

Written Comments for  
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## CEO\_BoardFeedback

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**From:** Janet Davis <jadjad@sbcbglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 8, 2023 5:57 PM  
**To:** Warren Slocum; David Canepa; Dave Pine; Noelia Corzo; Michael Callagy; CEO\_BoardFeedback  
**Subject:** Comments on BOS Agenda for Nov. 14, 2023

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### **Item 5: \$75,000 to Special Olympics**

Why? This is a popular and well funded charity. Does this fit within the recently approved parameters for Measure K funds?

### **Item 6: \$200,000 to the City of Brisbane for a pool heater**

Why? Menlo Park did not get any money to fix their heater. Why is the county funding a **city** when that city should be managing its own finances.

### **Item 9: \$428,878 for Jayshree Wasnik of AgreeYa Solutions.**

I looked this company up. They had some bad reviews both as employer and for product. Jayshree Wasnik is, according to Google, located in Mumbai, India. There must be better choices.

### **Item 34: \$250,000 for a grant to provide shuttle service**

This would be buying a pig in a poke. What shuttle? To and From Where? How is this to be evaluated?

**These 4 items total nearly \$1,000,000 with no explanation as to why any of them are needed.**

## CEO\_BoardFeedback

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**From:** Bob Kupbens <bob@kupbens.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 9, 2023 2:30 AM  
**To:** Dave Pine; SMC\_SupMueller  
**Cc:** CEO\_BoardFeedback; Ann Stillman  
**Subject:** Crystal Springs Regional Trail Sawyer Camp section lack of progress – public comments on 11/14

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Board of Supervisors, Mr. Pine, Mr. Mueller and Ms. Stillman,

A quick heads-up that I plan to make public comments at the 11/14 BOS meeting related to the inaction and general lack of urgency you all have demonstrated related to the repairs on the Sawyer Camp section of the Crystal Springs Regional Trail.

Specifically:

- It has been 10 months since the actual damage and 6 months since this item was even referenced in a BOS meeting
- The site: <https://www.smcgov.org/parks/news/CSRT-2023-closures> is unspecific and provides no detailed plans, update on progress or estimated date to re-open this key public resource
- In contrast, during this time:
  - Nearly \$500M in public works contracts have been awarded and approved
  - Demolition of the site and the key structural components of a massive tech park on Rollins Road across from the Millbrae train station has been constructed
  - Burlingame has completely rerouted traffic, repaved, added bike lanes and reconfigured California Street

The last mention of this project in May 2023 indicated the following... "WHEREAS, the Department understands the impacts to the local communities and streamlining the projects will allow for the quickest path forward to recover from the 2022-2023 winter storms;"

I find that you have not lived up to this understanding, nor have you provided the public with any reasonable information about progress and expectations, while other priorities seem to move forward.

I propose that you all should be more accountable to 1) transparency about progress (or lack thereof) and 2) an actual date when the Sawyer Camp section will reopen. While I am glad the Lower Crystal Springs Dam Bridge (where Ms. Stillman walks – according to the announcement of her appointment on the SMC site) is open, those of us who live near the Sawyer Camp section are not so lucky.

Please do better for us. Thanks.

Bob

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Bob Kupbens | bob@kupbens.com | 404.202.6633

**From:** [Ishmael Meredith](#)  
**To:** [CEO BoardFeedback](#)  
**Subject:** Item not on the Agenda: URGENT NEED FOR IDD HOUSING Support 3051 Edison Way  
**Date:** Monday, November 13, 2023 4:43:02 PM

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11/13/2023

Board President David Pine Vice President Warren Slocum Supervisor Noelia Corzo Supervisor Ray Mueller Supervisor David Canepa Dear San Mateo County Board of Supervisors, I am writing to express my strong support for the affordable housing project at 3051 Edison Way in Redwood City. I live in Belmont and I am a client of housing choices and ggrc. This project is crucial for my community and aligns with our urgent need for affordable housing for vulnerable populations- like those with intellectual or developmental disabilities (IDD). The project aims to provide 70 units of affordable housing, with approximately 35 units specifically for the IDD community. Novin Development, the project's developer, plans to offer a mix of one and two-bedroom units at 40% Area Median Income (AMI) and below for the IDD population. Additionally, they are offering 30% to 80% AMI units for workforce housing, solidifying its status as a truly inclusive housing project. Because households with at least one member with a disability are more likely to be extremely low income than households that don't include people with disabilities, these units are crucial in housing those that may be homeless or living in an uncomfortable or even unsafe environment due to their disability. Housing for people with developmental disabilities is important to me because people with disabilities will need to support themselves in the long haul and feature as for me i was blessed to move into firehouse square so I would be able to live on my own with housing choices help along the way For these reasons, I support this project and urge the County Board of Supervisors to take the necessary actions to bring this project to reality and make it a blessing for many people with disabilities i believe that this project's is focusing on serving IDD households will significantly contribute to the County's goal of meeting the 5% homeless preference threshold. Your dedication to ensuring individuals with developmental disabilities have access to the safe and inclusive housing they rightfully deserve is truly commendable. Thank you for your commitment in addressing the urgent need for affordable and IDD housing in our community. Ishmael Meredith

Written Public  
Comment(s) for **Item No. 5**

## CEO\_BoardFeedback

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**From:** Chris Sturken <chris.a.sturken@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 13, 2023 7:46 AM  
**To:** CEO\_BoardFeedback  
**Cc:** governmentrelations@sonc.org; evanm@cidsanmateo.org  
**Subject:** Nov. 14, 2023, Agenda Item 5: Measure K – Special Olympics Northern CA

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Dear Honorable Board of Supervisors,

I would like to express my support as an individual for the Special Olympics Northern California's (SONC) request for a Measure K funding allocation of \$75,000 to support SONC's February 2024 Basketball Invitational, April 2024 Menlo Games and new athlete and volunteer coach recruitment efforts in San Mateo County.

