results</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>	Watch	A–2-year bill
SB 284 (Beall)	<p>Juvenile justice: county support of wards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>	Watch	Enrolled
SB 304 (Hill)	<p>Criminal procedure: prosecutorial jurisdiction in multi-jurisdictional elder abuse cases</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>	Support*	Chaptered, 8/30/19
SB 694 (Stone)	<p>Juvenile halls: wireless communication devices</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>	Watch	S–2-year bill
AB 45 (Stone)	<p>Inmates: medical care: fees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>	Watch	S–Appropriations

AB 61 (Ting)	<p>Gun violence restraining orders</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Would authorize an employer, a cow-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.</li> </ul>	Support*	Enrolled
AB 276 (Friedman)	<p>Firearms: storage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> </ul>	Watch	A–2-year bill
AB 310 (Santiago)	<p>Trial Jury Selection and Management Act</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> </ul>	Watch	S–2-year bill
AB 392 (Weber)	<p>Peace officers: deadly force</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> </ul>	Watch	Chaptered, 8/19/19
AB 516 (Chiu)	<p>Authority to remove vehicles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> </ul>	Watch	S–2-year bill
AB 524 (Bigelow)	<p>Peace officers: deputy sheriffs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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. (Amended 9/6/16)</li> </ul>	Support*	Enrolled

AB 597 (Levine)	<p>Probation and mandatory supervision: flash incarceration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> </ul>	Watch	A—Chaptered
AB 696 (Lackey)	<p>Juveniles: wards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> </ul>	Watch	A—2-year bill
AB 964 (Medina)	<p>County jails: visitation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> </ul>	Oppose, unless amended*	A—2-year bill
AB 1185 (McCarty)	<p>Officer oversight: sheriff oversight board</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> </ul>	Watch	S—2-year bill
AB 1372 (Grayson)	<p>Employers: prohibited disclosure of information: arrest or detention</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Would allow law enforcement agencies to request and receive arrest information on non-sworn employees.</li> </ul>	Watch	S—2-year bill
AB 1477 (Gloria)	<p>Unfair Practices Act</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Would entitle a city with a population greater than 750,000 to keep the entirety of any civil penalty recovered from an action brought by the city attorney of that city in response to unfair business or advertising practices. The current division of funding between the cities and counties provides both the city and county the resources that they need to enforce consumer protection laws.</li> </ul>	Watch	Enrolled
AB 1491 (Oberholte)	<p>Superior courts: sessions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Would expand the definition of unlawful dissemination of personal information of public officials.</li> </ul>	Watch	A—2-year bill

## Public Works

Bill Number & Author	Description	Position	Status
SB 128 (Beall)	Public contracts: Best Value Construction Contracting for Counties Pilot <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> </ul>	Support*	Enrolled

## Taxes

Bill Number & Author	Description	Position	Status
SCA 5 (Hill, Berman & Mullin)	Taxation: school districts: parcel tax <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Would lower the supermajority voter support requirement to pass school parcel taxes down to 55 percent.</li> </ul>	Watch	S—Inactive File
SB 15 (Portantino)	Property tax revenue allocations: successor agencies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> </ul>	Watch	S—2-year bill
SB 294 (Hill)	Property taxation: welfare exemption: low income housing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> </ul>	Support*	Enrolled

## Wildfire & Emergency Management

Bill Number & Author	Description	Position	Status
AB 1516 (Friedman)	Fire prevention: defensible space and fuels reduction management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Would make a number of important changes to defensible space requirements and institute a noncombustible zone. Would also</li> </ul>	Watch	Enrolled



	seek to modernize CalFire's requirement to provide technical assistance to local governments on fire prevention and appropriate vegetation management.		
SB 45 (Allen)	Wildfire, Drought and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2020 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> </ul>	Watch	S—Appropriations
SB 182 (Jackson)	Local government: planning and zoning: wildfires <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Would impose new planning requirements on local governments and require cities and counties to make specified findings on fire standards prior to permitting development in very high-risk fire areas while maintaining local land use authority.</li> </ul>	Watch	A—2-year bill
SB 209 (Dodd)	Office of Emergency Services: Wildfire Forecast and Threat Intelligence Integration Center <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Would create a state level Wildfire Forecast and Threat Intelligence Integration Center to help monitor weather and fire data statewide to improve outcomes during California's increasingly devastating year round fire season.</li> </ul>	Watch	Enrolled

## 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*
Census 2020	\$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*
Communicable Disease	\$50 million General Fund continuous appropriation request for local health departments communicable disease infrastructure	Support*
California Green Business and Green Technical Assistance Program	\$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*

Early Childhood Investments	<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♦
Homeless Funding	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>California Clean Air Act Section 209 Waivers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support letter to Governor Gavin Newsom for the State's defense of the Clean Air Act Section 209 waiver which allow the State to set higher emission standards for cars and light trucks than the federal government does. States the County's solidarity with the State against the Trump Administration's unprecedented attempt to withdraw an existing federal waiver.</li> </ul>	Support
<p>Revision of Categorical Eligibility in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) RIN 0584-AE62</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oppose proposed changes to revise the categorical eligibility for SNAP, or CalFresh in California. The proposed rule change would disallow the "broad-based categorical eligibility" for states, which allows them to adjust SNAP eligibility to serve families with incomes modestly above 130 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL), provided that their net income after shelter, childcare, and other basic expenses is under 100 percent of the FPL. Health and Human Services currently lists its Poverty Guidelines at \$21,330 annually for a family of three; since the actual cost of living across the country is significantly higher than the threshold, many states have chosen the categorial eligibility option, including California.</li> </ul>	Oppose
<p>OMB Directive 14: Consumer Inflation Measures Produced by Federal Statistical Agencies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>	Oppose*

<p>Docket No. FR-6124-P-01, RIN 2501-AD89: Housing and Community Development Act of 1980: Verification of Eligible Status</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>	<p>Oppose*</p>
<p>H.R. 2692 Broadband Conduit Deployment Act of 2019</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>	<p>Support*</p>

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# State Legislative Correspondence

July 9, 2019

The Honorable Ben Hueso  
Chair, Senate Energy, Utilities and Communications Committee  
State Capitol, Room 4035  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: Assembly Bill 56 (E. Garcia) Electricity: procurement by the California Alternative Energy and  
Advanced Transportation Financing Authority—OPPOSE**

Dear Senator Hueso:

On behalf of the County of San Mateo, a member of Peninsula Clean Energy (PCE), the community choice aggregator (CCA) serving San Mateo County, we write to respectfully oppose AB 56 (E. Garcia) as amended on July 3, 2019.

As currently written, AB 56 goes far beyond ensuring that a load serving entity (LSE) is ready and able to procure resources necessary for system reliability due to the failure or unwillingness of an LSE to procure these resources (i.e. backstop procurement). Instead, AB 56 would significantly expand the California Public Utilities Commission's (CPUC) authority to order procurement in ways that could undermine an LSE's ability to procure cost-competitive energy resources even if that LSE is fully compliant with all of its renewable energy content and reliability obligations. For example, this outcome would undermine PCE's ability to continue to offer energy savings to all of its customers that to date, since PCE's formation, are in excess of \$35 million.

