

**REGULAR
PUBLIC
COMMENT**

From:

Subject:

Date:

Re: Feedback for 6/23 SMC board meeting: eliminate six foot distance rule in schools
Friday, June 19, 2020 8:45:27 PM

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Hi All - one quick update. Marin County's Board of Supervisors and School Superintendent announced today that all students in the county will go back to school full-time 5 days per week this fall. A link to the article announcing it which includes their survey data and supporting medical research is below. Look forward to our discussion on Tuesday to ensure San Mateo County students also get an opportunity to be in school 5 days per week.

<https://www.marinij.com/2020/06/18/marin-schools-plan-for-full-in-classroom-reopening-in-fall/>

Rob

On Wed, Jun 17, 2020 at 5:37 PM Robert Arditi [REDACTED] > wrote:

Dear Board of Supervisors,

San Mateo County's children need you to advocate for them. School districts and the county superintendent Nancy Magee would likely benefit from your encouragement and support to eliminate the six foot social distancing rule in schools – this rule has the potential to force thousands of families into unwanted and ineffective phases of remote learning. You already have the backing of San Mateo County's public health officer, Scott Morrow. His June 15th public statement said, "But to the degree class size, physical distancing and facial coverings interfere with the ability to deliver a somewhat normal school experience, they need to be modified." Remote learning makes sense for those who choose to opt-in because of preexisting conditions or other concerns, but it's unjust to force it upon the masses who don't want it.

Can you please commit to a public statement encouraging Nancy Magee and San Mateo County school districts to eliminate the six foot social distance rule in schools or adopt the World Health Organization's three foot social distance rule instead? The rule change might allow for sufficient classroom space for students to then fully return to campus this fall and reserve remote learning only for those families who need/want it.

Supporting rationale and data is below:

1) **Remote learning exacerbates social inequalities.** Many wealthy parents are already lining up tutors to teach their children during proposed remote learning phases, while many lower income families cannot afford this. Lower income

families often have dual working parents who must be present on site at their jobs which leaves minimal oversight at home to facilitate remote learning. Many lack technology resources and space at home.

2) Remote learning is not effective for elementary age students and has potentially long term disastrous effects. The data and research to support this can be found here [here](#) and [here](#). For example, the LA Unified School District estimated that in any given week since March, 32% of students didn't even log in to learn. NWEA, a national non-profit that assesses learning, estimates that students will return to school this fall with 70% of the learning gains in reading and 50% in math.

3) Child abuse is soaring and it goes unreported while children are at home. Schools are the early detection centers for child abuse. The data and research to support this is [here](#).

4) Child contraction and transmission of COVID is extremely low. While every death is extremely tragic, of the 99 COVID attributed deaths in San Mateo County, 0 are from people under the age of 30. Of the initial 70,000 COVID deaths in the US only 12 of those were from people under the age of 14, and 11 of those 12 had preexisting conditions. As of March 6, 2020, 136 children died from the flu out of 20,000 total deaths during the 2019-2020 flu season. Child fatality from the flu is worse than COVID. The link to the CDC data is [here](#).

5) Research from the American Academy of Pediatrics says that children are not to blame for COVID transmission. See the attached peer reviewed AAP research which supports this. "Almost six months into the pandemic, accumulating evidence and collective experience argue that children, particularly school aged children, are far less important drivers of SARS-CoV-2 transmission than adults."

6) The World Health Organization has a three foot social distance rule. Adopting this rule instead of the current six foot protocol could be enough to allow any family who wants to have their child return to school do so.

7) People in nursing homes in San Mateo County are not required to wear masks. Likewise, we can't expect a 6 year old student to wear a mask all day. Masks are only effective if worn properly.

8) You recently approved a variance that would allow bars and hair salons to open. If people can go to bars and hair salons, why can't San Mateo's children return to school?

9) Many universities across the country have already signaled they'll have in person classes this fall. The list includes Notre Dame, University of Virginia, University of Arizona, William & Mary, University of North Carolina, etc.

I've been involved with supporting education for lower income and underprivileged

students for the last 14 years. I was the first in my family to attend college, I co-founded a non-profit to support college preparation for Chicago's inner city students, and I sponsor students as well as guest lecture at a female focused STEM secondary school in Rwanda. I've seen firsthand in my own life and in the lives of others how education can set one's life on a different track. Remote learning, even if only part-time, could dramatically set our children back for what will likely be little-to-no health benefit; it will disproportionately set back children from lower income families. Please be an advocate for San Mateo County's children and publicly encourage Nancy Magee and school districts to remove the six foot social distance rule or adopt the World Health Organization's three foot rule.

Thank you for your consideration,
Rob Arditi

From:

Subject:

Date:

PUBLIC COMMENT: Not on the Agenda - SCSD K-8 schools

Monday, June 22, 2020 10:33:37 AM

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Before making any decisions about the fate of our schools in August, please consider the new guidance put forth by Scott Morrow. If businesses can re-open as of today, the same consideration should be given to our schools. Our kids need to get back to school to learn in-person. Distance learning is not something they can continue doing and it did not work for so many kids. We need a more aggressive plan than a few hours a day/2 days a week in the actual classroom. 4-5 days a week would be nice. Those who still want to do distant learning should have that option, but the majority of people (parents and especially kids) I have spoken to would like to see their kids learning again at school.

Thank you,
Aron Walker

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Comment on Item not on Agenda
Date: Monday, June 22, 2020 3:16:27 PM

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The Mandate to wear Masks is flawed:

- Freedom of Choice is not being respected;
- Best Choice Analysis is not being observed;
 - There are at least 3 options that have been demonstrated to reduce the likelihood of negative health outcomes. These options should be considered and data supporting the “best choice” decision should be provided;
- Conclusions without conclusive data is not sound thinking;
 - Senior officials disagree on the conclusions, and at least one has changed his position more than once;
 - If there is conclusive data it should be made public and openness to differing opinions should be encouraged;
- Mandates without conclusive data makes this unlawful;

My recommendation is that a committee of recognized data driven decision makers be formed to provide the best decision on this subject after building a holistic data base.

Doug Morton
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT: Not on Agenda - Where is the science?
Date: Monday, June 22, 2020 4:24:38 PM
Attachments: [VCPH Mask Pros and Cons.pdf](#)

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Hello Supervisors -

My name is Heather Morton and I have been a resident of San Mateo County for over 40 years. I would like to submit public comment for an issue not on the Agenda. I am asking the Board to nullify any order that requires mandatory mask wearing.

Where is the reputable science for requiring healthy people to wear masks?

[HSC Div. 105. Part 1. Chapter 3. Section 120175.5](#) states that regarding the administration of communicable disease prevention and control "a local health officer must make any relevant information available to government entities, including but not limited to, ... the measures that the governmental entities should take to assist with outbreak response efforts."

Based on this code, we need to see the data to support these mask mandates.

The data on face coverings does not support a mandate. I would point out that The California Department of Health provided [guidance on April 1, 2020](#) which clearly states concerns about face coverings, including:

- "There is limited evidence to suggest that use of cloth face coverings by the public during a pandemic could help reduce disease transmission."

I would also like the Board to review that Venture County Public Health report (attached) from April 27, 2020, which provides the pros and cons of face masks.

- Their conclusion, "There is no incontrovertible, compelling or even a preponderance of evidence to support an Order to wear a cloth mask in the community setting at this time."

Where is the science? We need good data and science to make good decisions. Without it, there should be no mandates.

ITEM NO. 3

From:

Subject:

Date:

Invest \$1 Million in the Black Community and Extend the Eviction Moratorium to Protect Vulnerable Residents

Friday, June 19, 2020 8:49:31 AM

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To the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors (BOS):

I work in San Mateo county with and on behalf of impacted people and community members. I am writing to urge you to prioritize spending money and investing in the Black community. We need money in the communities, not spent on law enforcement.

1. I understand the BOS is considering spending \$1 million to purchase more tasers. I **strongly oppose** spending the money on tasers and for law enforcement. Just [last year three men died as a result of tasers during encounters with police](#). Now more than ever, as communities struggle to survive the pandemic, all resources should be invested in the health and wellness of the community. The pandemic has affected people of color, women, and low-income families the hardest. The BOS should invest in people who have been affected by the pandemic so they have a stable economic future. Further, without adequate training and reform of "use of force" policies in police encounters, the BOS is sanctioning police violence by authorizing the purchase of tasers. You have the power to change how we interact with our most vulnerable community members, please make the decision to use this money to reinvest in the community and hiring professionals trained in de-escalation, mental health, and social work.
2. We want a moral budget that prioritizes investment in programs to lift up the health and wellbeing of the Black community. The County's budget reflects our city's higher aspirations valuing life, health, education and the common good, prioritizing the most vulnerable people among us.
3. It is of utmost importance that our Board of Supervisors vote on June 23rd to expand and extend the Eviction Moratorium to prevent more families from becoming homeless. This means:
 - A. 12 months to repay rent debt after shelter-in-place is lifted,
 - B. Conversion of the rent debt to consumer debt, and
 - C. An extension of the eviction moratorium until 90 days after shelter-in-place is lifted.

I thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,
Vinuta Naik

From: [Rosita Newman](#)
To: [CMO BoardFeedback](#)
Subject: Feedback
Date: Friday, June 19, 2020 9:35:17 AM

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We support divesting from policing, and investing in police reform.

1. We oppose investing \$1 million to purchase more tasers, knowing that just [last year three men died as a result of tasers during encounters with police](#). Now more than ever, as communities struggle to survive the pandemic, all resources should be invested in the health and wellness of the community.
2. We want a moral budget that prioritizes investment in programs to lift up the health and wellbeing of the Black community. The County's budget reflect our city's higher aspirations valuing life, health, education and the common good, prioritizing the most vulnerable people among us.
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From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Defund the police
Date: Friday, June 19, 2020 11:52:18 AM

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Hi Board of supervisors,

This is Lin He, a resident of San Mateo city. After George Floyd's death, I have done a bit more research on different philosophies of policing. I think our county should really adapt to community oriented policing, understand the goal of policing is to protect the community as a whole, not to punish and escalate some groups' behavior while tolerating other groups' behaviors. One of the ways to protect the community is to reduce the budget of police department and redistribute the money to other necessary services like health, mental health, school etc.. Therefore I strongly agree with the following demands requested by Peninsula DSA:

1. All elected officials in San Mateo County and its Municipalities DEFUND their Police Departments and the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office; all funds should be prioritized for life-affirming services including healthcare and housing. *(The recommended budget for 2020-21 for San Mateo County proposes a 12 million dollar increase in the Sheriff's budget, up from a 276+ million dollar budget, while the County is projected to be in a 65-100 million dollar deficit because of COVID-19.)*
2. As a start, we demand Defunding of the [corrupt San Mateo County Sheriff's Activities League](#) with reinvestment into non-police community-led organizations and programs.
3. Following the lead of Minneapolis, we demand the Termination of all public educational institutions' contracts with municipal police and the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office.
4. Finally, we demand District Attorney Steve Wagstaffe resign or we'll ensure his defeat in 2022. Wagstaffe has been a reliable protector of killer and abusive cops, declining to prosecute every time. The Office of the District Attorney of San Mateo County has not been contested since 1954!

Yours sincerely,
Lin He

ITEM NO. 4

From:

Subject:

Date:

Approve an Emergency Regulation of the County of San Mateo extending
Saturday, June 20, 2020 10:21:11 AM

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Item: Countywide Eviction Moratorium

Board Meeting Date: 6/23/2020

Honorable San Mateo County Board of Supervisors:

Thank you for your service during this challenging and uncertain time. You're on the front lines of this unprecedented crisis, and we are very grateful for your leadership.

Because of our recent health crisis, please pass an extension of the countywide moratorium on eviction through the end of the state of emergency and for 90 days thereafter.

During the pandemic families like my own use our home to work and provide round the clock care for our children. I'm fortunate that I work in health services. So, I'm not in fear of losing a job and not paying rent. However, I am fearful of losing housing during the pandemic as my apartment building undergoes substantial demolition and renovations of all units. The remodeled units will list well-above market rate. In fact, despite the county-wide eviction moratorium, the property owner has issued 60 day eviction notices. Having an eviction moratorium safeguards families like myself, and others who are at risk of losing shelter during a pandemic.

Eviction and moving causes hardships. Like other families simultaneously working, home schooling, and providing care to our children has brought on great emotional burden. As a single mother who does her individual duty to reduce COVID-19 exposure an eviction means losing the home where I work and homeschool my child. Eviction also means having to apartment hunt, go to rental showings, find movers, secure housing, move, etc. These actions put my family's health and the public, like vulnerable populations, at risk by increasing exposure to COVID-19.

