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From: [Joe Totah](#)
To: [CEO BoardFeedback](#)
Subject: FW: Community Message: Subjects arrested for illegal firearms possession, drug sales
Date: Thursday, March 2, 2023 12:12:29 PM

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Dear Supervisors Corzo, Canepa, Muller, Pine and Slocum,

See below, illegal possession of firearms. I have no doubt all three individuals are illegal immigrants and not just the firearms. If not, then please disclose the status of everyone arrested (American Citizen, Green Card Holder or Illegal Immigrant). If not disclose it, make it available upon request.

Furthermore San Francisco may now reverse some of their sanctuary city policies due to a significant increase in crime:

[Future of San Francisco's sanctuary city policy up for debate](#)

This further begs the question, why are you subjecting law enforcement and the citizens of San Mateo County, including Asian-Americans, Hispanic American, Blacks and Caucasians to this increase amount of crime. Why in the world do we owe it to or tolerate illegal immigrants who have further being convicted of crimes? I have no doubt this increases the number of crimes to our residents. Nearly all arrested have Hispanic first and last names, I doubt that most of these are Hispanic-Americans (a huge majority are just good people). Please, please, please stop protect criminals, this will destroy the county. To not work with ICE and further protect illegal criminals is advocating for crime and criminals.

By the way, I am still waiting for a respond to my last email.

Enough is enough.

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From: Redwood City Police Department <redwood-city-police-department@emails.nixle.com>

Sent: Thursday, March 2, 2023 10:19 AM

To: joetotah@gmail.com

Subject: Community Message: Subjects arrested for illegal firearms possession, drug sales

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Community: Subjects arrested for illegal firearms possession, drug sales

Dear Joseph Totah,

SUBJECT: Subjects arrested for illegal firearms possession, drug sales

LOCATION: 2100 Block of Middlefield, Redwood City

DATE/TIME: February 24th 2023

INVOLVED PARTIES: Alejandro Beltran Millan (46), Oscar Magana (29), and Jaime Reyes Vargas (35)

Media Information:

A Redwood City Police Officer conducted a proactive traffic stop on a vehicle for multiple moving and vehicle violations. Alejandro Beltran Millan (46), Oscar Magana (29), and Jaime Reyes Vargas (35), all from East Palo Alto, were contacted. During the initial contact, a handgun was seen in the glove box opened by one of the occupants. Additional officers arrived and the subjects were detained without incident.

A search of the vehicle revealed a total of two loaded handguns. One was a 9mm ghost gun (a privately made firearm that doesn't have a serial number). The other firearm was a Ruger 5.7 mm, which contained live rounds designed to penetrate body armor. Also located inside the vehicle was cocaine that was packaged for sale.

All three subjects were booked on various firearm and drug sale violations.

We commend these Redwood City Police Officers for their vigilance and their constant strive to keep our City as safe as possible.



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Date: February 21, 2023
To: Speaker Rendon, Sen. Becker, Assymn. Berman, SMC Board of Supervisors
From: Midcoast Community Council
Subject: Recommendation of Ray Mueller for Calif Coastal Commission

Honorable Speaker Rendon:

The Midcoast Community Council requests that San Mateo County Supervisor Ray Mueller of District 3 be appointed to the California Coastal Commission, replacing Carole Groom.

San Mateo County has been identified as the most vulnerable County in California to sea level rise, not to mention our high levels of wildfire risk, stormwater flooding, and earthquakes. District 3 includes 96% of the coastline in San Mateo County. Ray's understanding of our coastline and its unique vulnerabilities is a critical qualification for the CCC. Additionally, Ray is a graduate of the College of Natural Resources at UC Berkeley and has a long standing history of environmental stewardship. His understanding of our infrastructure requirements and his representation of this critical county and coastal district make him an essential voice, and choice, for the CCC.

s/Gregg Dieguez, Chair

From: [Cid Young](#)
To: [Michael Callagy](#)
Cc: [Ray Mueller](#); [Steve Monowitz](#); [Camille Leung](#); [Dave Pine](#)
Subject: Re: IN PERSON ONLY MEETINGS held by County Commissions or Committees
Date: Wednesday, March 8, 2023 10:25:23 AM

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Mr. Callegy,

Thank you for your reply. Might I suggest that once Supervisor Ray Mueller gets his office on the Coast set up, (where I understand he may offer the large space now only being used by the Sheriff's Activity League at Harbor to be used by other entities for their meetings) that the County could set up equipment there for some local public meetings, such as the MidCoast Community Council and the Coastside Design Review Meetings. Currently they had been meeting in a small, inadequately ventilated 3rd floor room where the Granada Community Services District has an office. I have attended meetings there (Pre-Covid), but it is inadequate in many ways: parking, seating capacity, sound quality (with the windows open the street noise & traffic drowns out the speakers) and now health as far as social distancing and ventilation are concerned. I believe there is a way the GCSD office may already be set up for public participation via Zoom, so perhaps someone from Planning could look into using that for the In Person Meeting Only on Thursday tomorrow so others can participate via remote at this meeting.

Sincerely,
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On Wed, Mar 8, 2023 at 7:03 AM Michael Callagy <MCallagy@smcgov.org> wrote:

Mr. Young,

We are trying out new technology to allow for public hybrid meetings and it should be available to the Planning Commission for their second meeting in March. The issue has been that we have over 20 Boards and Commissions that meet in a variety of places that often don't support the virtual world, so we are beta testing portable technology that could be utilized at all Boards and Commission meetings, which is in fact our goal. Thanks for taking the time to write with your concern.