Specifically:

- AB 56 replaces the existing rules for backstop procurement of resource adequacy and renewable resources which are based on a failure to meet compliance obligations with a framework based upon long-term planning taking place within the Integrated Resource Planning (IRP) docket. Integrated resource plans are meant to be refreshed every two years as a means to guide procurement that will occur over 10- to 20-year time horizons. Procurement needs to be iterative in order to avoid over-procurement and stranded costs.
- AB 56 should be clarified so that all costs of the procurement entity are only applied to the generation portion of customer bills for retail sellers utilizing the procurement entities' services. Energy and resource adequacy procurement and related costs forming the revenue requirement of the procurement entity are generation costs and should only be recovered from the generation portion of customer bills. Any other outcome would result in significant energy market distortions and create cost shifts.



San Mateo County supports a residual central buyer model for true backstop resource adequacy procurement. However, for the reasons stated above, we are opposed to AB 56. 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, Senate Energy, Utilities and Communications Committee  
The Honorable Eduardo Garcia  
San Mateo County Delegation  
San Mateo County Board of Supervisors  
San Mateo County Manager  
Peninsula Clean Energy



July 8, 2019

The Honorable Jim Wood  
Chair, Assembly Health Committee  
State Capitol, Room 6005  
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Senate Bill 438 (Hertzberg) Emergency Medical Services: dispatch  
As Amended June 18, 2019 – **OPPOSE**  
Set for Hearing on July 9, 2019 – Assembly Health Committee

Dear Assembly Member Wood,

The San Mateo County Board of Supervisors and San Mateo County Health join the California State Association of Counties (CSAC), Urban Counties of California (UCC), Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC), California League of Cities, 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 Senate Bill 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 (EMS Agency), who is a highly qualified physician, to ensure the appropriate deployment and use of EMS resources. The EMS Agency is the local EMS Agency (LEMSA) for San Mateo County. Recent amendments to SB 438 did not address our grave concerns with the measure which are outlined in detail below.

In the landmark case of *County of San Bernardino v. City of San Bernardino* (1997 15.Cal. 4th 909), the California Supreme Court explained by 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.” The State Supreme court also found other subjects of medical control to 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.” While we greatly appreciate proponents of SB 438 stating that the measure is not intended to undermine LEMSAs medical control, the proposed language in Section 1798.8 to the Health and Safety Code does alter existing medical control statute by placing limitations on how medical control is applied to the governance of local EMS systems.





An example of this limitation is that SB 438 asserts that medical control shall not be construed to: *“Limit, supplant, prohibit, or otherwise alter a public safety agency’s authority to directly receive, process, and administer requests for assistance originating within the public safety agency’s territorial jurisdiction through the emergency “911” system established pursuant to Article 6 (commencing with Section 53100) of Chapter 1 of Part 1 of Division 2 of Title 5 of the Government Code.”*

Counties do not challenge a public safety agency’s authority to directly receive calls. However, call processing and administration should fall within the medical control of the LEMSA medical director. In San Mateo County, emergency medical dispatch (EMD) services are provided County-wide through a single public entity called Public Safety Communications (PSC). The EMD services provided by PSC are exceptional, evidence based and delivered in accordance with the requirements of the International Academies of Emergency Dispatch (IAED), a standard that far exceeds the state’s minimum requirements.

Under the oversight of the LEMSA physician medical director, PSC provides appropriate evidence-based life-saving guidance including how to perform CPR, control life threatening bleeding or assist with childbirth to 9-1-1 callers, thereby enabling the initiation of care that is critical to the health and safety of the community prior to the arrival of medical first responders. The LEMSA medical director also guides PSC in the effective allocation of resources and prioritization of response to medical incidents, and furthermore, the County’s existing model in which PSC serves as the only LEMSA approved EMD center assures that timely, consistent and equitable response and care is provided across the County.

SB 438 could fragment and create inequity within San Mateo County’s well-established, efficient and high-performing EMS system as the measure asserts that medical control shall not be construed to: *“Authorize or permit a local EMS agency to reduce a public safety agency’s response mode or deployment of public safety emergency response resources within the public safety agency’s territorial jurisdiction.”* We believe that EMS should be delivered consistently without regard where the caller is located within the LEMSA jurisdiction or the entity providing EMD services. We are concerned that the safety of patients, the public and prehospital personnel, as well as the effectiveness of the County’s EMS system may be placed at substantial risk should multiple entities inconsistently deliver EMD services including prearrival instructions, resource assignment, response prioritization and/or mode.


Further, SB 438 requires a public safety agency’s emergency medical dispatch program (EMD) and advanced life support plan to only satisfy state guidelines and not local EMS agency policies and procedures, both of which should fall under the medical control of the LEMSA medical director. For example, in San Mateo County, the LEMSA local accreditation process raises the level of care available in our community above state standards, including by requiring Paramedics to utilize an additional optional scope of practice. SB 438 also establishes deemed approval of the public safety agency’s EMD and advanced life support program if the LEMSA does not deny their submission within 60 days. Currently, submissions often require requests for additional documentation and discussion and when finalized, they must go to the Board of Supervisors for approval. This

mechanism risks patient safety by approving submissions that have not had proper vetting and fails to meet local requirements. Patients may lose their lives because entities are performing invasive and high-risk advanced life support procedures on patients, such as intubations and intravenous medical administration, only because a denial did not happen within 60 days.

In conclusion, should SB 438 become law, local municipal agencies would be permitted to act outside of the medical control of the EMS Agency medical director, and the California Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA), in the response and delivery of prehospital emergency medical care. This fragments the EMS system and may result in considerable variation in the care provided to patients. It also would risk patient safety, as deviations from LEMSA policies and procedures may occur without LEMSA and EMSA oversight and authority to monitor dispatch and response times, as well as issue corrective actions.

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  
San Mateo County Board of Supervisors

cc: Members, Assembly Health Committee  
The Honorable Bob Hertzberg  
San Mateo County Delegation  
San Mateo County Board of Supervisors  
San Mateo County Manager  
San Mateo County Health System



July 23, 2019

The Honorable Anthony Portantino  
Chair, Senate Appropriations Committee  
State Capitol, Room 2206  
Sacramento, CA 95814

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

Dear Chair Portantino:

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,



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



Dave Pine  
San Mateo County Supervisor, District 1

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



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August 12, 2019

The Honorable Gavin Newsom  
Governor, State of California  
State Capitol, First Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Assembly Bill 206 (Chiu), Lead Paint Manufacturers—REQUEST FOR SIGNATURE**

Dear Governor Newsom,

On behalf of the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors, I respectfully request your signature of AB 206, a bill that protects property owners from threats of legal action if the owner participates in the abatement program created by a judgment or settlement against lead paint manufacturers.