The near and short-term future is uncertain. Stay at home orders may have been lifted, but COVID-19 persists and the threat to public health and health care systems are indeed real. On Thursday California reported record-high single-day increases in coronavirus cases ([cite](#)). Dr. Anthony Fauci is certain that a second wave is imminent in the winter. Top scientists and leaders urge the public to reduce exposure by maintaining social distance, wearing face coverings, and securing stable housing.

The impacts of COVID-19 have created an unprecedented level of job loss and housing insecurity among individuals and families. We must protect those who have lost income and experience economic hardships. Extending the moratorium through the end of the state of emergency and for 90 days thereafter provides opportunity for economic recovery and offers safe environments to transition to other housing. Extending the moratorium through the end of the state of emergency and for 90 days thereafter gives both landlords and tenants more assurance moving forward of what things will look like and what their obligations are. Finally it will mitigate COVID-19 caseloads and death, lessen the strain on our health care systems, propel our economy forward, and safeguard public health.

We can provide the best public health has to offer if we maintain social distancing and offer stable housing. We need to look out for everyone in our community, particularly people who are most vulnerable and at-risk. The proposed protections will preserve the individual, family and public health of our county and greater community. Please use your power to help us & our neighbors.

Thank you for your public service, especially in these difficult times.

In community,

Carla

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From:

Subject:

Date:

comment for regular agenda item #4

Saturday, June 20, 2020 11:51:12 PM

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I appreciate the proposal to extend the eviction moratorium through July 28. However, I am very concerned that an incremental extension is not enough to truly protect families in our county. The effects of the loss of jobs and income due to COVID-19 will not disappear immediately when the shelter-in-place order is lifted, so it is important to put in place a longer period and a more gradual repayment of rent debt.

I urge the Board of Supervisors to expand the eviction moratorium so that the period for which tenants who cannot pay rent are protected lasts for as long as the shelter-in-place order is in effect plus 90 days. I also urge you to set a 12-month repayment period for accrued rent debt and to convert rent debt to consumer debt. These measures will really help ensure stability and safety for tenants in San Mateo County.

Thank you,
Clara Jaeckel

[Redacted signature]

From:

Subject:

Date:

San Mateo County Must NOT Invest \$1 Million in Tasers

Sunday, June 21, 2020 12:29:43 PM

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Dear San Mateo County Board of Supervisors,

I am a concerned Stanford student. I am writing to voice my belief that the Board of Supervisors should not invest in tasers and that the county ought to extend the eviction moratorium.

1. I oppose investing \$1 million to purchase more tasers, knowing that just [last year three men died as a result of tasers during encounters with police](#). Now more than ever, as communities struggle to survive the pandemic, all resources should be invested in the health and wellness of the community.
2. I want a moral budget that prioritizes investment in programs to lift up the health and well being of the Black community. The County's budget reflect our city's higher aspirations valuing life, health, education and the common good, prioritizing the most vulnerable people among us.
3. It is of utmost importance that our Board of Supervisors vote no just to extend but To EXPAND the Eviction Moratorium to prevent more families from becoming homeless. This means:
 - A. 12 months to repay rent debt after shelter-in-place is lifted,
 - B. Conversion of the rent debt to consumer debt, and
 - C. An extension of the eviction moratorium until 90 days after shelter-in-place is lifted.

Thank you,
Shiriel

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Stanford University '20

Supervisor Dave Pine
Supervisor Carole Groom
Supervisor Don Horsley
Supervisor Warren Slocum
Supervisor David Canepa

June 23, 2020

Dear Supervisors,

I am sending my remarks to you in honor of Chinedu Okobi who was killed by a deputy of the San Mateo County Sheriff Department using a taser.

As citizens across the country are crying out "Defund the Police", I urge you not to vote for an increase in the Sheriff's budget but to defund this budget and to resoundly reject any money being allocated to buy tasers. The County needs to outlaw the use of tasers.

As a member of Pacifica Housing 4 All and Pacifica Social Justice, I call on you to redirect funds from law enforcement to housing needs. Take measures to help relieve the many county residents who are rent-burdened.

- 1). Allow 12 months to repay rent debt after SIP is lifted.
- 2). Convert rent debt to consumer debt.
- 3). Extend the Moratorium on Evictions to 90 days after SIP is lifted.

While Covid is forcing us to look at the inequities in our society, I urge you to vote today for real change. While some city councils are under the thumb of the real estate industry, and law enforcement agencies call for reform while still clinging to secrecy, the citizens of San Mateo County are looking to you for justice. We are asking you not to militarize, but to revitalize our community.

Thank you for your consideration and reply.

Sincerely,

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From: [Jeanne Jeanne](#)
To: [CMO BoardFeedback](#)
Subject: feedback for 6/23 board meeting
Date: Monday, June 22, 2020 12:19:21 PM

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Dear San Mateo,

I am an East Palo Alto resident.

1. I oppose investing \$1 million to purchase more tasers, knowing that just [last year three men died as a result of tasers during encounters with police](#). Now more than ever, as communities struggle to survive the pandemic, all resources should be invested in the health and wellness of the community.
2. I want a moral budget that prioritizes investment in programs to lift up the health and well being of the Black community. The County's budget reflect our city's higher aspirations valuing life, health, education and the common good, prioritizing the most vulnerable people among us.
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Best regards,
Jeanne Yu



June 22, 2020

TO: Board of Supervisors

RE: Item #4, San Mateo County Board of Supervisors Meeting June 23, 2020

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Dear Board of Supervisors:

Re: Item Number 4, Approve an Emergency Regulation of the County of San Mateo extend through July 28, 2020, a temporary, countywide moratorium on eviction for non-payment of rent by residential tenants directly impacted by the COVID19 Pandemic.

My name is Karen Jensen. I am a social worker at Lucile Packard Children's Hospital Stanford and work with low income families in San Mateo County.

Many of the families I work with have been affected by the loss of job or reduction of hours during this pandemic. They were employed as housekeepers, nannies, food delivery drivers, restaurant workers, construction workers, dog walkers and landscape workers. For most of the families I work with, there is no sick leave, unemployment benefits, or federal stimulus money to rely on.

Please allow time for the most vulnerable families in San Mateo County affected by this pandemic to get back on their feet. Some have started to work only part time, while others are eager and ready to return to work.

I urge you to consider:

- 1) Converting rental debt incurred during COVID19 SIP to civil debt. This allows a landlord to collect their rent, and a tenant not be penalized with a potential eviction as they start to return to work.



2) Ban late penalty fees for those tenants that through no fault of their own lost their ability to make a living due to COVID19.

3) Allow 12 months from the date of the SIP being lifted for individuals to pay back the rent owed.

I'm deeply worried that if the County Board of Supervisors does not act now, the results may be catastrophic with many families facing evictions in the near future. The last thing our County needs is an added crisis of mass homelessness.

Sincerely,

Karen Jensen, LCSW
Clinical Social Worker



From: [Julie Ron](#)
To: [CMO BoardFeedback](#)
Subject: Do NOT invest in tasers and EXPAND the eviction moratorium
Date: Monday, June 22, 2020 1:04:30 PM

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Dear Board Members,

My name is Julie and I'm a resident of El Granada, CA. I'm writing to urge you NOT to invest \$1 million to purchase more tasers. Just last year three men died as a result of tasers during encounters with police. Clearly there is a problem and investing more in this technology is not the answer. Now more than ever, as communities struggle to survive the pandemic, all resources should be invested in the health and wellness of the community.

In that vein, it is also of utmost importance that you EXPAND the Eviction Moratorium to prevent more families from becoming homeless. This means:

- A. 12 months to repay rent debt incurred during the SIP
- B. Conversion of the rent debt to consumer debt, and
- C. An extension of the eviction moratorium for 90 days, as communities recover from the SIP.

Thank you,
Julie Ron
El Granada, CA

From: [Julie Rokosky Ron](#)
To: [CMO BoardFeedback](#)
Subject: Agenda Item 3: EXPAND EVICTION MORATORIUM
Date: Monday, June 22, 2020 1:15:07 PM

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Dear Board Members,

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Thank you,

Julie

El Granada, CA

From: [Sherry Golestan](#)
To: [CMO BoardFeedback](#)
Subject: FW: Support for Item #4, San Mateo County Board of Supervisors Meeting June 23, 2020 (Prevent Homelessness)
Date: Monday, June 22, 2020 1:54:32 PM

From: [REDACTED]

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Subject: Support for Item #4, San Mateo County Board of Supervisors Meeting June 23, 2020 (Prevent Homelessness)

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Dear Board of Supervisors:

RE: Item Number 4, Approve an Emergency Regulation of the County of San Mateo extend through July 28, 2020, a temporary, countywide moratorium on eviction for non-payment of rent by residential tenants directly impacted by the COVID19 Pandemic.

My name is Francisca Guzman and I live in East Palo Alto. I work for Legal Aid Society of San Mateo as a Senior Project Coordinator, we have continued to work and advocate for the most vulnerable residents in our county during this pandemic.

Nearly all the families I work with have been affected by the loss of job or reduction of hours during this pandemic. They were employed as housekeepers, nannies, food delivery drivers, restaurant workers, construction workers, dog walkers and landscape workers. For most of the families I work with, there is no sick leave, unemployment benefits, or federal stimulus money to rely on.

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Sincerely,

Francisca Guzman

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From: [JOANNE M ROKOSKY](#)
To: [CMO BoardFeedback](#)
Subject: ITEM #4 Extension of Eviction Moratorium
Date: Monday, June 22, 2020 3:18:28 PM

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Dear County Manager Michael P. Callagy and Supervisors David Canepa, Carole Groom, Don Horsley, Warren Slocum, and David Pine.

I am writing to urge the Board of Supervisors to extend Emergency Regulation 2020-001 to include the following:

1. 12 months to repay rent debt after shelter-in-place is lifted,
 - B. Conversion of the rent debt to consumer debt, and
 - C. An extension of the eviction moratorium until 90 days after shelter-in-place is lifted.

As a resident of the Coastsides, I am very aware of how the members of our local communities are suffering during this time. Prior to the Shelter in Place order many families already struggled to pay monthly rent due to the high cost of housing and low supply of available rental housing on the coast. During the fall of 2019 Bay City Flowers, a major employer for many locals, suddenly closed. Workers who had been there for up to 30 years suddenly found themselves without jobs. Some of them were just beginning to get back on their feet with new employment when the COVID-19 crisis hit. Just-acquired jobs were lost.

As businesses gradually reopen, many of the local service workers who previously had full-time work now have limited hours that are insufficient to meet their rent and other expenses. Some of them have received monies from local crisis funds that they have used towards rent. For some, paying rent has taken precedence over buying food because they are so afraid of eviction. Instead, they rely on food banks and other emergency assistance.

There is no way that Coastsides families will be able to resume paying full rent and in addition pay a significant portion of rent that was deferred during the moratorium. I urge you to extend and strengthen the Emergency Regulation.

Sincerely,

Joanne Rokosky, Resident of El Granada

From: [Pamela Ehrlich](#)
To: [CMO BoardFeedback](#)
Subject: Request for public comment on 6/23/20 Agenda item #4: Approve and Emergency Regulation...
Date: Monday, June 22, 2020 3:31:27 PM

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Request for public comment on 6/23/20 Agenda item #4: Approve and Emergency Regulation...

My name is Pamela Ehrlich and I am a leader with Faith In Action in Redwood City, a member of Congregation Beth Jacob, and a resident of the County for 17 years. I can only imagine how challenging it is to be a County Supervisor during this chaotic and confusing time. I also can only imagine what a terrifying time it is for the most vulnerable people in our county--the undocumented, tax-paying immigrants and families with mixed status who have been unable to work and unable to benefit from Federal stimulus money during this pandemic. This is why I am urging you to **EXTEND** the Emergency Regulation so that the period for which tenants who are unable to pay rent is protected for as long as the State of Emergency is in effect plus 90 days. The month-long extension that the Board voted for last month was insufficient to give tenants the time needed to establish the means to pay their rent. A 90-day period, as opposed to month-by-month extensions, would help relieve the chronic stress and accompanying mental health challenges experienced by hundreds of families who make ends meet without having to contend with the threat of eviction. **The 90-day extension is one piece of a set of recommendations made by Faith In Action and others that would directly or indirectly provide support to renters and housing providers most impacted by this pandemic.** Thank you.