As a member of the Redwood City Council, I am proud of Redwood City's commitment to being an inclusive community. As a city, we have centered people with disabilities in a variety of ways including but not limited to negotiating with developers to offer critical supportive homes through partnerships with organizations like Housing Choices, hosting the county's annual Inclusion Festival to connect people with disabilities to resources, and creating safe and inclusive places for people with disabilities to play at our Magical Bridge Playground. Now, in my capacity as a council member I would like to express my support for the Special Olympics Northern California countywide, including in Redwood City.

Special Olympics Northern California promotes inclusion in the community and empowerment of children and adults with intellectual disabilities – both on and off the field. The funding support from Measure K allows Special Olympics Northern California to continue its work throughout San Mateo County communities. I support their request and hope you will see the benefits and keep them in our community. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Chris Sturken  
Redwood City Council Member

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Sincerely,

Chris Sturken

## CEO\_BoardFeedback

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**From:** Kathy Wall <kathywallrealestate@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 13, 2023 7:04 AM  
**To:** CEO\_BoardFeedback  
**Cc:** governmentrelations@sonc.org; millsevanO@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Please Support Measure K funding for the Special Olympics

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To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

Please accept this letter of support on behalf of Special Olympics Northern California's (SONC) request for a Measure K funding allocation of \$75,000 to support SONC's February 2024 Basketball Invitational, April 2024 Menlo Games and new athlete and volunteer coach recruitment efforts in San Mateo County.

While bowling the other day in San Mateo, a group of kids and young adults associated with the Special Olympics were bowling in the lane next to me. The absolute joy that they were experiencing was beautiful to see. The Special Olympics brings incredible happiness to the people participating in all of their activities and I hope that you will give them the funding that they are requesting.

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Sincerely,

*Kathy*

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## CEO\_BoardFeedback

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**From:** David Baskerville <david\_baskerville@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 13, 2023 5:55 AM  
**To:** CEO\_BoardFeedback  
**Subject:** Support of Special Olympics with Measure K funds

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To: Board of Supervisors

Subject: Nov. 14, 2023, Agenda Item 5: Measure K – Special Olympics Northern CA

Please accept this letter of support on behalf of Special Olympics Northern California's (SONC) request for a Measure K funding allocation of \$75,000 to support SONC's February 2024 Basketball Invitational, April 2024 Menlo Games and new athlete and volunteer coach recruitment efforts in San Mateo County.

My daughter has been an active participant in Special Olympics for over a decade, and has attended the Menlo Games in Menlo Park almost every year. It is one of the highlights of her springtime, and she looks forward to it every year. The inclusiveness of the Games, and the ability to interact there with other young adults attending the Menlo School is very meaningful and impactful.

Special Olympics Northern California promotes inclusion in the community and empowerment of children and adults with intellectual disabilities – both on and off the field. The funding support from Measure K will allow Special Olympics Northern California to continue its work throughout San Mateo County. I support their request and sincerely hope that some of the Measure K funds can be allocated to them.

Sincerely, David Baskerville, Belmont, CA



## CEO\_BoardFeedback

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**From:** David Milburn <daveruns100s@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 12, 2023 10:47 PM  
**To:** CEO\_BoardFeedback  
**Subject:** Support for SONC's Measure K funding allocation

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I've worked as a volunteer SONC coach for the last 10 years, or so, coaching bocce ball for kids and young adults with disabilities. During this time, I've grown to admire the desire and determination displayed by many of our SONC athletes. I've come to realize the most essential gift coaches can provide for their athletes is an unwavering belief in their abilities. Often, I have little or no understanding of an athlete's cognitive or physical challenges; nevertheless, their enthusiasm and eagerness to be part of a team shines through.

Over the many years we have worked together, our bocce ball athletes and their families have become personal friends thereby creating a circle of mutual respect and support. It is plain for all to see that participation in Special Olympics has enriched our lives.

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Sincerely,

## CEO\_BoardFeedback

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**From:** Trish Jung <trish.r.jung@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 12, 2023 9:18 PM  
**To:** CEO\_BoardFeedback  
**Cc:** governmentrelations@sonc.org  
**Subject:** Nov. 14, 2023, Agenda Item 5: Measure K – Special Olympics Northern CA

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To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

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I have witnessed how the programs offered by SONC provide joy and meaning to both athletes and volunteers. I feel that SONC is a worth wild organization deserving of public funding as it fosters community.

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Sincerely,  
Patricia Jung  
2317 Buena Vista Ave  
Belmont, Ca 94002

Sent from my iPhone

## CEO\_BoardFeedback

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**From:** Alex Reis <areis91@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 12, 2023 8:13 PM  
**To:** CEO\_BoardFeedback  
**Subject:** Nov. 14, 2023, Agenda Item 5: Measure K – Special Olympics Northern CA

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I have been a basketball coach for SONC in San Mateo County for the last 8 years. The involvement from the athletes and volunteers has showed me the importance of SONC. After my first summer games in Santa Clara as a volunteer I saw just how essential SONC is to the athletes, coaches, volunteers and community.