In 2000, ten local governments sued several lead paint manufacturers. The lawsuits alleged that the companies understood the health hazard of lead paint but nevertheless energetically promoted its use to improve the durability and water-resistance of house paint. Our own County joined the suit in 2007.

In 2014, the trial court held paint manufacturers liable for the costs and found them responsible for creating a public nuisance and ordered the manufacturers to pay \$1.15 billion to abate all homes built before 1981 of lead paint. Defendants appealed that decision, and in 2017 an appellate court upheld the ultimate finding of liability but limited the remedy to abating the dangers in pre-1951 homes.

In early 2018 and in a last-ditch effort to undermine their legal obligation and leave children exposed to their toxic legacy, the manufacturers pursued a ballot measure to overturn the court's finding and instead stick taxpayers with the cost of their judgment. They campaigned by deliberately frightening homeowners with the message that, if this court decision were left standing, their properties would be "red tagged" and valueless.

The dangers from exposure to lead paint are well known and severe. The health effects include damage to kidneys and reproductive systems, and serious developmental and behavioral challenges for exposed children. Medical journals in the 1920s documented and warned about children's propensity to gnaw on painted surfaces and become poisoned with lead. By the 1930s, parents were warned to avoid using lead-based decorative materials in children's nurseries and bedrooms. Yet the industry kept promoting residential lead paint by advertising its durability.

While the trial court decision definitively determined that the lead paint makers were responsible for creating the lead hazard, the appellate opinion suggested that the lead paint companies could sue homeowners who participate in the abatement program for comparative fault, suggesting that the property owners bear some responsibility for the paint used in their homes, reducing the manufacturer's liability. While this interpretation is unlikely to hold up to scrutiny, the threat of legal action may chill homeowner participation in the abatement program.

This July, after nearly two decades of litigation, the 10 California jurisdictions reached a \$305 million settlement that will provide the necessary funds to clean up the lead paint that continues to poison tens of thousands of





children across California. The settlement dollars, while smaller than the final judgment, are more flexible. For example, funds can be used for the thorough cleanup of an entire property, not just interior doors and windows. Or, funds could be spent on intervention services for children with lead poisoning. In addition, it ensures that the cities and counties can use the funds paid by the defendants on their own timeline without the threat of returning unspent funds to the defendants.

Despite the settlement, the manufacturers could still sue homeowners. While they agreed not to sue for contribution, they reserved their right to countersue if a homeowner receives funds and then sues the manufacturers. For example, a homeowner could participate in the program, discover lead poisoning in a child, and then sue for damages. In this example, the countersuit would be similar to a contribution lawsuit in that the manufacturers would use the evidence of the homeowner's participation as proof they didn't maintain the paint on their property. The paradox here is that lead paint can never be maintained or encased in perpetuity. The only way to address the exposure is complete abatement.

The settlement is a contract between the plaintiffs and the paint companies and homeowners aren't a party to the settlement. Manufacturers can sue a homeowner without the local jurisdictions knowing and since homeowners are not a party to the settlement, they can't use the settlement as a reason to dismiss the lawsuit. Further, since the manufacturers were clear and vocal about their plan to sue property owners for contribution, this bill makes sure that subsequent lawsuits over lead paint don't give rise to lawsuits against homeowners. This bill forestalls manufacturers from making that argument in future.

Though the settlement helps bring justice to the communities that continue to be plagued by exposure to lead-based paint, this bill is necessary to ensure that homeowners who participate in the programs funded by the settlement are protected not only by the settlement agreement but also by state law.

Assembly Bill 206 sends a strong and final message to defendants in this case and defendants in future cases that threats to sue the victims of corporate misconduct will not be tolerated by the Legislature.

This bill is supported by cities and counties around the state, the California Apartment Association, the California Association of Realtors, tenant organizations, labor, environmental and health organizations and was supported unanimously in both houses.

For these reasons, the County of San Mateo respectfully request that you sign AB 206 into law.

Sincerely,



Carole Groom, President  
Board of Supervisors

cc: San Mateo County Board of Supervisors  
County Manager  
County Counsel

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August 16, 2019

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

**RE: Senate Bill 160 (Jackson) Emergency services: cultural competence—SUPPORT**

Dear Chair Gonzalez:

On behalf of the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors, we write in support of SB 160 by Senator Hannah-Beth Jackson, which would require a county to integrate cultural competence into its emergency plan upon its next update.

Our County shares in the belief that it is critical for all communities to receive the life-saving information they need during an emergency or natural disaster. This is particularly important in California where more than 200 languages are spoken, and 44 percent of residents speak a language other than English at home. With over 100 languages spoken and 46 percent of our residents speaking a language other than English in the home, it is particularly important that our County work to improve alert translations and ensure that updated emergency plans incorporate the varying needs of our diverse residents.

SB 160 will ensure that California's most overlooked communities are well equipped during emergencies by requiring counties to, among other things, provide a forum for community engagement in geographically diverse locations, authorize the use of a community advisory board to better engage with diverse residents, and use of culturally appropriate resources and outreach techniques to educate and prepare community members for emergencies and disasters.

It is for these reasons, that we strongly support this measure and thank Senator Jackson for her leadership in this important policy area. 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*

Carole Groom, President  
Board of Supervisors

*David J. Canepa*

David Canepa, Supervisor  
District 5

cc: The Honorable Hannah-Beth Jackson, Member, California State Senate  
San Mateo County Delegation Members  
San Mateo County Board of Supervisors  
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San Mateo County, Sheriff





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August 20, 2019

The Honorable Mark McGuire, Chair  
Senate Governance & Finance Committee  
State Capitol, Room 408  
Sacramento, CA 95814

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**RE: Senate Bill 128 (Beall) Public contracts: Best Value Construction Contracting for Counties Pilot—SUPPORT**

Dear Senator McGuire:

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 Counties of Santa Clara and Monterey for construction projects in excess of \$1 million.

Several months ago, 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, new homeless shelter, 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*

Carole Groom, President  
Board of Supervisors

cc: Members of the Senate Governance & Finance Committee  
Senator Jim Beall  
San Mateo County State Delegation  
San Mateo County Board of Supervisors  
San Mateo County Manager





August 21, 2019

The Honorable Gavin Newsom, Governor  
State of California  
State Capitol, First Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814

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

Dear Governor Newsom:

On behalf of the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors and County Health, we write to request your signature of SB 304 that would allow specified elder and dependent adult abuse offenses that occur in different jurisdictions to be consolidated in a single trial if all of the district attorneys in the counties with jurisdictions agree.

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 financial 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. The potential consolidation of these offenses would also greatly ease the burden on elderly crime victims by nullifying the challenges of testifying multiple times and in multiple locations.

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



signature. 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 black ink that reads "Carol Groom". The script is cursive and fluid.