Pamela Ehrlich


From: [Sherry Golestan](#)
To: [CMO BoardFeedback](#)
Subject: FW: Board of Supervisors: Item #4, San Mateo County Board of Supervisors Meeting June 23, 2020
Date: Monday, June 22, 2020 4:37:21 PM

From: [REDACTED]

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Subject: Board of Supervisors: Item #4, San Mateo County Board of Supervisors Meeting June 23, 2020

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TO: Board of Supervisors

RE: Item #4, San Mateo County Board of Supervisors Meeting June 23, 2020

Dear Board of Supervisors:

Re: Item Number 4, Approve an Emergency Regulation of the County of San Mateo extend through July 28, 2020, a temporary, countywide moratorium on eviction for non-payment of rent by residential tenants directly impacted by the COVID19 Pandemic.

My name is Ana Gomez. I'm a resident of San Mateo County and I work as a community worker. I live in East Palo Alto I work with low income families in San Mateo County.

Nearly all the families I work with have been affected by the loss of job or reduction of hours during this pandemic. They were employed as housekeepers, nannies, food delivery drivers, restaurant workers, construction workers, dog walkers and landscape workers. For most of the families I work with, there is no sick leave, unemployment benefits, or federal stimulus money to rely on.

Please allow time for the most vulnerable families in San Mateo County affected by this pandemic to get back on their feet. Some have started to work only part time, while others are eager and ready to return to work.

I urge you to consider:

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3) Allow 12 months from the date of the SIP being lifted for individuals to pay back the rent owed.

I'm deeply worried that if the County Board of Supervisors does not act now, the results may be catastrophic with many families facing evictions in the near future. The last thing our County needs is an added crisis of mass homelessness.

Sincerely,

Ana Gómez

From: [Sherry Golestan](#)
To: [CMO BoardFeedback](#)
Subject: FW: Evictions
Date: Monday, June 22, 2020 4:52:38 PM

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From: Kate Elsley [REDACTED]

Subject: Evictions

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My name is Kate Elsley and I live and work in San Mateo County. I work for the County as a Nurse Practitioner, we have continued to work and advocate for the most vulnerable residents in our county during this pandemic. Loss of jobs effects the families for whom I care and lack of housing effects their health and safety.

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To: [CMO BoardFeedback](#)
Subject: FW: Item #4, San Mateo County Board of Supervisors Meeting June 23, 2020
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From: Gabrielle Russo Barsh [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Item #4, San Mateo County Board of Supervisors Meeting June 23, 2020

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RE: Item #4, San Mateo County Board of Supervisors Meeting June 23, 2020

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Re: Item Number 4, Approve an Emergency Regulation of the County of San Mateo extend through July 28, 2020, a temporary, countywide moratorium on eviction for non-payment of rent by residential tenants directly impacted by the COVID19 Pandemic.

My name is Gabrielle Barsh. I'm a resident of San Mateo County and I work as a pediatrician. I live in Menlo Park. I work with low income families in San Mateo County.

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Sincerely,

Gabrielle Barsh

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ITEM NO. 6

From: [Chris](#)
To: [CMO BoardFeedback](#)
Subject: Written Comment - 6/23/20 County Board of Supervisors Meeting - Agenda Items 6A & 6B
Date: Saturday, June 20, 2020 2:14:28 PM
Attachments: [BOS Letter Diepenbrock Elkin Dauer McCandless LLP.pdf](#)

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Dear San Mateo County Board of Supervisors,

I am writing on behalf of the Partners in Animal Care & Compassion (PACC) Board to urge you to vote **NO** on the resolution before you to authorize the following amendments to agreements with:

A) Peninsula Humane Society and SPCA to continue to provide animal control and shelter services for San Mateo County, extending the term by one year [through June 30, 2021](#), and increasing the amount by \$6,625,381 to an amount not to exceed \$38,056,663, and;

B) The 20 cities of the County to continue the facilitation and coordination of animal control and licensing services, extending the term by one year [through June 30, 2021](#).

The above proposes to extend the current contract into a mind boggling *69th year of a sole source relationship with the current provider*.

Instead, we urge the Board to **request that the County immediately issue the Request for Proposals ("RFP") for animal control services that it committed to prepare and issue in 2019, and that it extend the existing contract only to the extent necessary to allow the competitive process to be completed and any new contractor to transition the work.**

As Board Supervisor's you received the attached letter outlining the most obvious reason why extending the current contract is not a good idea - namely that it is illegal. Beyond that, there is a long and growing list of concerns with the current provider, including:

- Use of outdated and invalid animal behavior evaluations resulting in regular and needless euthanasia (see numerous references [here](#))
- Antiquated policies and practices related to dogs and cats in our county's care ([PACC Recommendations](#))
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Irrefutable evidence of breed discrimination resulting in premature death for certain dogs ([Animal Records - Breed Discrimination](#))

- Animals isolated in kennels far longer than is healthy or necessary (at best 20-25 active dog volunteers at Coyote Point, nowhere near enough for the average number of animals housed there)
- Documented proof of manipulating the numbers to reflect better outcomes ([Owner Surrenders recorded as Owner Euthanasia Requests](#))
- Dissemination of false information - including telling the public that dogs were in foster homes when they were actually sitting in cages at the Coyote Point shelter (remedied by applying gentle pressure)
- Executive salaries far above the norm... while other critical salaries are far below ([Sept 2019 PACC salary survey](#))
- Turning away foster homes during COVID-19 resulting in animals isolated in kennels when they could be in loving homes - this while most other shelters scrambled to move unprecedented numbers of animals into foster homes during sheltering-in place (examples available [here](#))

We encourage you to use your positions as Board Supervisors to direct county staff to take the step that is long, long overdue in opening this contract to bid, thereby applying the necessary encouragement to the current provider to bring its practices into the modern era or risk replacement by an entity that will.

In the spirit of transparency, PACC is continuing to do everything we can to encourage reputable organizations to apply. That work is being undermined by delays in issuing an RFP resulting in a lack of trust that the county is open to a new provider. As such, PACC does plan to apply, just as we continue to encourage others, in hopes of giving the county and participating cities more choices in securing a well-qualified provider.

Sincerely,

Chris Guio

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May 14, 2020

Via Email: wslocum@smcgov.org; dcanepa@smcgov.org; dpine@smcgov.org;
cgroom@smcgov.org; and dhorsley@smcgov.org

Board of Supervisors
San Mateo County
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Redwood City, CA 94063-1662

Re: Request for Proposals For Animal Control Services

Dear Mr. Slocum and Board Members:

I am writing on behalf of my client, Partners in Animal Care and Compassion (“Partners”), regarding the failure of San Mateo County (“County”) to conduct a competitive procurement for animal control services, as recommended by a 2017 Grand Jury report (“Report”) and as the County committed to do in response to that Report. This is to request that the County immediately issue the Request for Proposals (“RFP”) for animal control services that it committed to prepare and issue in 2019, and that it extend the existing contract only to the extent necessary to allow the competitive process to be completed and any new contractor to transition the work.

As the Report found, the County has not conducted a request for proposals for animal control services, allowing Peninsula Humane Society & SPCA (“PHS”) to be the sole vendor since 1952—nearly 70 years! The County agreed with that finding. The Report identified material concerns with PHS’ performance, including failure to meet reporting obligations and concerns about maintenance of the facility, and recommended that:

The County shall issue a request for proposals or a request for qualifications for animal control services in preparation for the end of the existing agreement term (July 2020) in an effort to bring transparency and competitive bidding to the process.

Report at 10 (Recommendation 1). The County Manager’s response to the Report for the September 26, 2017 Board of Supervisors meeting (“Response”) stated, with respect to Recommendation 1, that

The recommendation will be implemented. The current animal control contract expires June 2020. During 2019 an RFP will be developed in concert with the Cities and issued to allow for competitive bidding for the Animal Control and Care contract.

Warren Slocum and Board of Supervisors
May 14, 2020
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Response at 2 of 4. Partners has been in regular contact with the County Supervisors about the promised RFP, notifying the Board that Partners has been soliciting interest from other potential contractors in bidding. Partners has been told at various times that the RFP would be issued in January 2019, March 2019, and finally September 2019. However, as of May 2020, the County has not issued that RFP.

San Mateo County Code (“Code”) section 6.04.020 provides that the County has the authority to “contract for animal control services to be performed County wide.” The County has not adopted contracting procedures for services, either for animal control or generally, so the County simply must act reasonably. The Legislature has found that competitive procurements “protect[] the public from misuse of public funds,” “provide all qualified bidders with a fair opportunity to enter the bidding process,” and help to “eliminate favoritism, fraud, and corruption in the awarding of public contracts.” Pub. Cont. Code § 100. Caselaw warns against even the appearance of favoritism in public contracting. See, e.g., *Schram Const., Inc. v. Regents of the Univ. of Cal.*, 187 Cal. App. 4th 1040, 1059 (2010) (noting that even the appearance of favoritism undermines the “integrity of the bidding process”). The County conducts competitive bidding for its public works contracts, and has acknowledged the need to issue an RFP for the animal control services. As implied by the Report, a sole source contract for more than 60 years is not reasonable; unnecessarily extending that sole source contract also cannot be considered reasonable.

Notwithstanding that the County acknowledged that the animal control contract must be bid, the County has not issued the promised RFP. Partners understands the 2019 delay while Citygate audited the current contract to make recommendations on the new contract. Although the Citygate contract was through March 2019, the report was not provided until December 2019. However, even if the County was waiting for that report to revise the contract and issue the RFP, nothing prevented the County from issuing the RFP in January 2020, which would have allowed sufficient time to select the new contractor before the existing PHS contract expires on June 30, 2020.

The construction of the new facility also does not excuse the delay in issuing the RFP. On February 28, 2017 the Board approved a design-build agreement to construct the new animal shelter, which was to be complete **over a year ago**, by the end of March 2019. In early December 2018, the budget for that shelter construction was increased, presumably with some increase in time for design changes although no time extension was mentioned in the Board resolution. The budget was again increased in February 2020, apparently largely to compensate for changed conditions and previously-directed changes. The County website reflects that the “final completion date for Phase 2 is scheduled for June 2020.” <https://cmo.smcgov.org/animal-shelter-updates>.

The new facility is expected to be complete in June 2020. The County’s consultant provided comments in December 2019 to revise the contract for use in the competitive procurement. No rational reason exists not to have issued the RFP so that the new contractor could begin operations when the new facility opens.

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However, Partners has been informed that the County intends to grant PHS **yet another** year on its lengthy series of sole source contracts at exactly the time that a new contractor should be given the opportunity to assume operations—upon opening the new shelter. The County intends to do so notwithstanding that it has been informed that other entities are interested in submitting proposals in a competitive procurement to operate the shelter. Such an unnecessary extension gives the appearance of favoritism and providing a competitive advantage to the longstanding vendor.

Finally, the current contract with PHS purportedly was awarded under Government Code section 31000. However, animal control services are not the types of “expert,” special services included within section 31000, *i.e.*, “financial, economic, accounting (including the preparation and issuance of payroll checks or warrants), engineering, legal, medical, therapeutic, administrative, architectural, airport or building security matters, laundry services or linen services.” See 76 Ops. Cal. Att’y Gen. 86 (1993) at *3 (recognizing that section 31000 does not “suggest[] that a county may contract for services without regard to the ‘special services’ limitation”). Section 31000 does not authorize the County to contract for the services for which it contracted with PHS. Moreover, even if it applied, section 31000 does not exempt the County from reasonable competitive procurement methods acknowledged as necessary and appropriate.

For the reasons reflected in this letter, in the interest of fair, neutral, and transparent expenditure of public funds, Partners strongly urges the County Board of Supervisors to direct staff to immediately issue an RFP, and, if any extension is necessary on PHS’ current contract, to limit that extension to only the time necessary to complete the competitive procurement for the new service provider.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

DIEPENBROCK ELKIN
DAUER MCCANDLESS LLP



Jennifer L. Dauer

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cc: Kit O’Doherty (via email)
Mike Callagy, County Manager (mcallagy@smcgov.org)

ITEM NO. 8

From: [Arlene Rosenberg](#)
To: [CMO BoardFeedback](#)
Subject: Request for redirection of funding away from SMCSO
Date: Friday, June 19, 2020 9:24:58 AM

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Dear County Manager Michael P. Callagy, and Supervisors David Canepa, Carole Groom, Don Horsley, Warren Slocum, and Dave Pine:

My name is Arlene Rosenberg and I am a resident of Hillsborough. I am reaching out at this critical moment to urge a redirection of funding from the San Mateo County's Sheriff's Office (SMCSO) to health and mental health care, education, transit, and affordable housing, all of which will have a more positive impact on County residents.