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Sincerely,

Alexander Reis

Half Moon Bay, CA

Sent from my iPhone

## CEO\_BoardFeedback

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**From:** Veronica Navarro <vnavfam@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 12, 2023 6:33 PM  
**To:** CEO\_BoardFeedback  
**Subject:** Nov. 14, 2023, Agenda Item 5: Measure K – Special Olympics Northern CA

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Please accept this letter of support on behalf of Special Olympics Northern California's (SONC) request for a Measure K fund to support SONC's February 2024 Basketball Invitational, April 2024 Menlo Games and new athlete and volunteer coach recruitment in San Mateo County.

I have been a Special Olympics athlete and coach since 2005. Special Olympics means a lot to me. It allowed me to become a person with disabilities, Cerebral Palsy and Non Verbal Learning disorder, it allows me a space to compete in sports and have fun. I think on everyone's bucket list it is that phenomenal. Special Olympics is a great program that supports athletes with a variety of opportunities to get off of the sidelines and into the game of life.

Special Olympics Northern California promotes inclusion in the community and empowerment of children and adults with disabilities on and off the field. The funding support from Measure K allows Special Olympics Northern California to continue its work to support our communities. I support their request and hope you will see the benefits and keep them in our community.

Sincerely,

Vee Navarro  
San Mateo Resident  
125 Lakewood Circle San Mateo

{Add your name here}

{Add your city of residence here – to show where in San Mateo County you reside}



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**From:** Mr Yosh <devonyoshimine@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 12, 2023 3:33 PM  
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Special Olympics had and continued to have a significant influence and positive impact in my personal life. I've been an Special Olympics athlete for over 21 years of my life. I've been primarily doing sports in San Mateo County and participating in sports such as: basketball, soccer, bowling, and swimming. By me participating in Special Olympics sports in my local community, it helped me to achieve and sustain a healthy and active lifestyle, and helped me build lifelong friendships that began in Special Olympics but stemmed into other parts of my life. By providing continual funding to Special Olympics, it will provide the necessary opportunities to current and new athletes to continue to enjoy the sports they love participating in, and by staying connected in a strong, inclusive and diverse community that continues to uplift and strengthen bonds between fellow athletes, coaches, and volunteers. The whole world will continue to see special Olympics Athletes and their accomplishments are remarkable and will hopefully see the importance of inclusion not only inside the confines of the Special Olympic sports but also within athletes local communities.

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Sincerely,  
Devon Yoshimine

Belmont, California 94002

## CEO\_BoardFeedback

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**From:** Marianne Huang <mariannephuang@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 12, 2023 4:15 PM  
**To:** CEO\_BoardFeedback  
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**Subject:** Nov. 14, 2023, Agenda Item 5: Measure K – Special Olympics Northern CA

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Dear Honorable Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to express my strong support for Special Olympics Northern California's (SONC) request for a Measure K funding allocation of \$75,000 to support their February 2024 Basketball Invitational, April 2024 Menlo Games, and new athlete and volunteer coach recruitment efforts in San Mateo County.

I have seen firsthand the transformative impact that this organization has on the lives of children and adults with intellectual disabilities. SONC provides a safe and inclusive environment where athletes can challenge themselves, grow as individuals, and make lifelong friends.

The Measure K funding will help SONC to continue providing these essential programs and services to our community. Specifically, the funding will be used to:

- Cover the costs of hosting the February 2024 Basketball Invitational and April 2024 Menlo Games, two of SONC's largest and most popular events. These events provide athletes with an opportunity to compete in front of their families and friends, and to showcase their skills and abilities.
- Support new athlete and volunteer coach recruitment efforts in San Mateo County. SONC is committed to ensuring that all athletes who want to participate have the opportunity to do so, regardless of their financial situation or location. The Measure K funding will help SONC to reach out to new athletes and families, and to train and support new volunteer coaches.

I urge you to support SONC's funding request. This funding will make a real difference in the lives of children and adults with intellectual disabilities in San Mateo County.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

-Marianne

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**From:** Eric Gerhardinger <eric.gerhardinger@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 12, 2023 2:47 PM  
**To:** CEO\_BoardFeedback  
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Honorable Board of Supervisors,

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I have been a volunteer coach with Special Olympics over the past two years. I have seen firsthand how it benefits the Special Olympics Athletes who have a welcoming space to spend time with their friends and hone their skills. I also have seen the great benefit it is to volunteers and for the families of the athletes.

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Sincerely,  
Eric Gerhardinger  
San Mateo, CA Resident

## CEO\_BoardFeedback

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**From:** Mark Hoem <hoem.mark21@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 12, 2023 2:24 PM  
**To:** CEO\_BoardFeedback  
**Cc:** governmentrelations@sonc.org  
**Subject:** Nov 14th, 2023, Agenda Item 5: Measure K - Special Olympics Northern CA

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To the Honorable Board of Supervisors,

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My name is Mark Hoem, and this Summer, I had the honor & pleasure of coaching our Special Olympics Athletes in golf for the first time. Like many others this year, I was impacted by the mass layoffs in the tech industry, and a friend of mine was looking for volunteers to help coach the athletes this summer. Admittedly, this is something I likely would have passed on in prior years (work, kids, life, etc), but given the flexibility in my schedule, I jumped at the opportunity to sign up. Candidly, it was a life changing experience for me.

I expected this to be a feel-good experience for giving back to the community, but it's near impossible to conceptualize the amount of joy this brought to myself, the families, and the coaching community all involved in such a wonderful community. Each Wednesday I found myself looking forward to each session more and more to spend time with the athletes and their families teaching them about athletes, playing as a team, being involved and prideful of our community, and bringing laughs and smiles to one-another. It's contagious, and it's safe to say it's something I'll be volunteering to do for years on end.