Best regards,

Mike

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From: Cid Young <cid4houses@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, March 8, 2023 1:04:37 AM

To: Michael Callagy <MCallagy@smcgov.org>; Ray Mueller <rmueller@smcgov.org>; Dave Pine <dpine@smcgov.org>; Camille Leung <cleung@smcgov.org>; Steve Monowitz <smonowitz@smcgov.org>

Cc: CEO_BoardFeedback <BoardFeedback@smcgov.org>

Subject: IN PERSON ONLY MEETINGS held by County Commissions or Committees

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County Executive Mike Callagy, Ray Mueller, District 3 Supervisor, Dave Pine, Board of Supervisors President
Camille Leung & Steve Monowitz County Panning
Subject: IN PERSON ONLY MEETINGS held by County Commissions or Committees

I am writing to object to the newest lack of transparency and limitation on public participation for meetings that are now being held without providing any means for the public to participate via a hybrid method, such as Zoom, as we have been used to doing during most of the pandemic.

Not only is it limiting for members of the Public to leave work in order to drive to Redwood City (From remote locations on the Coastside) simply to attend a SMC Parks Commission Meeting, held which are in the late afternoon, at 4:00PM, on the first Thursday of the month, but also, it is not a very green option even for Commissioners, or the public to have to drive to a meeting which has been held virtually all these past months during the pandemic.

In fact, most Special Districts have invested in providing remote participation despite the State's mandate to return to IN PERSON BOARD MEETINGS, because they see the value of continuing meetings held virtually via Zoom, which offer the general public an opportunity for GREATER PARTICIPATION.

Last Thursday evening, there was even a power failure mid-meeting, and yet, the Montara Water and Sanitary District Board was able to continue their meeting via back-up power on Zoom (albeit in a darkened boardroom.)

This week, on Thursday, there will be a Coastside Design Review Committee meeting which starts at 1:30PM in El Granada, that has been noticed as IN PERSON ONLY. One of my community members who lives across the Highway can not attend in person, due to her health and lack of a working vehicle. (She is 78) This puts her at a significant disadvantage because the subject proposed construction being reviewed, is adjacent to her home on Etheldore Street, in Moss Beach.

This sort of IN PERSON ONLY meeting is very limiting to those who work during the day, live a distance from the location of said meeting, or who are unable to attend due to age, health or transportation issues.

Why, when other SPECIAL DISTRICTS or COMMISSIONS (Like the Harbor District) were making ample plans to return to IN PERSON BOARD meetings (but with a

public participation hybrid option) did the County choose to not prepare at all, and therefore limit public participation by that choice? This narrowing of the public's access and ability to participation should be addressed as soon as possible.

Full disclosure: I was recently elected to fill a Director's Vacancy on MWSD's Board, but I am speaking as a private citizen.

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From: [Gregg Dieguez](#)
To: [CEO BoardFeedback](#); [Ray Mueller](#)
Cc: [Heather Wilson](#); [Nicholas Calderon](#); [Hannah Ormshaw](#)
Subject: Welcome Initiative in Quarry Park
Date: Thursday, March 9, 2023 2:37:37 PM

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When I heard last night that Quarry Park would be closed for the next few days of storms, I drove up there today and I found what I was hoping for: another temporary stormwater diversion in place across the QP parking lot driveway. Parks successfully created this temporary solution in the January storm to relieve the residents "downstream" from QP in El Granada from the persistent and excessive flooding they had experienced in prior years' storms.

People and organizations do not always learn from experience, so I want to acknowledge Parks (Nicholas Calderon, Hannah Ormshaw, and staff) for learning about the stormwater problems in EG and having the initiative to take this necessary action without being asked.

Of course, it would be better if we had a permanent culvert/drainage solution in place so that we don't have to remember to install the temporary barrier and close the QP parking lot every time. I don't know what combination of DPW, Parks, Planning or other departments are required to create a more permanent solution. But it's good to see that Parks is proactively protecting the homes downstream of QP.

Sincerely,

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Written Public Comment
for **Item No. 12**

From: [Craig Wiesner](#)
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Subject: Comment for March 14th Meeting Agenda Item Pronouns Proclamation
Date: Wednesday, March 8, 2023 10:36:49 AM

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Please include the following as a public comment for the March 14th BOS meeting. Thank you!!!!

President Pine, Supervisors, staff and fellow citizens. I am County Commissioner Craig Wiesner and my pronouns are he/him. This morning my husband and I are speaking to a class on sexual ethics at Santa Clara University about our lives as gay men. We've been guest lecturers for 15 years. The most frequent question we get is "how can I show that I'm an ally to someone who is LGBTQ?" The thoughtful use of language is a huge start. By simply saying "my pronouns are he/him, they/them, she/her" what you're really saying is "you are welcome here - you are safe." Introducing yourself with your pronouns is the 21st Century response to what my mother taught me as a child. Be kind. Be respectful. Be inclusive. Last week I sent a care package of books, art supplies, and a personal letter to a trans teen who had attempted suicide. Might that attempt have been avoided if people around them had used their chosen pronouns? From peer-reviewed studies we clearly know the answer is yes. Suicidality is reduced by 65%. Thank you Supervisors for this resolution to be kind, respectful, inclusive, and helping to save people's lives.

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