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From: [Ron Snow](#)
To: [CEO BoardFeedback](#); [Ray Mueller](#); [Warren Slocum](#); [Dave Pine](#)
Cc: [Ron Snow](#); [John Nibbelin](#)
Subject: Agenda Item #43 - Rate Increase on Building Permits & Subdivision Applications -- POSTPONE THIS
Date: Monday, March 27, 2023 2:25:07 PM

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Dear Supervisors,

Please delay your authorization for this agenda item #43. The information that is needed for public review has not been provided.

This action by the Board of Supervisors at this meeting is supposed to be based on a countywide Impact Mitigation Fees report. That report was not submitted with the Board Agenda item and I could not find it online. Other required reports are missing also.

It seems important to understand that Report AND to understand how these fees are actually being applied to the immediate surrounding areas of the development, which seems to be a requirement by the Municode also.

According to the Municode 2.53.30:

These fees are to be spent on the roads and drainage of the areas immediately attributable to the proposed development.

What confirmation is there that these funds have been applied properly? If not, what is the current balance of the fund that these fees contribute to?

Municode: 2.53.70:

- (b) The amount of fee applicable to any permit shall be computed based on the fee in effect as of the date of approval of the building permit or tentative subdivision map. The Board of Supervisors shall review the adequacy of the development fees established herein at least once every five (5) years or, if it deems appropriate, more often than once every five (5) years.
- (c) The Department of Public Works shall provide an annual report to the Board of Supervisors which specifies any change in the fee due to automatic annual adjustments, the status of trust funds established to fund the cost of mitigating traffic impacts associated with new development, and the status of any improvement projects financed in full or in part by funds collected.

I could not find that date of the last 5 year report, nor could I find the Annual Reports that were to be given you Supervisors by Public Works.

For the 5 year Report, I found one from 7 years ago, but nothing sooner. If it has been over 5 years, please do not authorize this action until that required 5 review and associated report is completed.

Without being able to review the required reports mentioned above, and this information being

From: [Janet Davis](#)
To: [CEO BoardFeedback](#); [Michael Callagy](#)
Subject: BOS meeting 3/28/23
Date: Saturday, March 25, 2023 9:48:35 PM

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Objection to Item 10 - spending \$25,000 of taxpayers' Measure K money on a mural for the bridge from the old jail to the gov. bldg.

This is absolutely in violation of what residents voted for. They voted for the money to be used for urgent needs that were not then being funded by the State. This is a flagrant abuse of the intention of measure K. This is especially so when so many residents are suffering because of the storms.

Objection to Item 43 increasing the amounts charged for building permits by 5.3%

The amounts charged are already ridiculous and are the reason so many DIY projects are undertaken, specifically in the more impoverished areas of the county.

Item 45 Application for Money for the Santa Cruz/Alameda Street Improvements: It is amazing that it has taken almost 3 decades for urgent safety work to be undertaken, especially given the enormous number of accidents, including one fatality, and the many property damage incidents have occurred. It is still not clear that the work is to be carried out in accordance with the wishes of the local residents.

From: [Diana Reddy](#)
To: swagstffe@smcgov.org
Cc: [David Canepa](#); [Dave Pine](#); [Noelia Corzo](#); [Ray Mueller](#); [CEO BoardFeedback](#)
Subject: Resolution Opposed to Trying Juveniles as Adults
Date: Friday, March 17, 2023 5:13:14 PM
Attachments: [Resolution to Oppose trying youth as adults.docx](#)

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On March 1, 2023, San Mateo County Democracy for America (SMCDFA), a registered Democratic political club, passed a resolution urging you to discontinue the practice of trying youth as adults. The SMCDFA was persuaded by research conducted by San Mateo County Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission members that the current practice of trying juveniles as adults is counter to our democratic values, which support rehabilitation rather than the isolation and life-long antisocial behavior the current practice tends to exacerbate. The juvenile justice system already offers the specialized services to provide needed rehabilitation and intervention. We understand reversing the practice of trying juveniles as adults is within the purview of the District Attorney's Office. Attached is the resolution.

We look forward to your response and commitment to this research-based change in the current prosecution of youth.

Diana Reddy, Secretary
San Mateo County Democracy for America
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SAN MATEO COUNTY DEMOCRACY FOR AMERICA
RESOLUTION OPPOSED TO TRYING YOUTH AS ADULTS

WHEREAS, decades of research and the U.S. Supreme Court have confirmed that youth are neurologically, socially, and developmentally different from adults, and, therefore, are more likely to be rehabilitated by developmentally appropriate treatment and intervention; and

WHEREAS, the juvenile justice system was developed to address the specific behavioral, developmental, and mental health needs of youth and is, therefore, better equipped to hold and treat them after an offense has been committed; and

WHEREAS, on January 25, 2022, the San Mateo County Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission (JJRPC) adopted a resolution asking that the San Mateo County District Attorney agree to grant juvenile courts original and exclusive jurisdiction over cases involving youth under the age of 18 and support efforts to keep youth under the age of 18 in juvenile justice facilities instead of adult facilities;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the San Mateo County Democracy for America supports the JJRPC in asking the San Mateo County District Attorney commit to trying youth as juveniles, not adults.