To me, the Special Olympics is the inflection point of personal growth and human kindness in its purest form. The athletes have taught me invaluable life lessons on strong character (and I'd like to think I taught them a thing or two as well). I was around athletes who in their own right are scratch golfers even on the toughest courses out there. I was around athletes who had over 13+ brain surgeries in their life, and despite their unique circumstances, they are positive, they are involved, they are motivated to keep moving forward. They come every week with a no-excuse mindset, smiles on their faces, and ambitious attitudes to be their best selves. Simply put, they are remarkable.

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Sincerely,  
Mark Hoem  
Redwood City in San Mateo County



## CEO\_BoardFeedback

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**From:** Jimcadigan@earthlink.net  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 12, 2023 2:17 PM  
**To:** CEO\_BoardFeedback  
**Subject:** SONC

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Honorable Board of Supervisors

Subject Nov. 14 2023 Agenda Item 5: Measure K - Special Olympics

Please accept this letter of support on behalf of Special Olympics Northern California (SONC) request for a Measure K funding allocation of \$75,000 to support SONC's February 2024 Basketball Invitational, April 2024 Menlo Games and new athlete and volunteer coach recruitment efforts in San Mateo County.

My nephew Matthew continues to reap rewards from his participation with Special Olympics. It is a significant part of his growth towards a more independent and self directed life.

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Sincerely,

Jim Cadigan  
212 Indio Drive  
SSF CA 94080

## CEO\_BoardFeedback

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**From:** Eric M. Geibel <ericmgeibel@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 11, 2023 5:26 PM  
**To:** CEO\_BoardFeedback  
**Cc:** governmentrelations@sonc.org  
**Subject:** Nov. 14, 2023, Agenda Item 5: Measure K – Special Olympics Northern CA

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I currently serve as the Volunteer Head Coach of the SONC San Mateo County Golf Team and work with 30+ athletes of varying ages from 8 - 63. I have been a volunteer for 5 years and dedicate roughly 100 hours to the organization in addition to my full-time job at Google as a Senior Ad Sales Manager. I use the game of golf to instill valuable life lessons such as : patience, resilience, discipline, and integrity.

SONC as an organization is drastically underfunded and I have seen this firsthand as I often use my own money to fund range balls at practice. Additionally, I don't have a ton of support in securing practice facilities, completing athlete paperwork, and sourcing volunteers ... the organization does a lot of good but needs further assistance.

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Best Regards,  
Eric Geibel

124 Poinsettia Ave, San Mateo, CA 94403

## CEO\_BoardFeedback

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**From:** Jeanne Carlson <jeanne@carlsonadvisors.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 10, 2023 6:19 PM  
**To:** CEO\_BoardFeedback  
**Cc:** governmentrelations@sonc.org  
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Honorable Board of Supervisors

RE: Nov. 14, 2023, Agenda Item 5: Measure K – Special Olympics Northern CA

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The Special Olympics program in San Mateo has been instrument in providing a community for our daughter. Sarah is disabled as the result of a malignant brain tumor and the treatment that saved her life. After recovering from brain tumor treatment, relationships became difficult for Sarah due to the cognitive later effects that she was left with. In Special Olympics Sarah found an inclusive community and makes her feed loved and accepted. We are grateful for SONC program.

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Sincerely,

Jeanne Carlson  
Woodside, CA

## CEO\_BoardFeedback

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**From:** Florence Wong <flowong223@me.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 10, 2023 7:46 AM  
**To:** CEO\_BoardFeedback  
**Cc:** Government Relations  
**Subject:** Support letter for Special Olympics Northern CA (SONC) - Agenda Item 5: Measure K

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My adult daughter with disabilities participated in SONC school-related events for many years and is in her 2nd year of participating in their bowling program. SONC activities provide her with exercise, a feeling of camaraderie with fellow participants, and fun. Individuals with disabilities have far fewer opportunities like this through typical recreation programs compared to residents without disabilities. I am writing to you as a private individual, but I have advocated for SONC through my roles as a commissioner on the County's Commission on Disabilities, as a member of the State Council on Developmental Disabilities Bay Area Regional Advisory Committee, and as a trustee on the governing board of the Burlingame School District. Burlingame Intermediate School recently hosted a SONC soccer training event that included students with and without disabilities from Burlingame, Hillsborough, and San Mateo-Foster City School Districts. The students had a great time and this multi-school districts partnership with SONC is off to an inspiring start.

The funding support from Measure K allows SONC to continue its work throughout San Mateo County communities. I support their request and hope you see the value in helping them grow their programming in our community.

Sincerely,

Florence Wong  
Burlingame Resident

## CEO\_BoardFeedback

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**From:** Linda Abuan <lindaabuan@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 9, 2023 7:22 PM  
**To:** CEO\_BoardFeedback  
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Special Olympics is an amazing organization that gives my son the opportunity to participate in sports, the opportunity to learn how to be a member of a team, and the opportunity to be a part of a supportive and inclusive community of athletes and their families. His Special Olympics participation has positively impacted our entire family. I believe that having Special Olympics events in our county has benefits for the community as well.

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Sincerely,  
Linda Abuan  
San Carlos

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My son, Benjamin Hillgrove, who is a person with autism, joined Special Olympics in 2006 when he was 13 years old, and it was a life changer for him as well as for my husband and I. For the first time, Ben made friends that he has to this day, and we have met some wonderful parents, participants, and coaches that we have come to know over the years. Ben participates in track and field and previously in swimming and bowling.