Carol Groom

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



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August 22, 2019

The Honorable Gavin Newsom, Governor  
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State Capitol, First Floor  
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Sincerely,

*Carole Groom*

Carole Groom, President  
Board of Supervisors

cc: The Honorable Jim Beall, California State Senate  
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August 20, 2019

The Honorable Frank Bigelow  
California State Assembly  
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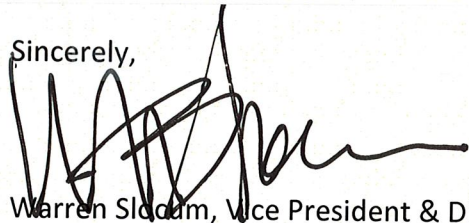
**Re: Assembly Bill 524, Peace officers: deputy sheriffs**

Dear Assemblyman Bigelow:

On behalf of the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors and as its Vice President, I write to you in reference to AB 524 and the request for San Mateo County to be added to Penal Code section 830.1(c). This request is a locally driven measure designed to allow the Sheriff to employ correctional deputies to serve our inmate population. I understand that as a locally driven measure, any costs incurred for personnel investigations into alleged misconduct by any correctional deputy employed pursuant to 830.1(c), will not be reimbursed by the State.

Thank you in advance for your assistance. Should you have any questions about this matter, please contact Undersheriff Mark C. Robbins (650-599-1662, [mrobbins@smcgov.org](mailto:mrobbins@smcgov.org)).

Sincerely,



Warren Slocum, Vice President & District 4  
Board of Supervisors

cc: The Honorable Anthony Portantino, Chair, Senate Appropriations Committee  
The Honorable Gavin Newsom, Governor, State of California  
San Mateo County Board of Supervisors  
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August 29, 2019

The Honorable Jerry Hill  
California State Senate  
State Capitol, 5035  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Senate Bill 294 (Hill) Property taxation: welfare exemption: low income housing as amended July 1, 2019—SUPPORT**

Dear Senator Hill:

On behalf of the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors, I write to express our support for Senate Bill 294, which would aid nonprofits and religious organizations that do not receive any tax subsidies or grants from the State and that provide affordable housing to low income families, by increasing their property tax exemption from \$20 million to \$100 million, and lowering the percentage of low income residents required in a given property from 90 percent to 50 percent in order to be eligible for tax relief on a pro rata basis.

For many years, job growth in our County has increased faster than housing production. This has caused a severe shortage in workforce housing, particularly for lower-income workers that comprise a significant portion of the new jobs added. With the median price of a single-family home in San Mateo County in 2019 topping \$1.325 million and the average rent for a two-bedroom apartment at \$3,170, it is not surprising that the jobs-housing fit is a significant challenge to our County.

Given the severity of the affordable housing challenge and the astronomical rate of increases in property values over the last several years in our County, it is more important than ever to preserve and assist the efforts of non-profits like the Saint Francis Center in Redwood City, which provide non-publicly financed affordable housing to extremely low-income residents without receiving tax credits from the state or federal governments. Regrettably—and despite recent successful legislative efforts to increase the cap to keep up with increasing property values—the current property tax exemption cap limits the ability of these types of non-profits to provide more affordable housing.

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For these reasons, the County of San Mateo fully supports Senate Bill 294 and thanks you for your leadership on this important matter. 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*

Carole Groom, President  
Board of Supervisors

Cc: San Mateo County Board of Supervisors  
County Manager





August 30, 2019

The Honorable Gavin Newsom  
Governor, State of California  
State Capitol, First Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814

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

Dear Governor Newsom:

On behalf of the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors, we write to respectfully request that you sign 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. For these reasons, we respectfully request your signature of AB 825 (Mullin) to enable the creation of the San Mateo County FSLRRA.

Sincerely,



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



Dave Pine  
San Mateo County Supervisor, District 1

CC: The Honorable Kevin Mullin  
San Mateo County Board of Supervisors  
San Mateo County Manager  
San Mateo County Public Works



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September 12, 2019

The Honorable Gavin Newsom  
Governor, California State Assembly  
State Capitol, First floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: Assembly Bill 524 (Bigelow) Peace officers: deputy sheriffs—REQUEST FOR SIGNATURE**


Dear Governor Newsom:

On behalf of the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors, I write to respectfully request your signature of AB 524 by Assembly Member Bigelow which would add Mono, Del Norte and San Mateo Counties to the list of counties included in Penal Code Section 830.1 (c) and would allow a limited number of correctional officers in these counties to be armed while performing corrections-related tasks.

This important policy would be a force multiplier for our County and would assist the San Mateo County's Sheriff's Office with authorizing correctional officers to perform corrections related tasks, including providing security for inmates at the hospital, complete daily transport of inmates to and from court and transporting inmates between custodial facilities.

The San Mateo County Board of Supervisors strongly supports AB 524 and believes this change statute will allow our Sheriff's Office to better serve the residents of our County. Should you have any question 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: The Honorable Franklin Bigelow  
San Mateo County Board of Supervisors  
San Mateo County Sheriff  
San Mateo County Manager





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September 19, 2019

The Honorable Gavin Newsom  
State of California  
State Capitol, First Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Senate Bill 726 (Caballero) Hazardous waste: public agencies: materials exchange program  
Enrolled September 12, 2019 – **REQUEST FOR SIGNATURE**

Dear Governor Newsom,

On the behalf of the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors and County Health, I request your signature on SB 726 by Senator Caballero which would provide flexibility for both individuals and commercial operators to divert material from household hazardous waste (HHW) collection sites yet still maintain sufficient accounting and verification to ensure that our California laws that mandate the safe end-of-life management of hazardous materials are not circumvented.

SB 726 balances two important needs: Reduction of chemical and other hazardous waste AND protecting public health, safety and the environment. San Mateo County has long advocated for the “waste hierarchy” which call on us to reduce, reuse, then recycle. The safe reuse of discarded household hazardous waste can reduce the need for handling, transportation and disposal of large volumes of batteries, paint, oil, electronics and the like. In some cases, diverting this waste can be costly and impractical under our current hazardous waste laws. AB 726 helps to find this balance.

San Mateo County’s HHW program has been looking for opportunities to expand product reuse and reduce hazardous waste from going to the land fill. SB 726 would provide options for HHW programs to further their missions and the goal of California: to reduce waste streams. For the above stated reasons, the County of San Mateo respectfully requests your signature on SB 726. 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  
Board of Supervisors

cc: The Honorable Anna Caballero  
San Mateo County Board of Supervisors  
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San Mateo County Health System





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September 20, 2019

The Honorable Gavin Newsom  
Governor, State of California  
State Capitol, 1<sup>st</sup> floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Assembly Bill 944 (Quirk) CalWORKs: sponsored noncitizen: indigence exception—**REQUEST FOR SIGNATURE**

Dear Governor Newsom:

On behalf of the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors, I write to urge you to sign AB 944 by Assembly Member Quirk, which would require county human services agencies to renew the 12-month exception period for an indigent exemption in the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) program to the extent allowed by Section 1631 of Title 8 of United States Code and implementing guidance.