Reference: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/13sZrPiH5WHCGtEc0MNRNn4Awm8r6XRh8/view?usp=sharing>

From: [kaye bonney](#)
To: [Stephen Wagstaffe](#)
Cc: [David Canepa](#); [Dave Pine](#); [Warren Slocum](#); [Noelia Corzo](#); [Ray Mueller](#); [CEO BoardFeedback](#)
Subject: Support JJDPC Resolution to Stop Prosecuting Youth as Adults
Date: Sunday, March 19, 2023 2:17:41 PM

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Dear District Attorney Wagstaffe,

I am writing on behalf of the Social Action Committee of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Redwood City (UUFRC) in support of the San Mateo County Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention Commission's (JJJPC) Resolution opposing your practice of trying youth as adults in San Mateo County. See below for the resolution.

As Unitarian Universalists we affirm the principles of the inherent worth and dignity of every person and of justice, equity and compassion in human relations. To that end we urge you to halt the practice of trying children in adult court immediately and to instead rely exclusively on the juvenile justice system to resolve criminal matters involving youth.

SAN MATEO COUNTY JJDPC RESOLUTION NO. 2022-02 RESOLUTION ON YOUTH TRIED AS ADULTS

- WHEREAS, the Mission of the San Mateo County Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention Commission is to serve as the public conscience in the best interest of juveniles, advocate for programs and services that prevent youth incarceration, and uphold respect for the human dignity of all minors who enter the San Mateo County Juvenile Justice System.
- WHEREAS, the San Mateo County Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention Commission is dedicated to evidence-based juvenile and criminal justice reform measures that improve public safety and reduce recidivism.
- WHEREAS, decades of research and the U.S. Supreme Court have confirmed that youth are neurologically, socially, and developmentally different from adults, and therefore are more likely to be rehabilitated by developmentally appropriate treatment and intervention.
- WHEREAS, the juvenile justice system was developed to address the specific behavioral, developmental, and mental health needs of youth and are therefore better equipped to hold and treat them after an offense has been committed.

- THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the San Mateo County Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention Commission supports efforts that grant juvenile courts original and exclusive jurisdiction over cases involving youth under the age of 18.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the San Mateo County Juvenile Justice &

Delinquency Prevention Commission supports efforts to keep youth under the age of 18 in juvenile justice facilities instead of adult facilities.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to your response.

Respectfully Yours,
Kaye Bonney
Chair, Social Action Committee
Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Redwood City

From: [Mary Anne Becking](#)
To: [CEO BoardFeedback](#)
Subject: Flood athletic fields
Date: Thursday, March 23, 2023 5:46:56 PM

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Hi,

I've lived with my family in Menlo Park for 15+ years and for many of those years have managed my daughter's Alpine Strikers soccer team. I've witnessed first hand that over the years that it's becoming harder and harder to secure fields and the fields are farther and farther away from Central Menlo Park. The girls (and their coach) now have to travel (often through rush hour traffic) as far as Kelly Field, next to Highway 101 and Portola Valley Town Center, near Windy Hill trail head. It's becoming more and more difficult for this soccer club to survive as girls (and coaches) leave for teams that have access to more fields and more turf fields.

I fully support the addition ***NOW*** of youth sports fields, including those proposed in Flood Park. Kids in Menlo Park are struggling socially post-Covid. Places they could spend time together being kids are leaving town/going out of business and not being replaced. Let's do this for them. And let's do it now.

Respectfully,

Mary Anne Becking-Fann



March 24, 2023

Via Electronic Mail:

To: District Attorney Steve Wagstaffe (swagstaffe@smcgov.org)

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Dear District Attorney Wagstaffe,

The ACLU - North Peninsula Chapter (ACLU-NP) writes in strong support of the San Mateo County Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention Commission's [resolution opposing the practice of trying youth as adults in San Mateo County](#). The ACLU believes that all young people charged with a crime should remain in the juvenile justice system, regardless of their race or the accusations against them. The juvenile justice system was created to protect and rehabilitate youth, creating better societal outcomes.

The ACLU-NP is an all-volunteer group of community members that seeks to protect and advance the civil liberties of all residents, employees, and students in San Mateo County. We represent more than 4,000 people in San Mateo County.