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Sincerely,

Audrey Reneau-Hillgrove  
San Carlos, CA

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I've been part of Special Olympics since I was eleven. I play basketball, I swim and I've done some other sports like soccer and bowling throughout the years. The only time I felt really belonged as a disabled individual was in special education and special olympics. Special Olympics made me feel like my team is like a family. My basketball coaches, athletes, and parents are always there for each other. Whenever an athlete is experiencing a loss of a family member, the team is there for them. We celebrate birthdays after practice. We have an end of the year basketball pot lock. We have a picnic and then we play against the parents (but the parents are getting older so we just play against each other). During tournaments, the different levels of teams would watch each other play just to support our friends. During the holiday season, we have a holiday party with all the athletes. Special Olympics is more than just playing basketball, or playing soccer or swimming. It's a welcoming community.

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Sincerely,

Michelle Yoshimine  
Belmont, California

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Matthew Tinsley](#)  
**To:** [CEO BoardFeedback](#)  
**Cc:** [Government Relations](#)  
**Subject:** Nov. 14, 2023, Agenda Item 5: Measure K – Special Olympics Northern CA  
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Dear Supervisors,

My name is Matthew Tinsley and I am a voter in District 3.

I am writing in support of Special Olympics Northern California's (SONC) request for a Measure K funding allocation of \$75,000 to support their February 2024 Basketball Invitational, April 2024 Menlo Games and new athlete and volunteer coach recruitment efforts in San Mateo County.

My child participates in SONC activities, especially swimming, and is looking forward to competing in the Summer Games this year. SONC provides him with access to community, recreation, and the opportunity to develop skills and self-motivation. Unlike most activities for people with disabilities, SONC encourages drive and competitiveness to help build the grit and self-confidence we all need to be successful and independent in the community. I would encourage you to visit one of their meets during the year.

The funding support from Measure K allows Special Olympics Northern California to continue its work throughout San Mateo County communities. I support their request and hope you will see the benefits of investing in this unique organization.

Sincerely,

Matthew Tinsley,  
resident of Menlo Park



**From:** [gbaydon@comcast.net](mailto:gbaydon@comcast.net)  
**To:** [CEO BoardFeedback](#)  
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My daughter has played with Special Olympics for over 15 years. It has added so much to her life. She loves all of the friends that she has made and it is great that she is getting exercise too!

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Sincerely,

Kristine Donellan  
1505 Cortez Ave.  
Burlingame, CA

November 13, 2023

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

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I have been involved with Special Olympics as a volunteer coach since 2019. Becoming involved with the Special Olympics community has been an amazing experience and I have had a chance to coach and learn from some of the most wonderful people I have ever met. Coaching and interacting with the athletes, other coaches and families is always the highlight of my week.

Supporting the Measure K funding allocation to Special Olympics will have an extremely positive impact on the community. The athletes love the competitions, they development confidence and build self-esteem, and they also love hanging out with their teammates and friends from other counties. Recruiting more athletes and coaches will positively influence the lives of those people and the rest of the community, I see the positive influence Special Olympics has everyone at practice and I know we can reach more people.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brooks Posegate', with a stylized, cursive script.

Brooks Posegate  
San Mateo County Volunteer Coach  
Redwood City, CA 94063

Syroun Sanossian  
321 Claire Place  
Menlo Park CA 94025

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

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Please accept this letter of support on behalf of Special Olympics Northern California's (SONC) and their request for funding from Measure K funding to be allocated in the amount of \$75,000 to support SONC's February 2024 Basketball Invitational, to be held as part of the April 2024 Menlo Games, as well as for the support of new athlete and volunteer coach recruitment efforts in San Mateo County.

Special Olympics is certainly an effort that deserves your attention, and the expenditure of public funds in a gesture of support. Sports have been a big part of my life. Whether as a participant, or spectator, I have learned the importance of trust and teamwork, determination and endurance, and the importance of remaining steadfast in support whether you and your team win or lose. Each of these result can be character building. These experiences have made me a better person and I believe that our society as a whole would be better off if more people were given the opportunity to participate in sports. The Special Olympics are a very pointed example of where sports can prove a benefit to athletes, supporters and spectators. Special Olympics helps to level the playing field for all, and that fact should be worthy of your support.

I am aware that the county supports diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI), but support of DEI is not complete without supporting accessibility. The actual goal is should be to support diversity, equity, inclusion and accessibility (DEIA) as an initiative, which the federal Access Board now reports is part of federal executive orders focusing on ensuring that their facilities are fully accessible to employees with disabilities as required by the Architectural Barriers Act (ABA) (see <https://www.access-board.gov/deia/about/>). These orders will likely become part of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), which applies to public entities such as the county. Using this language now helps others to understand that accessibility is equally as important as DEI.

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Sincerely,

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Syroun Z. Sanossian  
Menlo Park CA 94025

**To: Honorable Board of Supervisors**

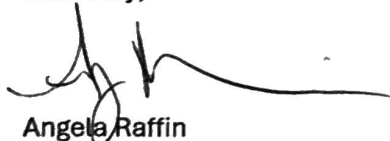
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**As a family member, friend, and social worker of people with disabilities in my life, I regularly see the value of Special Olympics in my San Mateo County community. Individuals with disabilities enrich my life and my community and promoting their engagement in meaningful activities locally in an excellent use of Measure K funding.**

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**Sincerely,**

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**Angela Raffin  
2217 Thurm Avenue  
Belmont, CA 94002**

**To: Honorable Board of Supervisors**

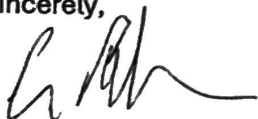
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**Eric Raffin  
2217 Thurm Avenue  
Belmont, CA 94002**