The CalWORKs program was established to protect low-income families with children from the harm of poverty and to provide opportunities for parents to prepare for and secure self-sufficient employment. Federal law provides that the income of a sponsor for a lawful permanent resident applying for federally funded TANF be counted in the determination of whether or not a family's income falls below 130% of FPL and in determining their monthly grant in the program. Federal law and guidance also establish that lawful permanent residents who are determined to be indigent are exempt from sponsor deeming for 12-month periods and requires no limit to that exemption.

AB 944 will clarify the intent of the law as providing for the full relief available under federal law and guidance and, as a result, reduce the impact of poverty on children and their families. For these reasons, we are supportive of this bill and respectfully urge your signature. 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*

Carole Groom, President  
Board of Supervisors

CC: The Honorable Bill Quirk  
San Mateo County Board of Supervisors  
San Mateo County Manager  
San Mateo County Human Services Agency  
California Welfare Directors Association





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September 16, 2019

The Honorable Gavin Newsom  
Governor of the State of California  
State Capitol, 1st Floor  
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Re: Senate Bill 329 (Mitchell) Discrimination: housing: source of income—**REQUEST FOR SIGNATURE**

Dear Governor Newsom:

On behalf of the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors and its Housing and Human Services Departments, I write to respectfully requests your signature on SB 329 by Senator Mitchell, related to the Fair Employment and Housing Act (FEHA) and which would expand the definition of “source of income” and prohibit landlords from discriminating against tenants who rely upon housing assistance paid directly to landlords, such as Section 8 voucher, to help them pay the rent.

The severe shortage of affordable housing contributes to the state’s growing homelessness crisis. Local jurisdictions are turning to housing vouchers and other subsidies as a part of the solution. It is critical to remove barriers that lead to the most vulnerable tenants being unable to find housing despite having secured a voucher to assist them with their rent.

This bill would add housing assistance to the sources of income protected by FEHA. More than 10 other states already prohibit discrimination against tenants using vouchers. Studies conclude that such protections increase success rates for renters while improving voucher utilization for local housing authorities. Under this proposal, landlords could still screen for suitability. However, they would no longer be allowed to refuse tenants using housing assistance to help pay their rent.

This renter protection would help California address its growing homelessness crisis, provide opportunity to families in poverty, and ensure the state can take full advantage of available federal funding. For these reasons, San Mateo County supports SB 329 and respectfully requests your signature on this measure. 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: The Honorable Holly Mitchell  
San Mateo County Board of Supervisors  
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San Mateo County Housing Department





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**RE: Assembly Bill 1377 (Wicks) CalFresh – Request for Signature**

Dear Governor Newsom,

On behalf of the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors and its Human Services Agency, I write to respectfully request that you sign AB 1377 by Assembly Member Wicks, which would direct state agencies and key stakeholders to develop a statewide process that will examine data and determine how to bridge differences across the free/reduced meals program, Medi-Cal, and CalFresh in order to accelerate enrollment of children and families into the CalFresh program.

Food insecurity among households with school-age children remains high across California. Children who grow up in food-insecure households often fall behind compared to their food-secure peers across cognitive, emotional and physical development and are at risk of mental, social, emotional, and behavioral problems that can negatively impact their academic achievement. Studies indicate that food-insecure children are almost twice as likely to be in fair or poor health when compared to food-secure children.

According to the Public Policy Institute of California, some 600,000 low-income children are receiving free and reduced-price meals at school but are not yet receiving benefits through CalFresh. Similarly, low-income families may be enrolled in the Medi-Cal program but not in CalFresh, though they appear likely eligible. The data and eligibility requirements for CalFresh, Medi-Cal and the reduced-price school meals program are complicated and treat different aspects of a family's household and income differently, which makes also it more difficult for eligible children and families to easily participate and be enrolled in across the programs.

Given the federal threats of public charge and other regulatory proposals to weaken CalFresh and the school meal programs, it is more important than ever for the state to bolster the food safety net in a secure fashion.

AB 1377 will bring together relevant departments, local human services agencies, school nutrition representatives, and other key stakeholders in order to find the best possible solutions and process that would streamline and accelerate enrollment for children in CalFresh, while maintaining privacy, to provide every available resource to families facing food insecurity. San Mateo County started the End Hunger Workgroup that is similar to this purpose and it has benefited all of the stakeholders as the workgroup was able to cross promote their food programs with each other.

For these reasons, San Mateo County respectfully requests that you sign AB 1377. Should you have any questions about our position, please contact Connie Juarez-Diroll, Legislative Office (650-599-1341, [cjuarez-diroll@smcgov.org](mailto:cjuarez-diroll@smcgov.org)).

Sincerely,



Carole Groom, President  
Board of Supervisors

cc: The Honorable Buffy Wicks  
San Mateo County Board of Supervisors  
San Mateo County Manager  
San Mateo County Human Services Agency  
California Welfare Directors Association





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**Re: Assembly Bill 960 (Maienschein) CalWORKs: homeless assistance—REQUEST FOR SIGNATURE**

Dear Governor Newsom:

On behalf of San Mateo County and its Human Services Agency, I write to express our strong support for Assembly Bill 960, which will make substantial improvements in California's CalWORKs homeless assistance program. Homelessness continues to be a problem in our state and throughout the country. While often hidden, homelessness among families with children is at an all-time high. The California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) program works to alleviate the problem of child homelessness by providing temporary and permanent housing assistance to families with children.

The CalWORKs program provides permanent housing assistance to pay for the last month's rent and security deposits, up to 2 months of rent arrearages, or standard costs of deposits for utilities, as specified. Existing law requires payments to providers for temporary shelter and permanent housing and utilities to be made on behalf of the families requesting these payments. Existing law prohibits payments from being made to a housing provider unless it is a commercial establishment, shelter, or person in the business of renting properties who has a history of renting properties. This bill would remove the requirement that a person in the business of renting properties have a history of renting properties in order to receive payments. It would authorize payments to a housing provider with which the families requesting assistance have executed a valid lease, sublease, or shared housing agreement.

By making this change, AB 960 would increase options for our state's poorest families with children while also improving the effectiveness of the CalWORKs program's homelessness interventions. For these reasons, San Mateo County supports AB 960 and respectfully urges your signature. 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*

Carole Groom  
Board President, Board of Supervisors  
San Mateo County

cc: The Honorable Brian Maienschein  
San Mateo County Board of Supervisors  
San Mateo County Manager  
San Mateo County Human Services Agency





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September 20, 2019

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Governor, State of California  
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**RE: Senate Bill 160 (Jackson) Emergency services: cultural competence—REQUEST FOR SIGNATURE**

Dear Governor Newsom:

On behalf of the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors, I write to respectfully request you sign SB 160 by Senator Hannah-Beth Jackson, which would require a county to integrate cultural competence into its emergency plan.