Notably, the recommended budget for 2020-21 proposes a significant *increase* in the SMCSO budget, despite a projected \$65-100 million dollar deficit because of COVID-19. Meanwhile, the County's Health Department will barely manage to fill a deficit of \$57 million that it was facing before COVID-19 and expects to lose more revenue later this year from less tax and other revenue in the midst of the pandemic. The [County Manager has stated that](#) *"Departments most affected [by the deficit] include safety-net providers needed during the COVID-19 crisis: the Department of Housing, Human Services Agency and County Health and Public Safety, among others. At the same time, demand for county health services, individual and family assistance programs and other safety-net aid is expected to increase costs, according to the county."*

As our county continues to weather the impacts of COVID-19, which has _ disproportionately affected communities of color across the country, I am gravely concerned that the County has chosen to put more funding in the SMCSO instead of vital programs that serve a multitude of residents such as the Health Department, assistance programs, and other safety-net aid in the county.

I urge the County Manager and Board of Supervisors to take action this fiscal year by divesting substantially from the SMCSO and investing those funds in health services, individual and family assistance programs, and other safety-net aid that will benefit the people of San Mateo County.

Sincerely,

Arlene Rosenberg



From: [Mariana](#)
To: [CMO BoardFeedback](#)
Subject: Defund SMC Sheriff's Office
Date: Friday, June 19, 2020 9:53:54 AM

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Dear County Manager Michael P. Callagy, and Supervisors David Canepa, Carole Groom, Don Horsley, Warren Slocum, and Dave Pine:

My name is Mariana Tiwari and I live with my family in San Mateo. I am reaching out at this critical moment to urge divestment from the San Mateo County's Sheriff's Office (SMCSO). Funds must be redirected to health and mental health care, education, transit, and affordable housing that have proven to have a positive impact on all residents.

Persistent, credible instances of excessive force by the SMCSO have no place in our community. Such cases in point include the tasing death of Chinedu Okobi in 2018 and the intimidating show of force by deputies at the peaceful protest in San Mateo on June 3rd that terrorized young children and drew a sharp rebuke from the mayor. Sheriff Bolanos' ongoing collaboration with ICE violates our community's values. Expanding the influence of the SMCSO by increasing its budget is offensive and unacceptable.

Furthermore, as our county continues to weather the impacts of COVID-19, which has [disproportionately caused more deaths in Black and Latinx communities across the country](#), I am gravely concerned that the county has chosen to put an egregious amount of funding in the SMCSO, instead of vital programs that serve a multitude of residents such as the Health Department, assistance programs, and other safety-net aid in the county. Moreover, as highlighted by the [American Public Health Association](#), law enforcement *is* the public health issue, "...causing deaths, injuries, trauma, and stress that disproportionately affect marginalized populations."

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Sincerely,

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Mariana d' Abreu Tiwari

From: [Martha Beetley](#)
To: [CMO BoardFeedback](#)
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Date: Friday, June 19, 2020 10:17:52 AM

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Dear County Manager and Supervisors:

I am a resident of Redwood City, and I strongly urge you to reallocate some of the Sheriff's funding for purposes of mental health, education, transit and housing needs.

We all know that many in our communities are suffering from the very high cost of living in the Bay Area. We know that human services are very limited, particularly in this time of Covid-19. We know that so much more could be offered to our residents in terms of support for basic needs and a higher quality of life.

Therefore, I find it incredible that the Board of Supervisors would even contemplate an increase in the Sheriff's budget, knowing that Sheriff's officers have abused the public trust with many instances of excessive force and collaboration with ICE. The taser death of Chinedu Okobi, the overzealous presence of deputies at peaceful rallies, and the overreach of the Sheriff into immigration issues do not support harmony in our communities.

Please do not increase funding for the Sheriff's Department, and instead, please consider beneficial ways to support services to those in need in our County.

Sincerely,
Martha Beetley

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From: [Annie Zaenen](#)
To: [CMO BoardFeedback](#)
Cc: [Annie Zaenen](#)
Subject: law enforcement
Date: Friday, June 19, 2020 2:30:52 PM

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Dear County Manager Michael P. Callagy, and Supervisors David Canepa, Carole Groom, Don Horsley, Warren Slocum, and Dave Pine:

My name is **Annie Zaenen** and I am a **resident** of **Emerald Hills**. I am reaching out at this critical moment to urge divestment from the San Mateo County's Sheriff's Office (SMCSO). Funds must be redirected to health and mental health care, education, transit and affordable housing that have proven to have a positive impact on all residents.

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From: [Nancy Bott](#)
To: [CMO BoardFeedback](#)
Subject: Fwd: cut in funding for the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office
Date: Friday, June 19, 2020 3:09:38 PM

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Dear County Manager Michael P. Callagy, and Supervisors David Canepa, Carole Groom, Don Horsley, Warren Slocum, and Dave Pine:

My name is [Nancy Bott](#) and I live in unincorporated San Mateo County (San Mateo Highlands). I am reaching out at this critical moment to urge divestment from the San Mateo County's Sheriff's Office (SMCSO). Funds must be redirected to health and mental health care, education, transit and affordable housing that have proven to have a positive impact on all residents.

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Sincerely,

Nancy Bott

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From: [deni asnis](#)
To: [CMO BoardFeedback](#); [Michael Callagy](#); [Dave Pine](#); [Carole Groom](#); [Don Horsley](#); [Warren Slocum](#); [David Canepa](#)
Subject: Request to Defund the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office
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Dear County Manager Michael P. Callagy, and Supervisors David Canepa, Carole Groom, Don Horsley, Warren Slocum, and Dave Pine:

My name is Deni Asnis and I'm a resident of San Mateo County (SMC). I'm reaching out at this critical moment to defund the San Mateo County's Sheriff's Office (SMCSO). Funds must be redirected to health and mental health care, education, transit, affordable housing, and COVID-19 relief; providers that have proven to have a positive impact on all residents.

In 2018, after the tasing death of a Black father, Chinedu Okobi, the SMCSO resisted changing its Use of Force Policy, even after prolonged and sustained public outcry. Ongoing violence by law enforcement across the country, evidenced by the murders of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Rayshard Brooks and recent local law enforcement involved shootings, taser deaths as well as Sheriff Bolanos ongoing collaboration with ICE, convince us that our community must shift our funding priorities from law enforcement to those resources that have proven to support the sanctity of human life.

As our County continues to weather the impacts of COVID-19, which has [disproportionately caused more deaths in Black and Latinx communities across the country](#), we are deeply troubled and find unacceptable that the County has chosen to yet again, increase funding of the SMCSO. We are demanding funding of the vital programs that serve a multitude of SMC people such as the Health Department, assistance programs, and other safety-net aid in the county. As highlighted by the [American Public Health Association](#), law enforcement is the public health issue, "...causing deaths, injuries, trauma, and stress that disproportionately affect marginalized populations."

Notably, the recommended budget for 2020-21 proposes a \$12 million increase in the Sheriff's budget from last year, in addition to the more than \$276+ million already allocated to the Sheriff's Office. Alarmingly, this increase is being proposed while the County is projected to be in a \$65-100 million dollar deficit because of COVID-19.

Meanwhile, the County's Health Department will barely manage to fill a deficit of \$57 million that it was facing before COVID-19 and expects to lose more revenue later this year from less tax and other revenue in the midst of the pandemic. The [County Manager has stated that](#) "Departments most affected [by the deficit] include safety-net providers needed during the COVID-19 crisis: the Department of Housing, Human Services Agency and County Health and Public Safety, among others. At the same time, demand for county health services, individual and family assistance programs and other safety-net aid is expected to increase costs, according to the county."



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I demand the County Manager and Board of Supervisors take the following action this fiscal year by:

1. Divesting \$100 million dollars from the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office and investing said funds in the County's health services, individual & family assistance programs, and other safety-net aid that will benefit the people of SMC and that are predicted to suffer financial loss due to COVID-19.
2. Discontinue use of General Fund monies to pay for settlements due to murder, misconduct, and negligence by the Sheriff's office.

You have a moral and legal obligation to support and defend the people of San Mateo County and to ACT NOW!

Sincerely,
Deni Asnis

From: [Eduardo Gonzalez](#)
To: [CMO BoardFeedback](#)
Subject: Support Divesting from Policing
Date: Friday, June 19, 2020 3:29:50 PM

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Hello,

My name is Eduardo Gonzalez and I am a Daly City resident. I'm reaching out for the following:

1. I oppose investing \$1 million to purchase more tasers, knowing that just [last year three men died as a result of tasers during encounters with police](#). Now more than ever, as communities struggle to survive the pandemic, all resources should be invested in the health and wellness of the community.
2. We want a moral budget that prioritizes investment in programs to lift up the health and wellbeing of the Black community. The County's budget reflects our city's higher aspirations valuing life, health, education, and the common good, prioritizing the most vulnerable people among us.
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 2. Conversion of the rent debt to consumer debt, and
 3. An extension of the eviction moratorium until 90 days after shelter-in-place is lifted.

Thank you for your time.

From: [William Lex](#)
To: [CMO BoardFeedback](#)
Subject: SMC Sheriff's Office
Date: Friday, June 19, 2020 4:12:28 PM

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June 19, 2020

Dear County Manager Michael P. Callagy, and Supervisors David Canepa, Carole Groom, Don Horsley, Warren Slocum, and Dave Pine:

I am a resident of Daly City writing to urge budget divestment from the San Mateo County's Sheriff's Office (SMCSO). Funds must be redirected to health and mental health care, education, transit, and affordable housing that have proven to have a positive impact on all residents.

Persistent, credible instances of excessive force by the SMCSO have no place in our community. Such cases include the tasing death of Chinedu Okobi in 2018 and the intimidating show of force by deputies at the peaceful protest in San Mateo on June 3rd that terrorized young children and drew a sharp rebuke from the mayor. Sheriff Bolanos' ongoing collaboration with ICE violates our community's values. Expanding the influence of the SMCSO by increasing its budget is offensive and unacceptable.

Furthermore, as our county continues to weather the impacts of COVID-19, which has [disproportionately caused more deaths in Black and Latinx communities across the country](#), I am gravely concerned that the county has chosen to put an egregious amount of funding in the SMCSO, instead of vital programs that serve a multitude of residents such as the Health Department, assistance programs, and other safety-net aid in the county. Moreover, as highlighted by the [American Public Health Association](#), law enforcement *is* the public health issue, "...causing deaths, injuries, trauma, and stress that disproportionately affect marginalized populations."

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I urge the County Manager and Board of Supervisors to take action this fiscal year by divesting substantially from the Sheriff's Office and investing those funds in health services, individual and family assistance programs, and other safety-net aid that will benefit the people of San Mateo County.

Sincerely,

William (Bill) Lex

From: [Sherry Golestan](#)
To: [CMO BoardFeedback](#)
Subject: FW: Board of supervisors meeting, Re-distribution of police funds
Date: Friday, June 19, 2020 5:11:46 PM

From: Susan Rhodes [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 19, 2020 4:51 PM
To: Sherry Golestan <sgolestan@smcgov.org>
Subject: Board of supervisors meeting, Re-distribution of police funds

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Dear County Manager Michael P. Callagy, and Supervisors David Canepa, Carole Groom, Don Horsley, Warren Slocum, and Dave Pine:

My name is Susan Rhodes and I am a resident of San Mateo. I am reaching out at this critical moment to urge divestment from the San Mateo County's Sheriff's Office (SMCSO). Funds must be redirected to health and mental health care, education, transit and affordable housing that have proven to have a positive impact on all residents.

Persistent, credible instances of excessive force by the SMCSO have no place in our community. Such cases in point include the tasing death of Chinedu Okobi in 2018 and the intimidating show of force by deputies at the peaceful protest in San Mateo on June 3rd that terrorized young children and drew a sharp rebuke from the mayor. I was present at the protest and the show of force was completely unnecessary and designed to scare peaceful protesters and changed the atmosphere risking the acts of violence everyone there was trying to avoid. Sheriff Bolanos' ongoing collaboration with ICE violates our community's values. Expanding the influence of the SMCSO by increasing its budget is offensive and unacceptable.

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Sincerely,
Susan Rhodes

From: [Sherry Golestan](#)
To: [CMO BoardFeedback](#)
Subject: FW: Redirecting budget resources (AKA defund the police)
Date: Friday, June 19, 2020 5:57:19 PM

From: certifiedhypnotist [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 19, 2020 5:37 PM
To: Sherry Golestan <sgolestan@smcgov.org>
Subject: Redirecting budget resources (AKA defund the police)

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I support the call that is coming from the ACLU, religious leaders and members of the community to redirect funds designated to increase the budget of the Sheriff's Dept. in a time of budget deficits. Of particular concern is the nearly million dollars for purchase of tasers which are not, as I hear you were told, any safer. All tasers are dangerous and in fact manufacturers warn against their use on agitated people, people with heart conditions, the elderly and pregnant women, leaving very few cases in which their use is remotely safe. Our schools need counselors, nurses and hall monitors -far more than they have. Students often need tutoring. But schools are underfunded. Use funds to boost these services and to put more trained mental health professionals in the field with police where needed.