**From:** [Steven Del Zompo](#)  
**To:** [CEO BoardFeedback](#)  
**Cc:** [Government Relations](#)  
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Special Olympics is an amazing program that truly goes above and beyond in spreading an inclusive effort not just at the local level but statewide, Special Olympics Northern California is a program where athletes, coaches, volunteers, staff, spectators, all come together to rally around one another in support of inclusivity, and sport. It is the only program that I have been a part of that truly puts its athletes first and ensures that athletes achieve anything they set their minds too. It is truly an inspiration to see what athletes go through, and how much hard work and determination they put behind achieving athletic milestones, but also achieving a milestone a lot of athletes may not get to achieve without Special Olympics, and that is making friends, that will be with them forever. One impactful example, an athlete who joined a few months ago, his mother let me know that he was very shy, and is very reserved, his first sport was golf and so he signed up for golf practice, and never wanted to leave his parents side and did not even want to try and take a swing his first day, but the sheer amount of athletes that went up to him, to let him know everything was going to be ok and there were now teammates, and friends was joyful. I saw this athlete a few weeks later, almost as if he was a different person, he was talking to his teammates, laughing, and cheering on his teammates as if he had known them for many years. The sports participation is one of the many great assets SONC provides, but in my eyes because of SONC there are friendships and bonds that will never be broken.

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Thank You

**Steven Del Zompo**

(San Mateo County)



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I have coached special Olympics for over 5 years. My brother, Patrick has played basketball every year for the past 15 years. Coaching the athletes to develop their skills, compete, and find success is the most amazing experience. The enthusiasm, dedication, and raw emotion is what keeps me looking forward to coaching every basketball season. The joy and excitement these athletes have for the game contagious. Patrick loves playing basketball, he has made some of his lifelong friends playing basketball. The benefits he gets from playing help him in all other areas of his life.

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Sincerely,

Hailey Winnen

Coach Special Basketball  
Half Moon Bay Giants



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**To:** [CEO BoardFeedback](#)  
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I have been a Volunteer Coach in San Mateo County for 2 years now, with Bowling and Bocce Ball. Special Olympics NorCal's Community Sports program is an important part of our community and a valuable resource for the Athletes who participate in it. Our sports programming provides a means of healthy exercise to people with intellectual disabilities. It also teaches them the skills of teamwork and goal setting. Being a part of a sports team for a season builds one's self-confidence too, as they see their performance improve week after week of practice, culminating with an end of season regional competition. The joy that these athletes display on the field is infectious in the best way possible. As a Volunteer Coach, I know that I am providing a valuable service to the Athletes, but I feel like I get just as much, maybe even more back from them! It feels wonderful to be a part of this program and get to interact with our Special Olympics Athletes on a regular basis! The strength, courage and sportsmanship of our Athletes can be summed up in just one word...Inspiring!

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Sincerely,  
Paul

Paul O'Brien

Burlingame, CA

November 13, 2023

Via e-mail ONLY

Honorable Board of Supervisors

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I started my journey with the Special Olympics this year and I am so thankful for the opportunity to assist the coaches. Becoming involved with the Special Olympics community has been an amazing experience and I have had a chance to coach and learn from some of the most wonderful people I have ever met. I have encountered the athletes and parents outside of practices and it's been such a wonderful experience to get to know more people in my community.

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Sincerely,



Jessica L. Urioste  
San Mateo County Volunteer Coach  
Redwood City, CA 94063

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

Subject: November 14, 2023, Agenda Item 5:  
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I'm submitting this letter on behalf of Special Olympics Northern California's (SONC) request for \$75,000 funding allocation from Measure K. The funds will be used to support SONC's 2024 Basketball Invitational, April 2024 Menlo Games, and new athlete and volunteer coach recruitment efforts in San Mateo County.

My personal experience with Special Olympics began as a volunteer coach 50 years ago and has been a lifelong dedication to athletes with intellectual disabilities. Sports participation teaches life skills and empowers our athletes to take pride in their accomplishments in the communities where they live and work. As it has grown, I've watched Special Olympics become a vital part of our athletes' lives in both their inclusive schools programs and community activities.

I know you see the benefits and will support the Measure K funding that will allow us to continue these valuable programs throughout San Mateo County.

Sincerely,  
Pat Diskin  
A proud resident of San Mateo

**From:** [Kim Gainza](#)  
**To:** [CEO BoardFeedback](#)  
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My 32 year old daughter has been part of the Coastside Special Olympics basketball program for the past 20+ years; I have been the team parent for most of these years. She and the other players can't wait for the upcoming season to start; it's a wonderful social opportunity to be with her peers, but also a truly unique way for the different levels of ability to interact and support each other. Every single person in the gym cheers when one of our more challenged players makes a basket. The season is way too short every year.

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Sincerely,

Kim Gainza  
460 Coronado Ave.  
Half Moon Bay, CA 94019

**From:** [Aleksey Myagkov](#)  
**To:** [CEO BoardFeedback](#)  
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Sincerely,

Aleksey Myagkov  
3405 Chris Ln, San Mateo, CA 94403

**From:** [jenna.papapietro](mailto:jenna.papapietro@sonc.org)  
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I grew up with my older brother being involved with Special Olympics and seeing how it had a positive impact on his life. Now, my 12-year-old son who was Born with Down Syndrome diagnosed Autistic has been involved with Special Olympics for a second year now has made friends, grown more confident, enjoying being active and learning how to play sports with great patient coaches who really enjoy what they do. It makes me happy to see my son being in a great program like Special Olympics.

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Sincerely,

Jenna Papapietro

Burlingame – San Mateo County



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AbilityPath and SONC have a longstanding collaborative relationship, mutually serving on each other's strategic planning committees and with SONC selecting one of AbilityPath's campuses to host their upcoming leadership retreat.