Our County shares in the belief that it is critical for all communities to receive the life-saving information they need during an emergency or natural disaster. This is particularly important in California where more than 200 languages are spoken, and 44 percent of residents speak a language other than English at home. With over 100 languages spoken and 46 percent of our residents speaking a language other than English in the home, it is particularly important that our County work to improve alert translations and ensure that updated emergency plans incorporate the varying needs of our diverse residents.

SB 160 will ensure that California's most overlooked communities are well equipped during emergencies by requiring counties to, among other things, provide a forum for community engagement in geographically diverse locations, authorize the use of a community advisory board to better engage with diverse residents, and use of culturally appropriate resources and outreach techniques to educate and prepare community members for emergencies and disasters.

It is for these reasons, that we strongly support this measure and respectfully request that you sign SB 160. 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: The Honorable Hannah-Beth Jackson, Member, California State Senate  
San Mateo County Board of Supervisors  
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September 16, 2019

The Honorable Gavin Newsom  
Governor of the State of California  
State Capitol, 1st Floor  
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**RE: Assembly Bill 1301 (COOLEY) Child welfare: adoption—REQUEST FOR SIGNATURE**

Dear Governor Newsom:

On behalf of the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors and its Human Services Agency, I respectfully request your signature of AB 1301 by Assembly Member Cooley. This bill, sponsored by the County Welfare Directors Association, completes the shift of responsibility for the Private Adoption Agency Reimbursement Program (PAARP) to county human services agencies.<sup>66</sup>

Established in 1974, PAARP is designed to support collaboration between county child welfare and private adoption agencies in recruiting adoptive families for foster children. In our county, we work with a number of privately licensed agencies to support our adoption work and appreciate these partnerships. Under 2011 Realignment, PAARP funding was realigned to counties, but responsibility for the administration of the program was left at the state level, with counties having little to no control over PAARP expenditures. In the past several years, PAARP claims have exceeded the amount provided by counties.

The structure whereby counties continue to fund the program while CDSS administers was never intended to be permanent, and the fact that counties are receiving surprise bills for the program overages that we have no control over is untenable for Human Services Agency which reports directly to the Board of Supervisors and has limited funding to draw from.

AB 1301 would complete the job of realigning PAARP funding to the counties, enabling our agencies to be more attuned to the spending related to our use of adoption agencies. We would also be authorized to spend extra funds on other pre- and post-permanency services for children in foster care. For these reasons, San Mateo County is pleased to support AB 1301 and urges your signature on this important measure. 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*

Carole Groom, President  
Board of Supervisors

cc: The Honorable Ken Cooley  
San Mateo County Board of Supervisors  
San Mateo County Human Services Agency  
County Welfare Directors Association of California





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September 22, 2019

The Honorable Gavin Newsom, Governor  
State of California  
State Capitol, First Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Senate Bill 294 (Hill) Property taxation: welfare exemption: low income housing—REQUEST FOR SIGNATURE**

Dear Governor Newsom:

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For these reasons, the County of San Mateo fully supports Senate Bill 294 and strongly urges that you sign this important measure. 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*

Carole Groom, President  
Board of Supervisors

Cc: The Honorable Jerry Hill, California State Senate  
San Mateo County Board of Supervisors  
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September 24, 2019

The Honorable Gavin Newsom  
Governor, State of California  
State Capitol, First Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Assembly Bill 61 (Ting) Gun violence restraining orders—REQUEST FOR SIGNATURE**

Dear Governor Newsom:

On behalf of the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors, we write to respectfully request that you sign Assembly Bill 61 by Assembly Member Phil Ting, which would, starting September 1, 2020, expand the category of people who are able to petition for an ex parte, one-year or renewal of a gun violence restraining order (GVRO), to include an employer, coworker, or an employee or teacher of a secondary or postsecondary school, under specified conditions.

From 2014 to 2017, there have been more than 1,300 mass shootings (incidents with 4 or more people killed or injured) and over the past decade more than 100,000 Americans have been killed by gun violence. Moreover, from 2000 to 2019 mass shootings have been on the rise, with the majority of them occurring on school campuses and in the workplace. Currently, in the United States, there are over 500 workplace homicides each year, with firearms accounting for approximately 80 percent of those killings. Tragically, more than 60 percent of Americans who die from guns die by suicide, and suicide is the second-most common cause of death for Americans between the ages of 15 and 34. On August 4 of this year in Dayton, Ohio, nine people were killed and 27 more were injured in the nightlife district and it was common knowledge amongst the shooter's former classmates that he had an obsession with violence and mass shootings.

Given the escalation in the number of tragic shootings throughout our country and the fact that existing state law provides no legal standing for co-workers and others with unique personal insight about a potential gunman's dangerousness to hurt themselves or others, the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors believes it is critically important to provide these persons with more tools to help prevent gun-related tragedies before they happen by pursuing a GVRO in court.

For these reasons, we respectfully request that you sign AB 61. Thank you for your consideration of this request and should you have any question about our County's position, 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

cc: The Honorable Phil Ting, California State Assembly  
San Mateo County Board of Supervisors  
San Mateo County Manager



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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  
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San Mateo County Information Services Department





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September 20, 2019

The Honorable Gavin Newsom  
Governor, State of California  
State Capitol, First Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Newsom:

On behalf of the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors, I write this letter to express our County's support for the State of California's defense of the Clean Air Act Section 209 waivers, dating back to 1968, which allow the State to set higher emissions standards for cars and light trucks than the federal government does. The County stands in solidarity with the State of California against the Trump Administration's unprecedented attempt to withdraw an existing federal waiver.

The County of San Mateo has taken a number of actions to address climate change. In 2015, the County reduced greenhouse gas emissions by 21.8% below 2005 levels. The County helped launch Peninsula Clean Energy and facilitates the Regional Integrated Climate Action Planning Suite program that brings together the County and its 20 cities to plan and implement measures to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. In order to protect its residents from the effects of climate change, the County launched Climate Ready SMC, and is facilitating the formation of the Flood and Sea Level Rise Resiliency District (AB 825 Mullin, Chapter 292, Statutes of 2019) to mitigate the effects of climate change related sea rise.

In 2012, the Board of Supervisors adopted the County's Government Operations Climate Action Plan, which focuses on the County's facilities and operations. This Plan outlines greenhouse gas reduction measures to implement in the areas of energy, transportation, and solid waste in order to meet our goal of a 15% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by the year 2020. In 2013, the County's Planning and Building Department completed the Community Climate Action Plan. This Plan includes a greenhouse gas inventory of all the emissions that resulted from the unincorporated areas and a list of various proposed measures to reduce these emissions.

These, and other efforts, have resulted in a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions, in 2015, to a level that was 21.8% below 2005 levels.