Gail Sredanovic
[REDACTED]

From: [Karen Lee](#)
To: [CMO BoardFeedback](#)
Subject: Divestment from the SMCSO
Date: Friday, June 19, 2020 6:18:01 PM

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Dear County Manager Michael P. Callagy, and Supervisors David Canepa, Carole Groom, Don Horsley, Warren Slocum, and Dave Pine:

My name is [Karen Lee](#) and I am a [resident](#) of [Belmont](#). I am reaching out at this critical moment to urge divestment from the San Mateo County's Sheriff's Office (SMCSO). Funds must be redirected to health and mental health care, education, transit and affordable housing that have proven to have a positive impact on all residents.

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I urge the County Manager and Board of Supervisors to take action this fiscal year by divesting substantially from the Sheriff's Office and investing those funds in health services, individual and family assistance programs, and other safety-net aid that will benefit the people of San Mateo County.

Sincerely,
Karen

From: [Sherry Golestan](#)
To: [CMO BoardFeedback](#)
Subject: Fw: Divest from San Mateo County Sheriff
Date: Friday, June 19, 2020 8:03:05 PM

From: Julie Ron [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 19, 2020 6:41 PM
To: Sherry Golestan <sgolestan@smcgov.org>
Subject: Divest from San Mateo County Sheriff

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Dear County Manager Michael P. Callagy, and Supervisors David Canepa, Carole Groom, Don Horsley, Warren Slocum, and Dave Pine:

My name is Julie and I am a resident of El Granada. I am reaching out at this critical moment to urge divestment from the San Mateo County's Sheriff's Office (SMCSO). Funds must be redirected to health and mental health care, education, transit and affordable housing that have proven to have a positive impact on all residents.

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I urge the County Manager and Board of Supervisors to take action this fiscal year by divesting

substantially from the Sheriff's Office and investing those funds in health services, individual and family assistance programs, and other safety-net aid that will benefit the people of San Mateo County.

Sincerely,

Julie

From: [Sherry Golestan](#)
To: [CMO BoardFeedback](#)
Subject: Fw: Divest from Sheriff's Office
Date: Friday, June 19, 2020 8:03:10 PM

From: Roberta Henry [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 19, 2020 6:52 PM
To: Sherry Golestan <sgolestan@smcgov.org>
Subject: Divest from Sheriff's Office

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Dear County Manager Michael P. Callagy, and Supervisors David Canepa, Carole Groom, Don Horsley, Warren Slocum, and Dave Pine:

My name is Roberta Henry and I am a resident of South San Francisco. I am reaching out at this critical moment to urge divestment from the San Mateo County's Sheriff's Office (SMCSO). Funds must be redirected to health and mental health care, education, transit and affordable housing that have proven to have a positive impact on all residents.

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Sincerely,

Roberta Henry

From: [Paige Abramson Hirsch](#)
To: [CMO BoardFeedback](#)
Subject: Policing
Date: Friday, June 19, 2020 9:24:35 PM

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Dear County Manager Michael P. Callagy, and Supervisors David Canepa, Carole Groom, Don Horsley, Warren Slocum, and Dave Pine:

My name is Paige Hirsch and I am a resident of San Carlos. I am reaching out at this critical moment to urge divestment from the San Mateo County's Sheriff's Office (SMCSO). Funds must be redirected to health and mental health care, education, transit and affordable housing that have proven to have a positive impact on all residents.

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Furthermore, as our county continues to weather the impacts of COVID-19, which has [disproportionately caused more deaths in Black and Latinx communities across the country](#), I am gravely concerned that the county has chosen to put an egregious amount of funding in the SMCSO, instead of vital programs that serve a multitude of residents such as the Health Department, assistance programs, and other safety-net aid in the county. Moreover, as highlighted by the [American Public Health Association](#), law enforcement *is* the public health issue, "...causing deaths, injuries, trauma, and stress that disproportionately affect marginalized populations."

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I urge the County Manager and Board of Supervisors to take action this fiscal year by divesting substantially from the Sheriff's Office and investing those funds in health services, individual and family assistance programs, and other safety-net aid that will benefit the people of San Mateo County.

Sincerely,
Paige Hirsch

From: [Beth von Emster](#)
To: [CMO BoardFeedback](#); [Michael Callagy](#)
Subject: Reduce Funding for SMC Sheriff's Dept
Date: Saturday, June 20, 2020 7:31:02 AM

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Dear County Manager Callagy and Supervisors Canepa, Groom, Horsley, Slocum, and Pine:

My name Beth von Emster and I am a resident of Belmont. I am reaching out at this critical moment to urge a substantial reduction of funding for the San Mateo County's Sheriff's Office. Funds must be redirected to health and mental health care, education, transit and affordable housing that have proven to have a positive impact on all residents.

Persistent, credible allegations of excessive force by the sheriff's office have no place in our community. Such cases in point include the tasing death of Chinedu Okobi in 2018 and the intimidating show of force by deputies at the peaceful protest in San Mateo on June 3rd that drew a sharp rebuke from the mayor. Sheriff Bolanos' ongoing collaboration with ICE violates our community's values. Expanding the influence of the sheriff's office by increasing its budget is unacceptable.

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I urge the County Manager and Board of Supervisors to take action this fiscal year to reduce substantially the sheriff's office budget and invest those funds in health services, individual and family assistance programs, and other safety-net aid that will benefit the people of San Mateo County.

Sincerely,
Beth von Emster

From: [Kay Sweeney](#)
To: [CMO BoardFeedback](#)
Subject: Where I Stand!
Date: Saturday, June 20, 2020 10:03:07 AM

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I join San Mateo County Faith in Action in the following:

- Oppose investing \$1 million to purchase more tasers, knowing that just [last year three men died as a result of tasers during encounters with police](#). Now more than ever, as communities struggle to survive the pandemic, all resources should be invested in the health and wellness of the community.
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- An extension of the eviction moratorium until 90 days after shelter-in-place is lifted.

Catherine Sweeney



From: [kaye bonney](#)
To: [CMO BoardFeedback](#)
Subject: San Mateo County budget for 2020-21
Date: Saturday, June 20, 2020 12:23:13 PM

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Dear Supervisors,

We have been dismayed to learn that the recommended San Mateo County budget for 2020-21 proposes a \$12 million increase in the sheriff's budget from last year, in addition to the more than \$276 million already allocated to the sheriff's office. At the same time, the County's Health Department will barely manage to fill a deficit of \$57 million that it was facing before COVID-19.

COVID-19 has disproportionately caused more deaths in Black and Latino communities across the country. Law enforcement is also a public health issue that, according to American Public Health Association, "... is causing deaths, injuries, trauma, and stress that disproportionately affect marginalized populations."

Please move \$100 million dollars from the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office and use those funds for the County's health services, individual and family assistance programs, and other direct aid. Re-purposing these funds directly benefits the people of San Mateo County and improves safety for all of us by reducing the desperation that some families face now.

Kaye Bonney, Secretary
Fools Mission

From: [Rena Korb](#)
To: [CMO BoardFeedback](#)
Subject: Defund SMC Sheriff's Office
Date: Saturday, June 20, 2020 6:56:49 PM

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Hello,

My name is Rena Korb and I am a resident of the County of San Mateo. I am writing to demand that we reconsider how our county allocates our budget toward the Sheriff's Office, especially in light of the individuals who have lost their lives to police violence in San Mateo County.

As I am sure you are aware from this now national conversation, much research has shown that policing does not actually improve the safety and well-being of residents across many different landscapes be it in suburban, urban and rural areas. What does support the well-being and safety of community members in cities and counties across the United States, however, is deep trust and investment in our communities through housing, health care services, jobs, mental health services, and education.

In reading the proposed county budget for FY 20-21, I am appalled that \$288.5 million has been allocated towards funding the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office. With looming budget deficits as a result of COVID-19, I do not accept the prioritization of an increased police department budget over essential community resources in this next year. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk San Mateo County residents during this trying and uncertain time when livelihoods are on the line.

We demand a budget that supports community well-being, rather than one that empowers police.

On a personal note, I was in attendance at the peaceful BLM rally in front of the police station on June 3. From my position in the crowd, situated on Saratoga near Hillsdale, I did not witness any actions that would necessitate the arrival of law enforcement officials in riot gear, including people moving in an effort to shut down the freeways. While there may have been activity that triggered such a strong response on the part of the Sheriff's Dept., as standard operating procedure, I believe the net effect was to escalate tensions rather than provide safety to the police officers and protestors who were present.

It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the San Mateo County budget for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. Public opinion is with me.

Thank you for your time,
Rena Korb



From: [bijan](#)
To: [CMO BoardFeedback](#)
Subject: SMC Sheriff's Office's Funding
Date: Saturday, June 20, 2020 8:29:29 PM

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Hello,

My name is Bijan Mottahedeh and I am a resident of the County of San Mateo. I am writing to demand that we reconsider how our county allocates our budget toward the Sheriff's Office, especially in light of the individuals who have lost their lives to police violence in San Mateo County.

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A budget is a moral document that reflects our values. While a society cannot function without law and order, our resources must be allocated to reflect our values.

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Thank you for your time,

Bijan Mottahedeh

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From: [Celeste Escobar](#)
To: [CMO BoardFeedback](#)
Subject: Black Lives Matter and Funding of SMC Sheriff's Office
Date: Saturday, June 20, 2020 10:30:58 PM

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Make that the first step toward completely reimagining our County's public health and safety.

Sincerely,

Jacki Rigoni

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From: [Jacki Rigoni](#)
To: [CMO BoardFeedback](#)
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From: [Debra Kattler](#)
To: [CMO BoardFeedback](#)
Subject: Defund SMC Sheriff's Office - A New Vision for Public Safety
Date: Sunday, June 21, 2020 5:28:48 AM

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To the Board of Supervisors:

My name is Debra Kattler and I am a resident of the County of San Mateo. I am writing to demand that we reconsider how our county allocates our budget toward the Sheriff's Office, especially in light of the individuals who have lost their lives to police violence in San Mateo County.

As I am sure you are aware from this now national conversation, much research has shown that policing does not actually improve the safety and wellbeing of residents whether in suburban, urban and rural areas. What does support the wellbeing and safety of community members in cities and counties across the United States is deep trust and investment in our communities through housing, health care services, jobs, mental health services, and education.

In reading the proposed county budget for FY 20-21, I see that \$288.5 million has been allocated towards funding the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office, an increase over the previous year. With looming budget deficits as a result of COVID-19, I do not accept the prioritization of an increased police department budget over essential community resources in this next year. It is imperative that our budget adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk San Mateo County residents during this trying and uncertain time when livelihoods are on the line.

I attended the recent Black Lives Matter Protest and was very frustrated by the overly aggressive response to the rally by the Sheriff's Department arriving in full riot gear. The Sheriff's office responding to community complaints said that this was Standard Operating Procedure. We are beyond the point of relying on law enforcement agencies to "police" themselves. Therefore, it is the people who make decisions about budget allocations who can redress the imbalance of bloated law enforcement budgets which leads to over-reliance on shows of force to deal with so many societal issues.

It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to revisit and revise the San Mateo

County budget for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. Let's not squander this opportunity to make these important changes to our approach to public safety.

Sincerely,

Debra Kattler

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One Redwood City

P.O. Box 13
Redwood City, CA 94064
(650) 206-8465



June 20, 2020

Honorable San Mateo County Board of Supervisors;

We are opposed to allocating \$1,000,000 for the purchase of tasers. Just last year, three individuals were killed in our county as a direct result of law enforcement's use of tasers. Now, more than ever, as communities struggle to survive the pandemic all resources should be invested in the health and wellness of the community.

We want a moral budget that prioritizes investment into programs that lift up the health and well being of the Black community. The County's budget should reflect our city's higher aspirations valuing life, health, education and the common good, while prioritizing the most vulnerable among us.

It is of the utmost importance that you vote today not to just extend, but to expand, the eviction moratorium to prevent more families from becoming homeless. This means:

1. 12 months to repay rent debt after shelter-in-place is lifted.
2. Conversion of rent debt to consumer debt.
3. An extension of the eviction moratorium until 90 days after shelter-in-place is lifted.