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Sincerely,

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Bryan Neider  
Chief Executive Officer

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
Bryan Neider

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Please accept this letter of support on behalf of Special Olympics Northern California's (SONC) request for a Measure K funding allocation of \$75,000 to support SONC's February 2024 Basketball Invitational, April 2024 Menlo Games and new athlete and volunteer coach recruitment efforts in San Mateo County.

I have been involved with the Special Olympics team of San Mateo since 2002...I have been the head of the San Mateo County delegation for 15 plus years and it is the most fun, rewarding, and special thing I do all year. Watching athletes work so hard during the year and then succeed at the top competition in the state is as rewarding as it gets.

In my 20 years I have sent two swimmers to our National Games where they got gold medals as well. Watching my athlete David compete in an event that he originally thought he could not do and I talked him through it was the most exciting!!

Now my husband gets to be involved and he loves it! He gets to see athletes work hard and he gets in the pool with them!

My family has been in San Mateo County for generations and working with the Special Olympics athletes of San Mateo County is a continuation of my family work in our community that I could not be more proud of.

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Sincerely,



Alexa Izmirian

San Mateo Resident

20+ year Special Olympics Volunteer

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These funds would help to foster productive relationships and engagement with an underserved community. I have seen this first-hand, as my brother is a Special Olympics athlete and Athlete Leader. This organization means so much to him and my family, as it has given him purpose in his daily life that he couldn't find elsewhere.

Special Olympics Northern California promotes inclusion in the community and empowerment of children and adults with intellectual disabilities – both on and off the field. This objective that is universal has led me to become more involved in SONC, as the Young Professionals Advisory Committee chair.

The funding support from Measure K allows Special Olympics Northern California to continue its work throughout San Mateo County communities. I support their request and hope you will see the benefits and keep them in our community.

Sincerely,  
Adrienne Voltaggio  
SONC Young Professionals Advisory Chair  
Visa Inc. Marketing Director (San Mateo company)



September 27th, 2023

To Whom It May Concern:

I'm writing this letter on behalf of Menlo School and our community of students, parents, and faculty in support of the Special Olympics organization. For the past twenty-nine years, our school has planned and hosted the Menlo Games, a track and field invitational for Special Olympics athletes. This event is consistently a highlight for participants, student buddies, and parent volunteers. Because of COVID, our event last spring was the first in a few years and my first while working at Menlo. I was blown away by the enthusiasm of the athletes, the dedication of their families and supporters, and the engagement of our student and parent volunteers. We ran over twenty track and field events throughout the morning and early afternoon, and while athletes were taking a break from their events, they could take part in fun activities in the Olympic Village and fuel up on snacks and lunch provided by local businesses and the school.

This event exceeded all of my expectations and illustrated the importance of the work that Special Olympics does. The coaches, who are all volunteers, model values of bravery, persistence, and sportsmanship and are incredibly dedicated to supporting their athletes to do their best. The parents and support teams for the athletes are willing to drive long distances and spend hours in the stands to cheer them on and ensure their athletes have the opportunity to participate in sports and experience the joy that comes from competing and being part of a team. The Menlo students who participated as volunteer buddies repeatedly remarked that the experience was one of their favorite events of the year - both heartwarming and a learning opportunity for them. One student reflected that the event showed them the importance of inclusion and helped them be more aware of the range of disabilities and challenges that the athletes are facing. Menlo does not have a large population of students with disabilities, so this event allowed students and parents to see and experience, first-hand, the value of inclusive spaces for people with disabilities.

The work that Special Olympics does benefits both the athletes who participate in their programs and also the thousands of volunteers and partners around the Bay Area. I feel confident that our partnership with Special Olympics has made Menlo a more inclusive and supportive school and I look forward to seeing what that we continue to accomplish together.

Please feel free to contact me with any additional questions.

Best,  
Ava Petrash

Director of Community Engagement  
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I've been an Athlete for 14.5 years and can testify to its enormous impact on my life. Including my unwavering desire to become the Disability Advocate I am today. It continues to give me the opportunity to play sports and ample opportunities to speak out on behalf of those with Disabilities. So, hopefully, by doing my part in creating a world of more inclusion and understanding. Please support us in getting the opportunity to play sport, learn life lessons and build connections both on and off the court.

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Sincerely,

Evan Milburn  
San Mateo

## CEO\_BoardFeedback

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My then girlfriend (now wife) convinced me to attend her Special Olympics swim practices a couple of years ago. She was so passionate about supporting her athletes and it was amazing seeing everyone work towards their goals. Fast forward to today, we are now married and I volunteer as one of the coaches for swimming (a one time recruitment strategy). I enjoy just helping people swim and be organized.

I fully support my tax dollars going to this community of passionate, loving folks, who make the world a brighter place.

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Sincerely,  
Chris Mansley  
San Mateo resident

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**From:** Andrea Fuentes <andrea Fuentes99@gmail.com>  
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I have been coaching Special Olympics in northern California since 2019, first with the East Bay Buffaloes and now with San Mateo County. My son Michael participates in Softball, Soccer, Flag Football, Basketball, and Bocce and I have coached basketball, football, and softball. The joy that Special Olympics brings to its athletes is incalculable. Athletes learn sportsmanship, develop healthy habits, and have the fun and excitement of practicing and competition. It is so powerful; I would encourage you to attend a competition to see the power of community.

