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As an El Granada Resident I watched with interest the presentation by San Mateo County Parks at the February 23rd Board of Supervisors meeting on the San Mateo County Parks 5-year Wildfire Fuel Management Plan.

Quarry Park in El Granada was rated as the #16 priority statewide, and one of only two in San Mateo, in the Community Wildfire Prevention & Mitigation Report (45-day Report) that followed the Governor's Executive Declaration on Wildfire in 2019. In response to this the County set up the Governor's Quarry Park Fuel Reduction Project.

At that time all of the properties (100+) on El Granada Blvd were rated as Very High Fire Risk (VHFR) and many residents had had their property insurance cancelled. Residents were optimistic that something would be done as the report emphasized that projects should be focused on "reducing risk to life and property". The fuel reduction that was performed as part of the project did reduce some fuel load aside trails in Quarry Park and allow improved CALFIRE access, however the only work done in the highest risk area of upper El Granada Blvd was minor maintenance of an existing incomplete and inadequate fuel break. As of the current time all of the El Granada Blvd properties are still rated VHFR and companies are still cancelling property insurance (I have been cancelled twice in two years because of fire risk). To me, and many other residents, this looks as though the project failed to achieve what it was tasked to do.

I now look at the 5-year Wildfire Fuel Management Plan. SMC Parks stated in the presentation that the "key goal of all our projects is to protect life and property". It rates Maintenance of the Governor's Quarry Park Fuel Reduction Project as its second highest rated project but the only work planned for the next five years is to maintain (not expand or improve) the incomplete and inadequate existing fuel break. I see nothing in the plan that would reduce the risk for the 100+ families on El Granada Blvd. It was further stated in the presentation that the El Granada Blvd fuel break 'has been re-established'. This is untrue and both CAL FIRE and SMC Parks have acknowledged this.

As far as I can tell, out of the \$18M Parks' budget \$11M is to be spent on projects which score 0 on the 'Presence of Personal Property' criteria. It seems like the "key goal" and the funding are at odds. Life, incidentally, seems not to be a criteria at all.

I would request that the plan be revisited based on project prioritization to focus the work and the budget on the stated key goals of reducing risk to life and property and specifically reducing El Granada Blvd from its VHFR rating.

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Dear President Canepa, Supervisors Carole Groom, Dave Pine, Don Horsley, and Warren Slocum,

I am so sorry to have to miss the April 6, 2021 Board Meeting in which you are signing the proclamation designating the week of April 10 – April 16, 2021 as The Week of the Young Child. Thank you for this proclamation!

For First 5 San Mateo County, every week is the Week of the Young Child; children are critical to our county's health and well-being.

Thank you all for your deep commitment to ensuring all our young children, particularly children of color throughout our county, have a healthy start in life, early learning opportunities, and high quality child care. Thank you for your commitment to also ensuring families and the early care workforce can support children as they grow and learn.

Thank you for your investment in the future of San Mateo County!

Best regards,
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Hello Board Members,

I urge you to put time and effort into ensuring that our County takes a creative and loving approach to recreating a Juvenile Rehabilitation system. Through research it has been proven that juvenile detention increases the probability of recidivism and decreases the probability of high school graduation ([see the article & research paper shared by Washington Post](#)). Please honor our youth by creating a new rehabilitative process that facilitates healing.

Thanks,
Michael Solorio
Resident of Redwood City, County District 4

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I continue to be concerned that the proposed San Mateo County Juvenile Justice Realignment Plan will still be placing youth in detention facilities and is not well aligned with the main aims of SB 823. Youth need to be close to their own families and support networks in order to thrive. For the youth from San Mateo County who are currently incarcerated by the state Department of Juvenile Justice, I strongly urge you to bring them back to our county as soon as possible rather than leaving them in a state facility to finish out their sentences. This will go a long way towards helping them return and reintegrate into our community. Additionally, we should not be bringing youth from other counties here except as a very temporary measure if their home county does not yet have an appropriate least-restrictive program for them locally. Please take more time to develop a plan with a meaningful alternative to juvenile incarceration.

Thank you,
Clara Jaeckel
Redwood City

April 5, 2021

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Re: April 6, 2021 Agenda Item #7: Resolution RE: San Mateo County Juvenile Justice Realignment Plan

Dear Supervisors:

Please accept this public comment on Agenda Item #7 for the April 6, 2021 Board of Supervisors Meeting.

The Youth and Education Project (YELP) at Stanford Law School, Mills Legal Clinic, urges you *not* to support San Mateo County Probation's ("San Mateo Probation") current Juvenile Justice Realignment Plan and to direct San Mateo Probation to develop a realignment plan that implements the widely accepted goal of providing best-practice care to youth and communities by developing a viable alternative to the existing juvenile criminal system. The Division of Juvenile Justice ("DJJ") Realignment legislation, SB 823, was passed to change how we support young people. Specifically, California recognized that DJJ could not be reformed to provide the types of services and supports that research demonstrates are needed by youth involved in the juvenile justice system. Rather than recognizing that detention and containment are harmful, San Mateo Probation centers the same carceral approach in its current Realignment Plan. The law demands more. And SB 823 provides an important opportunity to restructure how the County provides young people with the skills and supports that they will need to be successful as adults.

Real change requires new voices at the table. Bringing in new stakeholders, especially those with lived experience as parents and system-involved youth, is necessary to understanding what supports are needed and beneficial. While San Mateo Probation has included some community-based organizations in its multiagency juvenile justice coordinating council, many of the innovative services identified by those organizations seem to be on the "wish list" rather than centered in the current Realignment Plan. For example, the Plan documents that Fresh Lifelines for Youth ("FLY") is willing to work with the County to explore supportive transitional housing for youth. Programs like FLY, Project Change and other mentoring and life skills programs, are community-based programs that

“support youths’ successful transition into adulthood and help them become responsible, thriving and engaged members of their communities.” SB 823. While there is certainly urgency around the topic of juvenile justice reform, there is no urgent need to adopt this plan as it is written. Realignment is meant to be a multi-year planning process; the new state agency that is meant to review these plans will not even be established until July of this year. Rather than rushing forward with a plan that defaults to services in the hall, YELP hopes that the San Mateo Board of Supervisors will request that San Mateo Probation go back to the drawing board and involve additional stakeholders to develop a plan that truly promotes “trauma responsive, culturally informed services for youth involved in the juvenile justice system” as required by SB 823.

More generally, now is the time to be giving serious consideration to closing the detention facility at the Youth Services Center. Given the low census in juvenile hall, the incredibly high cost of housing youths there, and the fact that research demonstrates that the best practices for helping young people find positive pathways forward are through coordinated, community-based systems of support that utilize trauma-responsive and culturally-informed approaches, this is an opportunity to build systems of care that support young people. Rather than realigning our scarce resources to support San Mateo youth in their own communities, San Mateo Probation’s Plan proposes building up its carceral setting and bringing in youth from other counties, which means separating those youth from their own communities. The smarter course for San Mateo youth and youth throughout the region is to take more time and properly explore how to develop real alternatives to support youth involved in the juvenile justice system.

On behalf of the Youth and Education Law Project at Stanford Law School, we thank you for your valuable time and attention to this important topic.

Very truly yours,



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