We and all the tenants in San Mateo County need your help during this unprecedented time. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Stasha Powell
Cesar Gonzalez

From: [Brian Morearty](#)
To: [CMO BoardFeedback](#)
Cc: [Michael Callagy](#); [Dave Pine](#); [Carole Groom](#); [Don Horsley](#); [Warren Slocum](#); [David Canepa](#)
Subject: Defund the SMC Sheriff's Office
Date: Sunday, June 21, 2020 10:19:03 AM

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I'm Brian Morearty, a resident of San Carlos for 22 years.

I have personally witnessed disgusting behavior by local police that I think shows they value the blue wall of silence over truth and justice. In one example from about 10 years ago in San Carlos (not sure if this was before or after we switched over to using the county sheriff), an officer told me he refused to take action against someone who had broken two car mirrors because "**we know him**" and "he's a good guy" who "needs vision correction." When I told him he was mistaken, the person I saw break the mirrors was a woman and not a man, he realized he had identified the wrong person. He immediately changed his tune and said he would make sure the police get to the bottom of it. In my opinion, his initial response was putting the abhorrent blue code over justice and over doing his job. I was absolutely disgusted.

I'm requesting the board take two actions:

1. Divest \$100 million from the SMC Sheriff's Office.
2. Discontinue use of General Fund money to pay for settlements due to murder, misconduct, and negligence by the Sheriff's office.

Brian Morearty

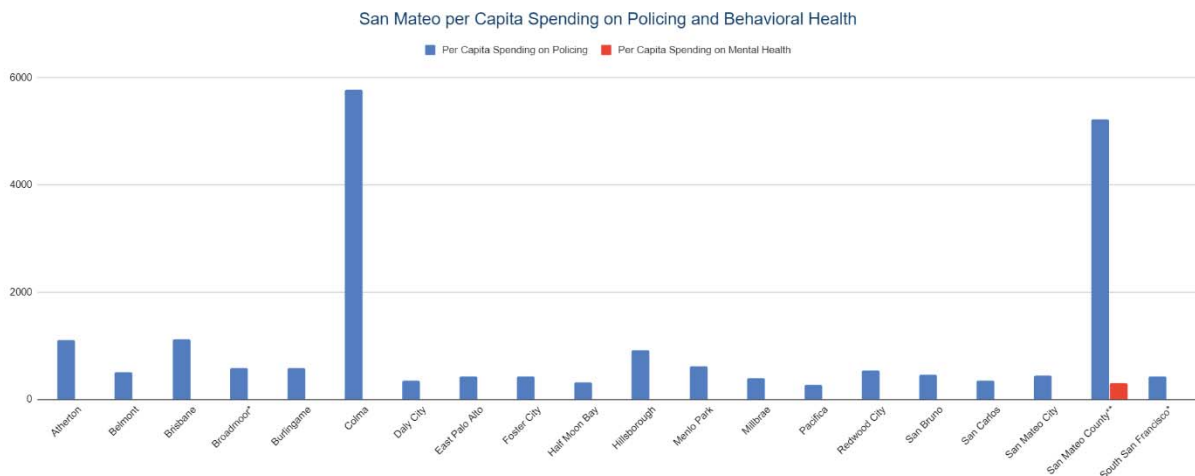


Dear County Manager Michael P. Callagy, and Supervisors David Canepa, Carole Groom, Don Horsley, Warren Slocum, and Dave Pine:

Our names are Erika and Jim Dyquisto and we are residents of San Mateo County (SMC), specifically, Pacifica. We are also county property taxpayers and have been active volunteering in the local community. I am reaching out at this critical moment to propose readjusting the current and proposed funding of the San Mateo County's Sheriff's Office (SMCSO) so that the funding can be used to better serve the needs of county residents at large.

Law enforcement deals with people's problems once they are desperate. It is much better if people receive help dealing with the various issues – via mediators, various types of health care and social workers and the like -- before arriving at a point of desperation. It's also best if people's issues are dealt with by those who are experts in their fields. Just as teachers can't help students with all of their problems, police and SMCSO cannot be expected to deal with everyone's issues.

While SMCSO has a lot of functions, many of which are not performed by local police departments, I analyzed recent city and county law enforcement budgets, removing those services from the SMCSO budget that are only provided at the county level. The analysis shows that a far greater amount of money is being spent per capita on county policing efforts than is being spent by local police departments (see chart). I analyzed the data by population of jurisdiction because – aside from mutual aid, which all departments provide to each other – each of these agencies is the primary responder for protecting and serving the population in their particular area.



The chart also shows how little per capita is being spent on needed social services such as behavioral/mental health services in the county per capita. Such services are not provided by individual cities, only the county. The difference between the per capita amounts of service the county provides to all residents for behavioral health services compared to residents of just some of the county for policing services is really a gross misspending of the taxpayers' money. The

most money should go to those services that serve the most residents. So many people of all socioeconomic classes need trained behavioral health specialists to intervene in difficult situations – or simply need people who are professional mediators to help find solutions for disputes between neighbors. Yet these services are basically unavailable, so armed police officers – who may not have the empathetic ear and may be focused on filling out reports – are the only available means of help. As a result, many times problems fester until it becomes a desperate situation when the police need to be called. Redirecting much of SMCSO's policing and administrative budgets to county behavioral and other community health services and setting up more services to help all county residents in need should be the priority in our opinion.

The [County Manager, himself, has stated that](#) *“Departments most affected [by the deficit] include safety-net providers needed during the COVID-19 crisis: the Department of Housing, Human Services Agency and County Health and Public Safety, among others. At the same time, demand for county health services, individual and family assistance programs and other safety-net aid is expected to increase costs, according to the county”* But this does not need to be the case. County management does have a choice to realign the budget with the needs and priorities of its citizens (and I don't mean by the relative amount of property tax money they pay, but by the distribution of people in the county). Bring the policing and administrative parts of SMCSO budgets in-line with the average of the rest of the county (not including Colma), so that funding is distributed more equitably so that tax money can be used to serve the most people. Other areas where such funds are obviously needed are other health care, educational programs, COVID-19 relief, and perhaps greater supervision of residential and assisted living facilities where the vast majority of county COVID-19 deaths have occurred. Such services are proven to have a positive impact on all residents, not just for those covered in areas that have no city jurisdiction.

Finally, reining in SMCSO's budget to levels that most city policing agencies enjoy may remove a sense of entitlement that is demonstrated through the traditional “policing attitude.” Such a change in funds may also serve as a reminder that SMCSO's mission is to protect and serve the public (and not just some of the public); the public is not here to serve SMCSO. Another way in which we believe that SMCSO needs to change is in Sheriff Bolanos' ongoing collaboration with ICE, which is not reflective of the needs or wants of the majority of people in this county. The Sheriff's office has also demonstrated a lack of willingness to be self-reflective in its policing policies. In 2018, after the tasing death of a Black father, Chinedu Okobi, the SMCSO resisted changing its Use of Force policy, even after prolonged and sustained public outcry. More recently, the group body language of SMCSO officers during a protest demonstrates that their attitude is one of showing that they have power rather than working with county residents. The following is a paraphrase (for sake of brevity) of an eye-witness account of this attitude in action:

My wife and I attended the protest against the murder of George Floyd at San Mateo City Hall. San Mateo city's police department did all the right things to make sure residents could exercise their First Amendment right to peaceably assemble.

Unfortunately, the same cannot be said about the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office. Their strategic decisions in managing the protest served only to needlessly and dangerously escalate the chances of violent confrontation. Fortunately, and because the

protest was obviously nonviolent, this did not happen. But changes in SMCSO officer tactics need to be made immediately.

Areas where violent conflicts have broken out around our country during recent protests frequently shared one thing in common: police departments that position officers as counter-protesters, rather than public servants whose goal is to keep citizens safe. In city after city, police decked out in riot gear have formed lines next to protests, silently staring down those who dare to speak out against police brutality.

Unsurprisingly, putting officers toe-to-toe with protesters at a highly emotional time leads to scuffles, and a number of them have escalated to out-and-out violence. A journalist covering the Minneapolis protests was blinded in one eye by a rubber bullet shot by police there; a non-protester was shot and killed by police in Louisville, KY in an incident where no officers had their body cameras on, leading to the firing of the police chief in that city; and an NYPD vehicle was filmed running over protesters in New York City.

Yet despite the demonstrated dangers of taking such a confrontational approach, our County Sheriff's Department seems to have learned little from their peers in other regions. As the protest march passed Hillsdale Shopping Center, I was appalled to see a squad of County Sheriff's officers decked out in riot gear, holding batons and riot guns in front of them and with zip tie handcuffs prominently displayed on their hips. This show of force was unnecessary.

At another part of the protest, a fleet of . . . vehicles drove uncomfortably close to a group of protesters and got out of their cars dressed in riot gear as yet another show of force against peaceful protesters.

This aggressive posture of overwhelming force is clearly intended to send a not-so-subtle message: Your right to exercise free speech extends only so far as we decide is appropriate; cross that invisible line and you can expect to be beaten and gassed.

This is a grossly irresponsible strategic position for our County Sheriff's Department to take. Despite what anonymous screenshot messages shared on NextDoor promised, we've seen little violence or crime arising from protests in this county, and it was clear from inside the San Mateo protest that there was no appetite for destruction. But placing so many aggressively armed officers in close proximity to protesters is just begging for someone on either side to make a mistake in the heat of the moment. We are lucky that didn't happen at the San Mateo protest, but that's no guarantee that it won't in the future.

To be honest, given Pacifica's ongoing budget issues, I used to think it might be a good idea for the Pacifica Police Department to disband and for the County Sheriff's office to take over, but given the positivity with which Pacifica police handled a recent demonstration in Pacifica and other hiring moves they've made, they seem to be showing a better commitment to its citizens

than has SMCSO. Given what the sheriff's office has recently shown (because actions always speak louder than words) I now believe the Pacifica Police department is doing a far better job with far less money per capita.

I believe the County Manager and Board of Supervisors should take the following budget actions this fiscal year:

1. Divest at least \$100 million dollars from the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office and invest said funds in the County's health services, individual and family assistance programs, and other safety-net aid that will benefit the people of SMC.
2. Discontinue use of General Fund money to pay for settlements due to murder, misconduct, and negligence by the Sheriff's office.

Sincerely,

Erika and Jim Dyquisto

Data for the chart:

Jurisdiction	Recommended Police 2019-2020 Budget	2018 Population	Per Capita Spending on Policing	Behavioral Health	2018 Population***	Per Capita Spending on Behavioral Health
Atherton	\$7,971,447	7,187	\$1,109	0	7,187	0
Belmont	\$13,543,583	27,113	\$500	0	27,113	0
Brisbane	\$5,261,668	4,693	\$1,121	0	4,693	0
Broadmoor*	\$2,490,690	4,282	\$582	0	4,282	0
Burlingame	\$17,554,148	30,467	\$576	0	30,467	0
Colma	\$8,678,943	1,504	\$5,771	0	1,504	0
Daly City	\$37,389,594	107,008	\$349	0	107,008	0
East Palo Alto	\$12,532,400	29,519	\$425	0	29,519	0
Foster City	\$14,616,811	34,151	\$428	0	34,151	0
Half Moon Bay	\$4,116,031	12,973	\$317	0	12,973	0
Hillsborough	\$10,508,737	11,444	\$918	0	11,444	0
Menlo Park	\$21,130,000	34,549	\$612	0	34,549	0
Millbrae	\$8,862,886	22,557	\$393	0	22,557	0
Pacifica	\$10,204,000	38,759	\$263	0	38,759	0

Redwood City	\$46,200,000	86,200	\$536	0	86,200	0
San Bruno	\$19,643,409	43,047	\$456	0	43,047	0
San Carlos	\$10,712,300	30,364	\$353	0	30,364	0
San Mateo City	\$46,931,271	105,025	\$447	0	105,025	0
San Mateo County**	\$149,134,753	28,594	\$5,216	\$231,694,523	769,545	\$301
South San Francisco*	\$29,174,475	67,773	\$430	0	67,773	0
*Proposed 2018-2019 budget; current budget not published						
**Does not include forensics, adult and juvenile services or probation, jails, "institutional care," or corrections						
***Population for county health care is larger than for policing because of the different number of people it serves.						

From: [Lynnette Garcia](#)
To: [CMO BoardFeedback](#)
Cc: [Rick Bonilla](#); [Diane Papan](#); [Eric Rodriguez](#); [Maureen Freschet](#); [Joe Goethals](#); [Amourance Lee](#)
Subject: Defund SMC Sheriff's Office
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Hello City and County of San Mateo (officials, board member and all other concerned),

My name is Lynnette Garcia, and I am a resident of the County of San Mateo of which I have live here for the better part of 40yrs. I am writing to demand that we reconsider how our county allocates our budget toward the Sheriff's Office, especially in light of the individuals who have lost their lives to police violence in San Mateo County.