[Research shows](#) that San Mateo County is 10 times more likely to use this practice against Black children than against white children, and about three times more likely to use this practice against Latino children. We wish the data in that report were obsolete, but it appears the DA's Office remains willing to use this inhumane policy more frequently against children of color than against white children.

Adult facilities are dangerous for youth due to the risk of violence. Children under 18 in adult jails and prisons are at greater risk of suicide, physical assault, and sexual assault. Youth held in adult jails are five times more likely to be victims of attempted sexual attacks or rape, eight times more likely to commit suicide, twice as likely to be beaten by staff, and 50% more likely to be attacked with a weapon.

Adult courts and detention facilities do not offer the interventions and rehabilitation for young people that juvenile courts and facilities seek to provide. Studies have found that the vast

majority of young people in the juvenile justice system are living with mental health conditions. Those conditions would only be exacerbated in adult jails, where they would not receive access to appropriate mental health treatments.

Decades of research have found no evidence of any deterrent effect of transferring minors into the criminal (adult) legal system. In fact, youth sent to the adult system are almost 30% more likely to be rearrested than those prosecuted in juvenile court.

We urge you to end the practice of trying children in adult court immediately and commit to trying and sentencing youth within the juvenile justice system instead.

Sincerely,



Sara Matlin

Co-chair, ACLU - North Peninsula Chapter



Dear District Attorney Wagstaffe:

We are writing on behalf of the Peninsula Solidarity Cohort, a group of some 35 faith leaders from diverse traditions in San Mateo County. The Peninsula Solidarity Cohort has been educating ourselves about the county juvenile justice system for the last few years.

We are writing in support of the San Mateo County Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission (JJJPC) resolution to ask you to stop the practice of prosecuting youth as adults. They should remain adjudicated in juvenile court, and your office should not request a transfer to adult court.

Scientific research shows developmental differences between youth and adults that impact youth's decision making, impulse control, and susceptibility to peer pressure. The prefrontal cortex, which governs the "executive functions" of reasoning, advanced thinking, and impulse control, is one of the last areas of the brain to mature. As a result of this research, the Supreme Court has repeatedly recognized that youth are less blameworthy than adults and more capable of change and rehabilitation. The juvenile system is set up to provide age-appropriate education, (including basic and special education), as well as treatment and counseling services, and rehabilitation. These are all critical because many youth in the justice system have experienced or witnessed violence and trauma.

We see this as a moral issue - these children are in our care, and we must recognize their capacity for growth and rehabilitation.

We see this as a justice issue - regardless of the alleged crime, they need to be adjudicated in juvenile court because their capacity for judgment and decision-making is not fully developed.

We see this as a civil rights issue - youth tried as adults are disproportionately Black or Hispanic, and youth in the adult criminal justice system face a higher risk of sexual abuse, physical assault, and suicide.

And lastly, we see this as a public safety issue - youth sent to adult facilities are more likely to re-offend. Research from the Equal Justice Initiative also confirms that youth in adult facilities suffer victimization and violence at the hands of adult offenders.

If the goal of incarceration is not only to punish youth offenders but to also provide for their healing and future productivity, then we strongly urge you to vote in favor of this resolution. We believe that you have the moral courage necessary to make the choice that will result in the highest good of these youth as well as reduced recidivism.

Sincerely,

Rev. Dr. Penny Nixon and Rev. Dr. Marlyn Bussey

Co-directors, Peninsula Solidarity Cohort

Written Public Comment
for **Item No. 10**

From: [Janet Davis](#)
To: [CEO BoardFeedback](#); [Michael Callagy](#)
Cc: [Christina Corpus](#)
Subject: Objection to Item 10 on BOS Agenda
Date: Monday, March 27, 2023 11:51:17 AM

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There are numerous problems in NFO that desperately need fixing to improve life for the residents, many of whom are low income. A few examples of things crying out for improvement are sewer and road fixes; flood control; more street lighting in high crime areas; acquisition of a place for a green area; etc.

Measure K was intended to be used as follows:

A two-thirds majority of San Mateo County voters approved the Measure K half-cent sales tax extension in 2016 to support essential County services and to maintain or replace critical facilities.

However, many of the expenditures for District 4 have been utterly frivolous: such as metal sculptures, a totally useless (and potentially dangerous) pedestrian bridge over the railroad, a veterans' memorial (\$500,000) an art center, a mural along Middlefield Road, another mural under the 5th Ave bridge, and to cap it all, a proposal for yet another mural on the bridge between the Maguire Center and the Hall of Justice. What on earth value is this to the NFO community? The Maguire Center is schedule to be a luxury office suite for the Sheriff's Dept. Why do **they** need a mural?

In my opinion this is just another waste of taxpayers' money that does not comply with what voters approved.

If anything needs an effective oversight in this county it is the way Measure K funds are used.

