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**From:** [Roberta J Morris](#)  
**To:** [Nicholas Calderon](#); [Warren Slocum](#); [Don Horsley](#); [David Canepa](#); [Carole Groom](#); [Dave Pine](#); [Michael Callagy](#)  
**Cc:** [CMO BoardFeedback](#); [Contact@FloodPark.org](#)  
**Subject:** Please preserve Flood Park's trees and beauty  
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Dear Supervisors, Count Manager and County Parks Director:

I write to urge you to preserve Flood Park's trees, the beauty of the park, and the huge contribution the Park makes to the lives of the people of the County because of the beautiful spaces the trees create.

The currently proposed plan would destroy heritage trees. If those trees were on private property, they would be protected from a developer's plan to destroy them. But because the property is public, all the safeguards and policy decisions embodied in the County's tree removal ordinances can be ignored.

The history of the current proposal has a bad odor. Back in 2019 (before the current proposal) in the Parks Department's presentation to the Board of Supervisors, it is my understanding that Parks stated that no mature trees would be harmed. Indeed, during the prior 5 years, in all the meetings with the public, Parks had given assurances that preserving the trees was a priority. Nor did any draft environmental report mention any impact on the historic woodland. Then, just weeks before the 2020 presentation to the Supervisors, a new design was introduced that would destroy the majority of the trees in the heart of the historic woodland. The public was not timely notified, there was no warning, there was no public engagement. Under these circumstances, the proposal is tainted.

Going forward, a soccer field can be added to the Park without sacrificing woodland trees -- and the health and happiness of the County's residents who are the direct beneficiaries of having such a woodland. Balancing the need for a new soccer field and the need to preserve the good things about the Park is possible. Declaring one need to be 100% important and the other to be 0% important is obviously a bad balance. Intelligent, practical alternatives have been proposed. Please do the right thing.

Thank you.

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Written Public Comments for  
**Item No. 11**

**From:** [Council-Giselle Hale](#)  
**To:** [CMO\\_BoardFeedback](#)  
**Cc:** [MGR-Melissa Stevenson Diaz](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 11  
**Date:** Monday, February 7, 2022 12:30:49 PM  
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Hello Board President Horsley and Supervisors,

On behalf of the City of Redwood City I would to express support for staff recommendations in Agenda Item 11. The proposed distribution of \$10M in ARPA funds reflects inclusive, effective and collaborative work by the County's Recovery Council, and directly aligns with pandemic relief priorities established in Redwood City. Since the start of the pandemic, Redwood City has focused on the needs of the most vulnerable residents in our community. Additionally, we have established Equity as a foundational guiding principle in our policies and operations, and have prioritized Housing, Transportation and Children and Youth. The proposed allocations directly support these priorities. I particularly appreciate the family day care grants and funding for summer enrichment programs, pilot programs to support housing and homelessness and mental health, and workforce development and small business assistance. We look forward to partnering with the County on these initiatives to build a better future for everyone in our community.

Respectfully,



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**From:** [Carolina Nugent](#)  
**To:** [CMO BoardFeedback](#)  
**Subject:** Support for adopting the allocation of funds for Family Child Care grants  
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Greetings,

I am writing in support of item 11 to adopt a resolution authorizing the remaining \$10,000,000 in the first tranche of San Mateo County's American Rescue Plan Act. In particular the FCC grants for Family Day Care are especially critical as supporting Family Child Care is essential to sustaining our child care infrastructure. With these funds organizations like Build Up San Mateo County will be able to award grants of up to \$10,000 per small business supporting the enrollment of infants and toddlers in full-time care.

Please provide your support for adopting this resolution.

~Carolina Nugent  
City of San Mateo Resident

*RE: Item 11.*

*Adopt a resolution authorizing: Allocation of the remaining \$10,000,000 in the first tranche of San Mateo County's American Rescue Plan Act funds to various San Mateo County Recovery Initiatives; and B) The County Manager to execute agreements with various providers to implement identified Recovery Initiatives in San Mateo County; and C) Staff to report back on the status of the funded Recovery Initiatives prior to the end of the current fiscal year*

## County of San Mateo Board of Supervisors February 8, 2022: Agenda Item 11

Dear Supervisors,

As always, thank you for your great time and efforts serving San Mateo County! Thank you also for considering Agenda Item 11: Allocation of the remaining \$10,000,000 in the first tranche of SMC ARPA funds to various San Mateo County Recovery Initiatives including Build Up and The Big Lift.

My efforts supporting The Big Lift has provided me with personal experience of the strong impact, for San Mateo County children and their families, of Big Lift Inspiring Summer (BLIS) programming and more broadly, education research has demonstrated the learning gains for children participating in high-quality summer programming. Additionally, I observed the synergy of San Mateo County Libraries working with our County's young adults supporting children, families, schools, and districts. In response to their BLIS work, our college age interns often cite their budding interest in teaching and serving the community.

Regarding family day care grants' support, my All Five work gives me insight into the deep needs of the childcare sector including holistically supporting children, their families, teachers, staff, and leadership. A pre-COVID needs assessment revealed San Mateo County's ECE supply was 20,000 fewer ECE spots than needed. Further, a more recent County survey indicates 50% of childcare centers may not reopen post-COVID due to insufficient financial reserves. Thus, potentially doubling our county's ECE shortage, with the greatest impact in the communities disproportionately impacted by the pandemic.

With your support, more of our community's kids ages 0-8 can attend high-quality summer programming, preschool, and childcare so they can flourish. Further, supporting family day care grants and BLIS allows enrolled children's parents and caregivers the ability to return to work and be self-supporting again due to the availability of appropriate childcare or summer school. The longer-term impact of additional funding would include children able to thrive at kindergarten, elementary school, and beyond. We know from decades of education studies that superior early childhood care and elementary schooling are associated with fewer developmental delays allowing children to have better educational and life outcomes.

Respectfully,

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