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35% of the funds to be re-allocated to affordable housing, healthcare services, jobs and education.

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I do realize that the San Mateo City Council is not directly connected to the Sheriffs Department and I do want to include you on the council to know

what it is that we are seeking overall with our Law enforcement officials.

Lynnette Garcia, ABOC, CRC, CHC



From: [Diana Ungersma](#)
To: [CMO BoardFeedback](#)
Subject: Defund the police
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- > Honorable San Mateo County Board of Supervisors,
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From: Arlene Rosenberg

To: boardfeedback@smcgov.org

Sent: June 19, 2020 at 9:24 AM

Subject: Request for redirection of funding away from SMCSO

Dear County Manager Michael P. Callagy, and Supervisors David Canepa, Carole Groom, Don Horsley, Warren Slocum, and Dave Pine:

My name is Arlene Rosenberg and I am a resident of Hillsborough. I am reaching out at this critical moment to urge a redirection of funding from the San Mateo County's Sheriff's Office (SMCSO) to health and mental health care, education, transit, and affordable housing, all of which will have a more positive impact on County residents.

Notably, the recommended budget for 2020-21 proposes a significant *increase* in the SMCSO budget, despite a projected \$65-100 million dollar deficit because of COVID-19. Meanwhile, the County's Health Department will barely manage to fill a deficit of \$57 million that it was facing before COVID-19 and expects to lose more revenue later this year from less tax and other revenue in the midst of the pandemic. The [County Manager has stated that](#) *"Departments most affected [by the deficit] include safety-net providers needed during the COVID-19 crisis: the Department of Housing, Human Services Agency and County Health and Public Safety, among others. At the same time, demand for county health services, individual and family assistance programs and other safety-net aid is expected to increase costs, according to the county."*

As our county continues to weather the impacts of COVID-19, which has disproportionately affected communities of color across the country, I am gravely concerned that the County has chosen to put more funding in the SMCSO instead of vital programs that serve a multitude of residents such as the Health Department, assistance programs, and other safety-net aid in the county.

I urge the County Manager and Board of Supervisors to take action this fiscal year by divesting substantially from the SMCSO and investing those funds in health services, individual and family assistance programs, and other safety-net aid that will benefit the people of San Mateo County.

Sincerely,

Arlene Rosenberg



From: [Sherry Golestan](#)
To: [CMO BoardFeedback](#)
Subject: Fw: law enforcement
Date: Sunday, June 21, 2020 4:26:01 PM

From: Annie Zaenen [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, June 20, 2020 9:35 AM
To: Sherry Golestan <sgolestan@smcgov.org>
Cc: Annie Zaenen <azlk@me.com>
Subject: law enforcement

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Dear County Manager Michael P. Callagy, and Supervisors David Canepa, Carole Groom, Don Horsley, Warren Slocum, and Dave Pine:

My name is **Annie Zaenen** and I am a **resident** of **Emerald Hills**. I am reaching out at this critical moment to urge divestment from the San Mateo County's Sheriff's Office (SMCSO). Funds must be redirected to health and mental health care, education, transit and affordable housing that have proven to have a positive impact on all residents.

Use of excessive force by the SMCSO has no place in our community. Cases in point include the tasing death of Chinedu Okobi in 2018 and the intimidating show of force by deputies at the peaceful protest in San Mateo on June 3rd that terrorized young children and drew a sharp rebuke from the mayor. Sheriff Bolanos' ongoing collaboration with ICE violates our community's values. Expanding the influence of the SMCSO by increasing its budget is offensive and unacceptable.

Furthermore, as our county continues to weather the impacts of COVID-19, I am gravely concerned that the county has chosen to put an egregious amount of funding in the SMCSO, instead of vital programs that serve a multitude of residents such as the Health Department, assistance programs, and other safety-net aid in the county. Moreover, as highlighted by the [American Public Health Association](#), law enforcement is the public health issue, "...causing deaths, injuries, trauma, and stress that disproportionately affect marginalized populations."

The recommended budget for 2020-21 proposes a significant increase in the Sheriff's Office budget *while* the County is projected to be in a \$65-100 million dollar deficit because of COVID-19. Meanwhile, the County's Health Department expects to lose more revenue later this year from less tax and other revenue in the midst of the pandemic. The [County Manager has stated that](#) *"Departments most affected [by the deficit] include safety-net providers needed during the COVID-19 crisis: the Department of Housing, Human Services Agency and County Health and Public Safety, among others. At the same time, demand for county health services, individual and family assistance programs and other safety-net aid is expected to increase costs, according to the county."*

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Sincerely,

Annie Zaenen

From: [Sherry Golestan](#)
To: [CMO BoardFeedback](#)
Subject: Fw: Defund the San Mateo County's Sheriff's Office
Date: Sunday, June 21, 2020 4:26:10 PM

From: Emily Morris [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, June 20, 2020 10:46 AM
To: Sherry Golestan <sgolestan@smcgov.org>
Subject: Defund the San Mateo County's Sheriff's Office

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Hi,

I am a resident of San Mateo, and I am reaching out to ask you to divest from the San Mateo County's Sheriff's Office (SMCSO). Funds must be redirected to health and mental health care, education, transit and affordable housing.

Excessive force by the SMCSO has no place in our community. This includes the tasing death of Chinedu Okobi in 2018 and the intimidating show of force by deputies at the peaceful protest in San Mateo on June 3 that drew a sharp rebuke from the mayor. Sheriff Bolanos' ongoing collaboration with ICE violates our community's values. Expanding the influence of the SMCSO by increasing its budget is offensive and unacceptable.

As our county continues to weather the impacts of COVID-19, which has [disproportionately caused more deaths in Black and Latinx communities across the country](#), I am concerned that the county has chosen to put a disproportionate amount of funding in the SMCSO, instead of vital programs that serve residents such as the Health Department, assistance programs, and other safety-net aid in the county.

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Sincerely,

Emily

From: [Sherry Golestan](#)
To: [CMO BoardFeedback](#)
Subject: Fw: No more tasers
Date: Sunday, June 21, 2020 4:26:19 PM

From: Susan Whitford [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, June 20, 2020 11:53 AM
To: Sherry Golestan <sgolestan@smcgov.org>
Subject: No more tasers

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I implore you not to authorize the purchase of \$1 million in tasers for the Sheriff's Department. There have been too many deaths caused by tasers in San Mateo County. There has been no meaningful reform of the taser policy. The San Mateo County budget will be much less due to the pandemic. These funds should be used on community welfare programs instead.

Susan Whitford
San Carlos, Ca.

From: [Lisa Hicks-Dumanske](#)
To: [CMO BoardFeedback](#)
Subject: Please do not invest \$1M in tasers!
Date: Sunday, June 21, 2020 5:56:08 PM

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With the current and urgent call to examine how to resource policing and alternatives for all types of community policing, it doesn't feel right to invest \$1M in tasers. One of the men who died as a result of tasing last year died in your custody and his family worships with my church!

The County budget should reflect our city's aspirations to invest in community policing and programs that lift up the lives of all, especially the most vulnerable among us.

Please extend the eviction moratorium to prevent more families from becoming homeless too.

These would be my public comments if I could attend your next board meeting.

Thank you, Lisa Hicks-Dumanske
resident of Redwood City for 50+ years


"Make a career of humanity. Commit yourself to the noble struggle for equal rights. You will make a better person of yourself, a greater nation of your country, and a finer world to live in."
– MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR

From: [Sherry Golestan](#)
To: [CMO BoardFeedback](#)
Subject: Fw: Divestment from SMC Sheriff's Office
Date: Monday, June 22, 2020 12:14:20 AM

From: Yedida Kanfer [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, June 21, 2020 7:05 PM
To: Sherry Golestan <sgolestan@smcgov.org>; Michael Callagy <MCallagy@smcgov.org>
Subject: Divestment from SMC Sheriff's Office

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Dear County Manager Michael P. Callagy, and Supervisors David Canepa, Carole Groom, Don Horsley, Warren Slocum, and Dave Pine:

My name is Yedida Kanfer, and I am a resident of Foster City. I am reaching out at this critical moment to urge divestment from the San Mateo County's Sheriff's Office (SMCSO). Funds must be redirected to health and mental health care, education, transit and affordable housing that have proven to have a positive impact on all residents.

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Sincerely,
Yedida Kanfer

From: [Glenn Ricafrente](#)
To: [CMO BoardFeedback](#)
Subject: Defunding the Sheriff's Office
Date: Monday, June 22, 2020 1:18:40 AM

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

My name is Glenn Ricafrente and I live in the City of San Mateo.

As you deliberate on the 2020-2021 budget at your upcoming Board meeting, please consider this: our little county of 770,000 residents SPENDS MORE on its SHERIFF'S OFFICE than the military budgets of ENTIRE COUNTRIES such as Paraguay (pop. 7.1 million), Guatemala (17.9 million), and Nepal (31.3 million).

A global pandemic and a crashing economy are causing enormous pain on our residents, and our county is facing budget shortfalls due to Covid. It is unconscionable to spend as much money as the next budget proposes (an increase over last year's budget, no less) on a Sheriff's Office whose recent actions have been problematic and alarming, to say the least.

I urge you to revisit the budget and re-allocate resources meant for the Sheriff's Office to services that support residents who are and will be in dire need for the foreseeable future, as well as invest in the recovery and strengthening of our community by increasing funding in health care, mental health services, education, housing, and infrastructure.

Take a hint from national events and do the right thing.

Regards,
Glenn Ricafrente

From: [Nina Rosenblatt](#)
To: [CMO BoardFeedback](#)
Subject: Prioritizing Communities of Color - Eviction Moratorium Expansion & Policing
Date: Monday, June 22, 2020 6:37:28 AM

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Good morning Honorable Supervisors,

I was born and raised here in San Mateo County, and I am currently a constituent. I am writing to voice my support for defunding the police and expanding the eviction moratorium.

First, I oppose the \$1 million investment to purchase more tasers, knowing that last year three men died as a result of this unnecessary force. Now more than ever, we must re-direct funds used on policing to invest in the most vulnerable members of the community. Instead of investing in tasers, I ask that you invest in an alternate 911 system for immediate, unarmed response trained in mental health and other forms of crisis, grants to Black and Brown organizations in over-policed communities, and rent relief for those impacted by COVID-19. Instead of punishing community members, we should think about **why** crimes are committed and focus on community programs to address this issue in sustainable ways that can help individuals not commit crimes in the future.

On a similar note, I would like to ask for a budget that prioritizes investment in programs to lift up the health and well-being of the Black community. The County's budget should actually prioritize the most vulnerable among us. Tasers do not prioritize this by any means. By funding Black and Brown organizations, the county can learn about the needs of these communities and allow them to partner in creating change, instead of trying to speak for them.

Lastly, I am asking that you please expand the eviction moratorium to prevent even more people from becoming homeless. I work in housing services in Santa Clara and I have already witnessed low-income families of color be illegally evicted during this difficult time, and I cannot imagine how horrible it would be if the eviction was not extended. Fortunately, Santa Clara County has already extended until the end of August and passed a 12 month payback period, which has provided a sense of relief to residents that has allowed them to sleep at night. I am not clear on why San Mateo County has not yet done the same. Families that I work with in San Mateo County are absolutely distraught regarding the uncertainty of the county's eviction moratorium. Families should not have to pick over paying their next meal for their children and trying to save and pay their rent. This has taken a large toll on their mental health and if we expect them to continue working in essential roles, we must support them by extending this moratorium. Landlords have created many payment agreements to try to get around these moratoriums, especially for English Limited Proficient (ELP) adults that are unable to understand the documents being provided; we must stop this and make tenants' rights transparent and available in multiple languages during this pandemic.

I will likely be unavailable at the meeting time for public comment, so I am leaving my comment above. Thank you very much for your time, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,
Nina Rosenblatt

From: [Corinne Marcus](#)
To: [CMO BoardFeedback](#)
Subject: Reallocate Funding
Date: Monday, June 22, 2020 10:41:25 AM

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Dear County Manager Michael P. Callagy, and Supervisors David Canepa, Carole Groom, Don Horsley, Warren Slocum, and Dave Pine:

My name is Corinne Marcus and I am a resident of Hillsborough. I am reaching out at this critical moment to urge divestment from the San Mateo County's Sheriff's Office (SMCSO). Funds must be redirected to health and mental health care, education, transit and affordable housing that have proven to have a positive impact on all residents.

