



# County of San Mateo

## Inter-Departmental Correspondence

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**Department:** COUNTY MANAGER

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

**To:** Honorable Board of Supervisors  
**From:** John L. Maltbie, County Manager  
**Subject:** County Manager's Report #1 of 2018

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Accept this informational report.

**BACKGROUND:**

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

**DISCUSSION:**

**Health and Human Services**

**Health System encourages insurance sign-ups as deadline approaches**

With less than two weeks remaining before the Jan. 31, 2018, deadline, the County and its Health System are focused on enrolling the estimated 29,000 residents who do not yet have health insurance and may qualify for financial help. Those who sign up by Jan. 31 will be covered starting March 1. The Health System is also reminding the public that the repeal of the individual mandate will not take effect until next year and the future effects in California remain undetermined, meaning uninsured individuals may have to pay a fine when they file their 2018 taxes.

The Health System and its partners are hosting several enrollment events prior to the Jan. 31 deadline. Hours, locations and languages spoken are available at [smcgov.org/healthcoverage](http://smcgov.org/healthcoverage). Enrollment assistance is also available by calling (650) 616-2002 or (800) 223-8383.

**Community Services**

**Sustainability awarded gas tax funds for climate planning**

I'm pleased to share that our Office of Sustainability was awarded a \$649,500 SB1 Caltrans Adaptation Planning Grant to provide resources for the County, cities and vulnerable communities to advance transportation adaptation planning. The project will assess countywide climate change

impacts, including rising temperatures and heat, wildfires, and changes in precipitation patterns. It will also help the County and its 20 cities evaluate vulnerable transportation infrastructure, critical assets and communities while developing adaptation strategies to prepare for climate change impacts.

The County will develop tools, templates, strategies, and resources to assist local jurisdictions in conducting coordinated adaptation work. The project will identify populations vulnerable to climate change and will engage residents in these areas in the planning process. The key milestones planned are: a countywide climate analysis; mapping of impacts to transportation; toolkits to incorporate adaptation measures into transportation and related plans, projects and policies; and, resilience vision and adaptation plans for up to five priority and transit-dependent communities.

### **County launches new grants program to divert waste**

The Office of Sustainability has been busy. In addition to earning a grant from the state, the office has also rolled out its own grants program to encourage waste diversion efforts. The 4Rs (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Rot - Compost) Grants Program offers grants of up to \$25,000 and mini-grants of \$1,000 to \$5,000. The larger awards will fund creation or expansion of programs with a countywide focus while the smaller grants are designed to serve those who need small amounts of funding for a limited time, and for a specific purpose. Examples of potential projects include workshops, school gardens, fix-it clinics and food waste reduction programs.

The deadline is Jan. 31 for both grants. More information on applying can be found at [www.smcsustainability.org](http://www.smcsustainability.org)

### **Measure K**

#### **Measure K helps community know how to help**

Registration is underway for a free class where participants learn how to help young people in mental distress get the support they need. The one-day class, *Youth Mental Health First Aid*, provides participants with the tools they need to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental illness and substance use disorders. The next classes are Tuesday, March 6, and Thursday, April 12. Classes are designed for anyone who cares about the well-being of youth and are sponsored by the Health System in partnership with the San Mateo County Office of Education and other agencies. Members of the public are encouraged to learn more and sign up at [www.smchealth.org/community-education](http://www.smchealth.org/community-education) <<http://www.smchealth.org/community-education>>.

### **News, Events & Updates**

#### **County employees raise more than \$67K in annual Heart Walk**

Our employees are the County's biggest asset and no more so than when they go above and beyond to provide for others in need. I'm proud to announce that during the 2017 Bay Area Heart Walk, a total of 645 employees raised \$67,607 for the American Heart Association and its fight against cardiovascular disease and stroke.

Congratulations to all involved and particular thank you to the leadership of Supervisor Don Horsley, Human Resources Director Donna Vaillancourt, Human Resources Analyst Felicia Flores and District Four legislative aides, Chris Hunter and Jazzalyn Lamadora.