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From Daly City to East Palo Alto, Affordable Housing on Board of Supervisors' Agenda

REDWOOD CITY, Calif. – The San Mateo County Board of Supervisors on Tuesday will vote on a staff recommendation to pump more than \$33 million into affordable housing projects from Daly City to East Palo Alto.

“Now, more than ever, people need a safe, affordable place they can call home,” said Warren Slocum, President of the Board of Supervisors. “Rent is the single biggest expense for most people. Families that have a stable, affordable rent can then spend more on nutritious food and other essential needs.”

The [Department of Housing recommends](#) infusing \$33,666,437 to build a total of 1,060 units in nine affordable housing projects. The projects range in size from a [Habitat for Humanity](#) plan to build six affordable homes in Daly City to [MidPen Housing's](#) proposal to build 223 affordable apartments in downtown San Mateo.

Additional projects are located in East Palo Alto, San Mateo, Millbrae, Menlo Park, Daly City and the unincorporated North Fair Oaks neighborhood.

Funding sources include approximately \$21 million from the half-cent [Measure K sales tax extension](#), \$7 million in state Department of [Housing and Community Development](#) (HCD) Housing for a Healthy California funds; approximately \$5 million in HCD Local Housing Trust Fund funds, pending a successful HCD application; approximately \$544,000 in HCD Permanent Local Housing Allocation funds; and \$150,000 in County Impact Fees.

Commitment to Affordable Housing

The Board of Supervisors in 2013 created the [Affordable Housing Fund](#) by committing

approximately \$13 million toward building, protecting and preserving housing that is affordable to a wide range of incomes.

To date, the Affordable Housing Fund has allocated approximately \$120.3 million to assist 2,818 units in San Mateo County-supporting the development of 2,403 new affordable rental and homeownership units, and the preservation of 415 multifamily rental units as affordable housing.

If the staff recommendation is approved by the Board, the County will have invested more than \$150 million in affordable housing since 2013.

“What’s important to note is that the County’s commitment helps to secure funding from other sources, including not-for-profit housing developers and private investors,” said Ray Hodges, director of the County’s Department of Housing. “These projects also help the local economy by creating construction jobs and jobs that will serve the needs of the residents. It’s a huge win for the entire community.”

The projects under consideration for funding at Tuesday’s meeting are:

Project Name/ Applicant	Location and Number of Units	Staff Funding Recommendation
Weeks Street – MidPen Housing	East Palo Alto – 135 units	\$3,908,333
Midway Village Phase 1 – MidPen Housing	Daly City – 145 units	\$436,000
493 Eastmoor – CORE	Daly City – 71 units	\$7,379,600
Downtown San Mateo Sites – Midpen Housing	San Mateo – 223 units	\$3,685,817
Bayshore Affordable Apartments – CORE	Millbrae – 79 units	\$1,000,000
Middlefield Junction – Mercy Housing	North Fair Oaks – 178 units	\$11,755,452
Gateway Family Housing – MidPen Housing	Menlo Park – 139 units	\$5,115,235
North Fair Oaks Apartments –Affirmed Housing	North Fair Oaks – 84 units	\$250,000
Geneva Commons – Habitat for Humanity	Daly City – 6 units	\$136,000
Totals	1,060 units	\$33,666,437



Individuals and families earning up to 80% of the [Area Median Income for San Mateo County](#) - and up to 120% AMI for homeownership units - will be qualified to live in these affordable homes.

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