More recently, the County helped launch Peninsula Clean Energy and facilitated the Regional Integrated Climate Action Planning Suite program which brings together the County and its 20 cities to plan and implement measures to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. In order to protect its residents from the effects of climate change, the County launched Climate Ready SMC, and is facilitating the formation of the Flood and Sea Level Rise Resiliency District to mitigate the effects of climate change related sea rise.





The County has determined that accelerated actions need to be taken to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions and implement solutions to prepare and protect our communities. The County recently joined the City and County of San Francisco, the County of Santa Clara, and Bay area cities including Berkeley, Alameda, Richmond, Santa Cruz, Hayward and Oakland, along with more than 1,000 national, international, and local jurisdictions in declaring a climate emergency.

The County is vigorously working to address the current and future impacts of climate change, which include health, socio-economic and racial equity considerations in policymaking and climate solutions at all levels and across all sectors as the consequences of climate change have significant impacts on all County residents, but especially the young, the elderly, low income or communities of color, and other vulnerable populations.

The County is committed to achieving the goals set by its Climate Action Plans that will include measurable climate-related goals and actions to attain carbon neutrality in advance of the State of California's 2045 goal. The County's progress toward carbon neutrality and the accomplishments it has made toward reduction of harmful greenhouse gas emissions have benefited greatly from California's higher emissions standards for cars and light trucks. This progress is at grave risk of being undermined by the Trump Administration's actions.

The transportation sector is the largest source of carbon dioxide emissions in the United States. San Mateo County is doing its part to reduce these emissions. Since 2015 new vehicle registrations in the County for gas-powered vehicles have decreased from 956,609 to 597,898, a 37 percent decrease, while electric vehicles (EVs) have increased from 5,026 to 8,229, a 63 percent increase.

For these reasons, the County of San Mateo supports the State of California's opposition to the Trump Administration's unprecedented attempt to undo over 50 years of progress in reducing vehicle-related greenhouse gas emissions. A rollback of California's Clean Air Act waivers will cause significant setbacks in the accomplishments the County has made in reducing greenhouse gas emissions and will directly impact the health and welfare of the citizens of San Mateo County. 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)).

Thank you for your leadership on this important issue.

Sincerely,



Carole Groom, President  
Board of Supervisors

cc: San Mateo County Delegation  
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San Mateo County Office of Sustainability

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**RE: Notice of Proposed Rule Making—Revision of Categorical Eligibility in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) RIN 0584-AE62**

Dear SNAP Program Design Branch:

On behalf of the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors, I respectfully submit these comments in response to the July 24, 2019 U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) proposal to revise the categorical eligibility for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), known as CalFresh in our state. Since the option became available in 1996 through the *Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act*, California and over 40 other states and territories have used the option to make it easier for individuals and families to receive SNAP benefits while simultaneously reducing the federal, state and county administrative costs to do so.

Just under 12 percent of Californians struggle with food insecurity. On average, one out of every eight Californians do not know where their next meal will come from. This is further magnified by the fact that some areas in California have some of the highest unemployment rates in the nation<sup>1</sup>. More than 73 percent of SNAP participants are in families with children, almost 11% are in families with elderly or disabled members, and more than 48 percent of SNAP participants are in working families in California<sup>2</sup>.

The proposed rule would reverse the progress made to reduce food insecurity in our nation by removing states' longstanding options to eliminate SNAP asset tests and use a higher income test through Broad-Based Categorical Eligibility (BBCE) in order to serve more working households that have significant expenses for shelter and child-care, families in poverty, and seniors and individuals with disabilities.

We are deeply concerned that the Administration is proposing to take away a state option that would make eligibility for SNAP benefits more restrictive for low-income Americans living in those

<sup>1</sup> <http://www.cafoodbanks.org/hunger-factsheet>

<sup>2</sup> [https://www.cbpp.org/sites/default/files/atoms/files/snap\\_factsheet\\_california.pdf](https://www.cbpp.org/sites/default/files/atoms/files/snap_factsheet_california.pdf)





states that currently use the BBCE option in the program.<sup>3</sup> Under the proposed rule, more than 3 million individuals would lose SNAP benefits<sup>4</sup>, the majority who live in working families already struggling to meet their basic needs. We strongly oppose the proposed rule and urge the Administration to withdraw it.

The current flexibility states provide to working families helps lift them out of poverty by allowing low-wage households to save money, promote economic mobility, and improve their families' overall financial security during unexpected economic shocks.<sup>5</sup> Restrictive income and asset tests do not promote economic mobility and force families in need to spend their limited savings before they can qualify for assistance, leaving them vulnerable to financial emergencies and preventing them from moving along the path to financial independence.<sup>6</sup>

The proposed rule change further creates economic instability for individuals and families who would otherwise become self-sufficient. For families in low-wage jobs, food security is a big challenge they experience daily, often struggling to provide their children with adequate and nutritious meals three times a day. The small SNAP benefit that these families receive is a critical component to their livelihood and ability to feed their children. The lack of nutritional supports leads to poorer health. Additionally, many of these families would not be able to afford the cost of shelter without the assistance their children receive from benefits such as SNAP and free school meals.

The proposed rule change would terminate SNAP for more than 3 million individuals and families. Mathematica estimates that eight percent (345,833 individuals) of recipients in California would lose SNAP under the proposal. The California Department of Social Services and Mathematica estimate that about ten percent of households (somewhere between 115,000 and 195,922 households) currently receiving SNAP in California would become ineligible. Of those households that would no longer be eligible under the proposed rule, 27.6 percent include at least one elderly member and 18 percent include at least one member with a disability. Of the SNAP households estimated to lose eligibility, over 21 percent have at least one child.

In California, one in five children live in poverty. SNAP currently helps 4 million residents<sup>7</sup>, 73 percent of those participants comprise families with children<sup>8</sup>. This proposed change is counterproductive to preventing hunger. Families experiencing poverty endure high levels of financial strain due to a high cost of living in California. For example, in some counties living wages are calculated at over \$20 per hour for just one adult in a family whereas the state minimum wage is currently at \$12 per hour<sup>9</sup>. In addition, the Berkeley Labor Center estimates that one in three working Californians earn low wages and 32 percent of working Californians earned less than

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<sup>3</sup> <https://scorecard.prosperitynow.org/2016/measure/asset-limits-in-public-benefit-programs>

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.regulations.gov/document?D=FNS-2018-0037-0002>

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.urban.org/urban-wire/reviving-snap-asset-limits-could-backfire-families-finances>

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.povertylaw.org/clearinghouse/webcast/limits>

<sup>7</sup> California Budget and Policy Center. (2018). "CalFresh Reaches Millions of Californians and Reduces Poverty." Retrieved from: <https://calbudgetcenter.org/resources/calfresh-reaches-millions-californians-reduces-poverty/>

<sup>8</sup> Sarah Lauffer, Characteristics of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Households: Fiscal Year 2016 (US Department of Agriculture: November 2017), Table B.14. The 7.2% figure was provided by Center on Budget and Policy Priorities analysis of the underlying US Department of Agriculture Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Quality Control administrative data (Federal Fiscal Year 2016). "People with disabilities" does not include children or adults age 60 or older.

