



**COUNTY OF SAN MATEO**  
Inter-Departmental Correspondence  
County Manager



**Date:** June 23, 2016  
**Board Meeting Date:** June 28, 2016  
**Special Notice / Hearing:** None  
**Vote Required:** Majority

**To:** Honorable Board of Supervisors

**From:** John L. Maltbie, County Manager

**Subject:** County Manager's Report #13

**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:**

**Public Safety**

**Cal Fire appoints new chief for rural county unit**

Cal Fire recently named Ian Larkin the new chief of the the San Mateo-Santa Cruz unit which includes Skylonda, upcoming home to a fire station that the County broke ground on this month. Larkin replaces former Chief Scott Jalbert who transferred to San Luis Obispo. Larkin brings more than 28 years of experience and was most recently the unit's deputy chief of operations. In his new position, Larkin will lead 260 staff members across 17 fire stations in the two counties.

**Health and Human Services**

**Health System ready to launch new website**

The Health System expects mid-July to go live with a redesigned website that is mobile responsive and better organized so that users may navigate and search with more ease.

The site will also include a redesigned San Mateo Medical Center as a microsite, further reinforcing to users how those services integrate. The Health System site launch comes

on the heels of the Get Healthy San Mateo County website redesign which helps users drill down into the indicators of how health is impacted by housing, the economy, schools and neighborhoods. The site includes a new data section with interactive maps and charts.

## **Community Services**

### **Middlefield Junction project RFP released**

The County and City of Redwood City's joint request for proposal (RFP) to hire a master planner and qualified financial consultant for the Middlefield Junction project is published and also available on the Housing website for through the Monday, Aug. 1 deadline. The chosen vendor will develop a feasibility analysis of options for redeveloping 2500, 2600 and 2700 Middlefield Road into an integrated mix of complimentary uses known collectively as Middlefield Junction. Options to be explored include new affordable housing, community benefits and maintaining existing uses.

As you will recall, the Board allocated up to \$100,000 of Measure A funds and Redwood City allocated \$100,000 in general funds to retain the master planner and financial consultant. The County and city will jointly select the preferred proposal.

### **Bolstered Arts Commission budget results in grant application spike**

The number of applications for San Mateo County Arts Commission grants in 2016 increased by 300 percent following the Board of Supervisors' significant expansion of the Commission's total budget from \$55,000 to \$125,000. The added funds allowed the Commission to contract with an experienced arts administrator, streamline the application process, put the grant application online and increase outreach. The result was 29 grant applications in 2016 compared to 6 in 2013, of which 19 grants were awarded. The projects awarded include a playwriting program for youth, art workshops for children with pediatric cancer, two original world premiere ballets and establishment of an annual art and culture event in Daly City.

## **News, Events and Updates**

### **County libraries honored for Summer Learning Camps**

San Mateo County Libraries' innovative efforts to eliminate summer learning loss, especially among low-income youth, and maintain the educational momentum of the school year was honored with a National Association of Counties 2016 Achievement Award. The Summer Learning Camps program led by the San Mateo County Libraries is in its third year, focusing on children in communities with high numbers of students reading below grade level. In 2015, San Mateo County Libraries offered 1,520 high-quality learning and literacy programs to children and youth. That same year, 58,719 children and youth — or, 38 percent of the youth population — participated in the Summer Learning Challenge.

NACo will present the award during its 2016 Annual Conference and Exposition in Los Angeles County in July.