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Sincerely,

Andrea Fuentes

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**From:** Lauren Clarke <clarkel@stanford.edu>  
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I am a medical student at Stanford University and have worked extensively with SONC over the past 3 years. They have been a key partner as we aim to increase education on caring for people with IDD in a clinical setting. Athletes have come and taught the MD and PA students in both elective and required class sessions. These sessions, and much of the work we have been able to accomplish in this space, would not be possible without the support of SONC. They have influenced the training of over 200 future MDs and PAs and have made these students more confident in their ability to provide care to people with IDD. SONC's continued support and involvement in this work is integral to us being able to continue teaching these sessions.

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Sincerely,

Lauren Clarke  
Sunnyvale, CA  
Stanford University MD student, c/o 2025

## CEO\_BoardFeedback

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Good afternoon, Board of Supervisors,

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I have volunteered for the last 13 year as a basketball coach with Special Olympics and have loved every minute of it. The values and sense of community/family that Special Olympics has created is truly like no other non-profit I have volunteered for. Coaching with Special Olympics has truly impacted my life in so many great ways. It has taught me patience, interpersonal communication, empathy, and respect. If it was not for Special Olympics I would not be the person I am today.

So please, please, please, help fund this wonderful program. If I didn't have work I would be at the meeting so each of you can look at me in the eyes and see how much this program means to me.

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Best Regards,

Adam Winnen | Project Engineer



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My sister has special needs that go beyond just physical. Special Olympics is so important to build social interaction skills. Her friends and teammates in Special Olympics are the highlight of week or year. The joy created for these beautiful people during practice and events is hard to even measure. The parents of these Special Olympics athletes can see their son or daughter enjoying life. Please consider the immeasurable value of this program for the community.

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Sincerely,  
Ricky Navarro

## CEO\_BoardFeedback

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**From:** Jon Froomin <1sharksfan@gmail.com>  
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San Mateo County and Foster City have the ability to host a typically underserved part of our community. Special Olympics, for whom I've volunteered for over 20 years, provides not just athletic training and competition for community members with intellectual disabilities, but also health programs and leadership mentoring and opportunity. Without Special Olympics, these athletes would be left behind. Bringing their competitions to our local communities gives a splendid opportunity not just for them to compete, but to showcase to our residents the abilities of athlete that many in our communities simply don't know. They can also teach us about true sportsmanship and appreciation for life. I wholeheartedly support and urge your financial support for Special Olympics and the value they add to our communities. It is time for them to return to San Mateo County and Foster City, specifically.

Jon Froomin  
Foster City Mayor  
(Comments are personal)  
Special Olympics Northern California volunteer

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## CEO\_BoardFeedback

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**From:** Marianne Camous <mcamous@gmail.com>  
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To: San Mateo County Board of Supervisors  
Honorable Supervisors

Subject: Nov. 14, 2023, Agenda Item 5: Measure K – Special Olympics Northern CA

I am writing you requesting you all to support support the request for a Measure K funding allocation of \$75,000 to support Special Olympics of Northern California (SONC) to be sued for the February 2024 Basketball Invitational, April 2024 Menlo Games as well as new athlete and volunteer coach recruitment efforts in San Mateo County.

My experience with Special Olympics goes back over 30 years, when a fellow Physician Assistant recruited me to help with pre-participation physicals for Special Olympics athletes in Georgia. It was such a gratifying experience to meet these athletes and hear their stories. In those days, many did not have access to a regular health care provider to perform these physicals. Fast-forward a few years and, while pregnant with my son, I agreed to help a fellow faculty member at Duquesne University and provide onsite medical care for the Special Olympics Winter Games in Western Pennsylvania. That baby was born with a genetic craniofacial syndrome and later became a Special Olympics Athlete! Throughout these experiences, I have come to truly appreciate the immense benefit that this organization brings to a community. For our family, it is an integral part of our lives, athletic participation and volunteering has given my son a community, and fostered independence and confidence in so many ways. My husband has been a coach and I a volunteer, allowing us to have that relationship with our son, such as we have had with our daughters in other youth sports such as AYSO, SCYSA, and high school athletics.

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Sincerely,

Marianne E Camous  
San Mateo, CA

**From:** [Jennifer Johnson](#)  
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Dear Honorable Supervisors,

Subject: Nov. 14, 2023, Agenda Item 5: Measure K – Special Olympics Northern CA

My name is Dr. Jennnifer Johnson, and I live and vote in District 3.

I am writing in support of Special Olympics Northern California's (SONC) request for a Measure K funding allocation of \$75,000. These funds would go to support activities like the 2024 Basketball Invitational, the Menlo Games, and to recruit new athletes and volunteer coaches. SONC provides a large variety of sports programs over the course of each year to support every athlete. SONC provides social opportunities and exercise for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, both of which lead to better health outcomes and decrease need for costly emergency services.

There is real need for activities for children and adults with intellectual and other disabilities across our county. Most private programs, and – disappointingly – many city and public programs, do not meet the needs of disabled community members. San Mateo County does not have any adaptive sports or therapeutic recreation programs in the whole county. Because of this, I, myself, have developed programs within my community to serve some of that need, but such programs are small and costly and financially out of reach for many families who have a member with a disability. You have a remarkable opportunity to support one of the few organizations providing recreation, socialization, and exercise for this underserved community at no cost to participants. With increasing rates of obesity and diabetes, this is a huge amount of prevention for what could be the cost of a single Emergency Room visit. It is hard to imagine a more cost effective way to improve health and happiness for a community.

People with disabilities very often do not receive the representation from their local government that they deserve. This is a moment to show this community that you care and value them. The requested funding from Measure K allows SONC to continue its work in each one of your Districts. I support their request and hope you vote to continue the County's support for children and adults with disabilities.

Sincerely,

Jennifer K. Johnson,  
Menlo Park

Jennifer

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