<sup>9</sup> <https://livingwage.mit.edu/states/06/locations>



\$14.35 an hour in 2017.

Ensuring children and families are food secure not only meets the immediate basic needs of families but also improves the education and economic outcomes for these families<sup>10</sup>. Furthermore, children receiving SNAP are automatically entitled to free school meals through a direct certification process without their family having to complete a separate application. This helps children succeed at school and ensures children are not unnecessarily subject to school meal debt<sup>11</sup>. This proposed rule would also eliminate availability of school meals to these same families, with an estimated 500,000 children losing the benefit.

Many working families experiencing poverty endure high levels of financial strain due to a high cost of living, including the high cost of housing and child-care. Our state has some of the highest housing costs in the nation. The Center on Budget and Policy Priorities analysis of fiscal year 2017 SNAP characteristics data suggests over 90 percent of benefits resulting from BBCE go to households who pay over half their income toward rent and utilities.<sup>12</sup> While California's low-wage workforce enjoys one of the highest minimum wages in the country, the average cost of child-care in our state is estimated at \$11,817 per year – or \$985 per month. Without the Categorical Eligibility option, a working family earning over SNAP's federal 130 percent of poverty gross income will be unable to meet their basic needs, including paying for housing and child care.

The County of San Mateo, located in San Francisco Bay Area region, 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 of the Bay Area counties. Current County residents enrolled in the CalWORKs (TANF) and CalFresh (SNAP) programs have gone through the federal means tested process—ensuring that they are indeed in poverty and experiencing the challenges of meeting the basic needs in our County.

Furthermore, of the nearly four million Californians served by SNAP, over 180,000 individuals are recently approved SNAP and SSI/SSP recipients.<sup>13</sup> These figures demonstrate the number of SSI recipients, who historically have experienced high levels of poverty with many on fixed incomes, who need food assistance. Under the proposed rule, a large number of these individuals will lose access to these new benefits.

The proposed rule will increase the likelihood that California and other states that have adopted BBCE will be forced to apply a previously eliminated, counterproductive, and harmful asset test on SNAP applicants and recipients. SSI recipients will be impacted by a strict \$3,500 asset limit on households that include elderly/disabled members. The current flexibility states have—to waive

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<sup>10</sup> Center on Budget and Policy Priorities. (2018). "Chart Book: SNAP Helps Struggling Families Put Food on the Table." Retrieved from <https://www.cbpp.org/research/food-assistance/chart-book-snap-helps-struggling-families-put-food-on-the-table>

<sup>11</sup> <http://frac.org/wp-content/uploads/direct-cert-improves-low-income-school-meal-access.pdf>

<sup>12</sup> <https://www.cbpp.org/research/food-assistance/snaps-broad-based-categorical-eligibility-supports-working-families-and>

<sup>13</sup> Supplemental Security Income/State Supplemental Payment (SSI/SSP) recipients recently gained the ability to receive critical food benefits (as of June 2019) from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, or CalFresh in California) in California.

<https://public.tableau.com/profile/california.department.of.social.services#!/vizhome/CFdashboard-PUBLIC/SSI>



the asset test in order to extend food benefits for elderly or disabled person(s) with incomes under 200 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL)—has been an important feature of the food safety-net in states like California with high costs of living, but especially for households with elderly or disabled members.

Since June 2019 when California expanded SNAP eligibility to SSI recipients, 59,882 Asian-American households applied for SNAP. Another 31,338 and 35,810 Latino and Black SSI/SSP households also applied for SNAP benefits, respectively.<sup>14</sup>

SNAP is absolutely critical to this newly eligible vulnerable population in California. Newly-eligible individuals now have the ability to purchase more fresh and healthy food options every month rather than relying on unhealthy processed frozen foods or snacks from corner stores. More elderly and disabled individuals are now able to afford other costs including rent, utilities, and transportation because they are now eligible for SNAP.

By USDA's own estimates, the proposed rule would cut SNAP benefits over five years by \$10.5 billion, while increasing SNAP federal administrative costs by \$2.3 billion.

For a long time, California has relied on established BBCE rules to design a CalFresh (SNAP) program that specifically targets families and individuals in need. Under the proposed regulation, California would have to significantly redesign the program. In addition to the social and economic impacts noted above, this expensive burden on California will require extensive time, staffing, training, and funding to implement.

Re-designing eligibility rules to eliminate BBCE entails extensive policy and system automation updates in addition to staff hours at both the state and county level to ensure California is in compliance with federal regulations. The level of effort and manpower required to do this would negatively impact more significant administrative efforts California is undertaking in the CalFresh program, including reducing the state error rate, churn, and overpayments which will in turn drive administrative costs up.

Thousands of county staff across California will require extensive training if this proposed regulation becomes final. Counties will incur significant costs - including staff time, and other operational impacts. It will also likely impact timely application and recertification processing due to the need to verify assets. Verifying assets alone requires significant staff time per case, and several customer contacts in order to collect all proper verifications which would significantly increase the administrative time required by California's counties to request, receive, and properly process these verifications.

In addition, this proposed regulation would further complicate eligibility workers' jobs and make them even more burdensome to a level far exceeding that estimated by the USDA. Re-introducing an asset test would require eligibility workers to spend up to two additional hours per case on case processing which will cost California millions of dollars.

Furthermore, programming this proposed rule into California's Statewide Automated Welfare

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<sup>14</sup> <https://public.tableau.com/profile/california.department.of.social.services#!/vizhome/CFdashboard-PUBLIC/SSIrace>

System (SAWS) will take up to 15 months and cost up to \$2.6 million to implement. If this proposed rule is adopted, it is also likely to delay implementation of California's new consolidated CalSAWS system which has a strict timeline and has been mandated by the Food and Nutrition Service.

The removal of the categorical eligibility option will also significantly increase California's administrative costs and burden. It will require San Mateo County to restore an asset test for SNAP, which we had removed because it costs more to implement than it saves. Although SNAP asset tests are estimated to make one percent of applicants ineligible for the program, county administrators must apply the test to 100 percent of applicants and recipients.

There is evidence that eliminating the SNAP asset test has helped states reduce churn in the program -- processing repeat applications for a single household. The asset test and churn rates are believed to be linked because frequent asset fluctuations resulting from paycheck deposits can render participants temporarily ineligible.

For these reasons described above, the County of San Mateo urges the USDA to maintain the current rules for categorical eligibility for the SNAP program, helping both low income adults and children maintain a critical food safety net resource to fight hunger in our communities. 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



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*San Mateo County Title Company (FATCo, San Mateo Credit Union) building being demolished to make way for County Office Building 3, August 2019*

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 **FALL 2019**