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Sincerely,

Corinne Marcus

From: [Kathy Schoendorf](#)
To: [CMO BoardFeedback](#)
Subject: San Mateo Board of Supervisors
Date: Monday, June 22, 2020 11:50:41 AM

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Board of Supervisors

***San Mateo County Must NOT
Invest \$1 Million in Tasers!***

Kathy Schoendorf



From: [certifiedhypnotist](#)
To: [CMO BoardFeedback](#); [Michael Callagy](#); [Dave Pine](#); [Carole Groom](#); [Don Horsley](#); [Warren Slocum](#); [David Canepa](#)
Subject: Budget: Request to divert funds from SMC Sheriff budget Item #8
Date: Monday, June 22, 2020 12:30:09 PM

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Dear County Manager Michael P. Callagy, and Supervisors David Canepa, Carole Groom, Don Horsley, Warren Slocum, and Dave Pine:

I am a resident of San Mateo County and am writing to comment on Agenda item #8 for the Board of Supervisors meeting on June 23. I am asking that funds be redirected from the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office (SMCSO) to human services that are especially needed to deal with Covid-19, including health and mental care, housing, education and public transit.

I have taken note of a number of deaths at the hands of law enforcement in the county, notably the tasing death of Chinedu Okobi in 2018 and the resistance of the SMCSO to changes in policy despite a public outcry as well as its ongoing collaboration with ICE. I was present at the hearing where we heard the testimony of a distinguished medical specialist regarding the dangers of the use of tasers in the very circumstances where they are most often used and observed at the same hearing the racially inflammatory materials provided by the manufacturer.

While Sheriff's deputies often provide useful help to residents, many of these functions could well be transferred to personnel specifically trained in conflict resolution and mental health intervention. At the same time our black and brown neighbors should not live in fear of law enforcement, as it is clear they do. National news makes clear the issues with law enforcement violence disproportionately aimed at minorities. The [American Public Health Association](#) states "enforcement is the public health issue, "...causing deaths, injuries, trauma, and stress that disproportionately affect marginalized populations." Add to this the disproportionate impact of the Covid-19 virus on black and brown communities, it is appropriate to use available funding in a time of budget shortfalls to enhance vital programs that serve residents of the County, especially assistance and safety-net programs, the ones most affected by budget deficits.

I support the call for divesting \$100 million from the SMCSO and investing these funds in the County's health services and safety-net aid to assist the many residents predicted to suffer most from losses due to Covid-19.

I also support the call to discontinue the use of General Fund monies to pay for settlements due to murder, misconduct and negligence by the Sheriff's office.

Sincerely
Gail Sredanovic

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From: [Cheryl Kozanitas](#)
To: [CMO BoardFeedback](#)
Subject: Agenda Item #8: Sheriff's Budget
Date: Monday, June 22, 2020 12:48:38 PM

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Dear Board Members:

Please defund the County Sheriff Department and invest in life-affirming programs and services, such as affordable housing, mental health services, drug treatment, and education. Ban tasers the Sheriff used to kill unarmed men of color right here in San Mateo County: Chinedu Okobi, Ramzi Saad, and Warren Ragudo.

Please evaluate the opposite of racist fear and hatred.

Thank you.

Cheryl Kozanitas
resident of San Mateo County

From: [Winsor Kinkade](#)
To: [CMO BoardFeedback](#)
Subject: Investing in Tasers
Date: Monday, June 22, 2020 1:03:01 PM

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Dear San Mateo County Board Members,

My name is Winsor Kinkade, I'm emailing you to state that San Mateo County must NOT invest \$1 Million in tasers, and to please divest from policing and double down on investing in lifting up the Black community.

This is a critical time for our country, state, and county. Please make the right choice.

Sincerely,
Winsor Kinkade

From: [Sherry Golestan](#)
To: [CMO BoardFeedback](#)
Subject: FW: Reforming San Mateo County Sheriff's Office
Date: Monday, June 22, 2020 1:09:56 PM

From: Chris Angeles <stevenecady@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 1:06 PM
To: Sherry Golestan <sgolestan@smcgov.org>
Subject: Reforming San Mateo County Sheriff's Office

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Dear County Manager Michael P. Callagy, and Supervisors David Canepa, Carole Groom, Don Horsley, Warren Slocum, and Dave Pine:

My name is Christine Angeles and I am a resident of Burlingame. I am reaching out at this critical moment to urge divestment from the San Mateo County's Sheriff's Office (SMCSO). Funds must be redirected to health and mental health care, education, transit and affordable housing that have proven to have a positive impact on all residents.

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Sincerely,

Christine Angeles

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PENINSULA SOLIDARITY COHORT

INTERFAITH LEADERS LEVERAGING MORAL POWER FOR THE COMMON GOOD

June 22, 2020

Dear County Manager Callagy and Supervisors Canepa, Horsley, Groom, Pine and Slocum,

We write on behalf of the Peninsula Solidarity Cohort, a coalition of over 35 religious leaders from diverse traditions who unite around a shared goal of building communities of compassion, justice and belonging in San Mateo County. As religious leaders, we know that serving in these unprecedented times is difficult and demanding work. There is so much at stake.

The COVID-19 pandemic has taught us that we are all only as safe as the most vulnerable among us. It has revealed both the truth of our interconnectedness *and* the truth of systemic racism and inequity that put black and brown people at greater risk not only of sickness, but also of poverty, unemployment, homelessness, incarceration and police violence.

San Mateo County is immune to none of this. The recent killings of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and Rayshard Brooks by law enforcement elsewhere in the United States follow the Tasing deaths of Chinedu Okobi, Ramsey Saad, and Warren Ragudo by law enforcement right here in San Mateo County. The officers involved were never charged, and although community members called repeatedly for a ban on Tasers following these deaths, the county is now considering investing \$1 million to purchase *more* Tasers. This is unacceptable. Right now, in the midst of a global pandemic with uprisings spreading across the globe against centuries of systemic racism and anti-Black violence in the United States, ***we need to shift our priorities from further arming law enforcement to fully funding health care, mental health services, education, affordable housing, and pandemic relief.***

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Together in service to our community,

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Dr. Tovis Page, PSC Program Coordinator

From: [Lorena Melgarejo](#)
To: [Peninsula Solidarity](#)
Cc: [CMO BoardFeedback](#); [Warren Slocum](#); [David Canepa](#); [Carole Groom](#); [Don Horsley](#); [Dave Pine](#); [Michael Callagy](#); [Penny Nixon](#); [St. James](#); [Corey Helfand](#)
Subject: Re: Letter from SMC Clergy in advance of Tuesday's BOS meeting
Date: Monday, June 22, 2020 1:42:31 PM

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This is a powerful statement. I am grateful for your moral leadership—our County needs it.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 22, 2020, at 1:36 PM, Peninsula Solidarity <peninsulasolidarity@ccsm-ucc.org> wrote:

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June 22, 2020

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<Letter to BOS for June 23 2020 meeting re-moral budget and eviction
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From: [Sharmin Nabi](#)
To: [CMO BoardFeedback](#); [Dave Pine](#); [Carole Groom](#); [Don Horsley](#); [Warren Slocum](#); [David Canepa](#)
Subject: Item 8, 2020-21 Budget: San Mateo County Resident for Defunding the SMC Sheriff's Office
Date: Monday, June 22, 2020 1:58:43 PM

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Dear County Board of Supervisors:

My name is Sharmin Nabi, and I reside in San Mateo. In the name of public safety, I urge you to defund the Sheriff and reallocate their funds into life-affirming programs such as affordable housing, community services, and non-police response teams.

Many jurisdictions, including San Leandro and Eugene, OR, have redirected funds to non-police response teams that cover a large percentage of 911 calls with little need for backup and for a fraction of the cost. San Mateo County should adopt these safer alternatives to policing.

We are not safer with a large police presence. Moreover, data shows that police reforms do not work. Body cameras do not prevent violence. The murder of Rayshard Brooks occurred by an officer wearing a body camera. Bias and diversity training have not been shown to work. Bans on chokeholds do not work, as the police killing of Eric Garner reminds us (he was killed by an illegal chokehold).

Rather than ineffective reforms that often increase police budgets, we need to redirect funds immediately.

- Stop funding tasers, which have murdered Chinedu Okobi, Warren Ragudo, and Ramzi Saad (all 3 unarmed people of color killed with tasers in this county).
- Stop funding the Sheriff's Activities League—other agencies can be providing these support services for the community—these activities serve to mask the violence and fear police are instilling in the community.
- Stop funding cops in schools.
- Also, do not give money to a corporate consultant for a "Social Progress Index" when we already know how to reduce police violence and racial inequities in our county.

I urge you to defund the police and divert their funds into life-affirming services such as affordable housing, community services, and non-police response teams.

Sincerely,

Sharmin Nabi
(San Mateo)

From: [Lauren Polash](#)
To: [CMO BoardFeedback](#)
Subject: regarding meeting today
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Good afternoon! I am reaching out to you in this critical moment to urge divestment from the San Mateo County's Sheriff's Office and investment in critically needed services in the community.

2. The Sheriff's office has numerous credibly reported incidents of excessive force against it, including the tasing death of Chinedu Okebe in 2018, recent intimidating shows of force against peaceful protests, and continued collaboration with ICE.

3. Expanding the influence of the SMCSO by increasing its budget in a time of community needs is offensive and unacceptable.

3. I urge the County Manager and Board of Supervisors to take action this fiscal year by:

- a. Divesting substantially from the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office; and,
- b. Investing in the County's health services, individual & family assistance programs, and other safety-net aid that will benefit the people of the county, especially during this pandemic.

Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Kyle Jacobs](#)
To: [CMO BoardFeedback](#)
Subject: Agenda item #8: FY 2020-21 budget, Defund Sheriff's Office
Date: Monday, June 22, 2020 2:42:31 PM

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Hello, my name is Kyle Jacobs, And I'm from Daly City.

COVID-19 has decimated our county budget. If we haven't heard it from members of this committee, then here I am as a member of the community to remind us: COVID-19 is taking money away from ALL of us in the form of reduced revenue generating activities in the county.

Oh! Except the Sheriff's department. Because, in spite of this fiscal blackhole we're staring down, this committee has the AUDACITY to consider INCREASING the budget of our Sheriff's department? A department that MURDERS our citizens with tazers? A department that ABUSES those in it's custody by denying them basic hygienic supplies while in their custody? A sheriff's department that is DELIBERATELY neglecting the health of their charges, PROLIFERATING the DEADLY COVID-19 pathogen in their jails amongst their inmates (and staff), JEOPARDIZING the workers and the COMMUNITY at large?!

These are also flagrant human rights violations, not that ANY of you actually care about human dignity. Your records speak to that.

These actions are reprehensible and the Sheriff's department doesn't DESERVE more money, it deserves less.

I implore the officials of this committee to REDUCE the budget of the sheriff's department and provide equivalent FUNDING of programs in San Mateo county aimed at ending our considerable homelessness, providing drug and substance abuse treatment to the THOUSANDS who need it, as well as funding other life AFFIRMING services, instead of more DANGEROUS toys for a NEGLECTFUL sheriff

From: [Arne Hurty](#)
To: [CMO BoardFeedback](#)
Subject: Written message for Members of the Board and public — Item #8
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Dear members of the board of supervisors of San Mateo County,

There is no ease in the presence of a loaded weapon. The police are loaded weapons authorized to use force, even deadly force, as they see fit. Cops are dangerous — intentionally so — and granting them impunity compounds the threat.

(We've seen how the police circumvent prison and their jobs though they assault and kill people.)

We've repeatedly tried to reform the police — to connect them with their communities. Besides not working, those reforms may lull people into a dangerous complacency. And regardless of that, the threat remains.

(Einstein once said insanity is to repeat an action over and over while expecting a different outcome.)

The threat of police and our penal system is not useful in correcting non-violent offenses — in our schools, issuing traffic citations, or addressing the homeless. It's not suited to handling domestic disputes, supporting sex workers, or helping drug users. And it's not welcome where there's been no crime committed — patrolling our neighborhoods, or at peaceful events.

The threat of arrest, incarceration, and violence does not prevent crime, nor does it produce the best outcomes. But we define the operational parameters for how the police operate, and we can change them.

It's time we defer funds to workers, not associated with the police department, with the expertise to help people in need and reduce the likelihood of crime in the first place. The day-to-day police presence in our communities is antiquated and expensive. It's time for a change.

Arne Hurty
Resident of Burlingame, CA

From: [Kate Amoo-Gottfried](#)
To: [CMO BoardFeedback](#)
Cc: [Sukhmani Purewal](#)
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I believe we build trust and “positive relationships between deputies, youth, families and the community” through truth, transparency and accountability; not through School Resource Officers or Sheriff’s Activities Leagues.

The Sheriff’s Budget includes the Administrative Services Department, much of which is dedicated toward these outreach programs. This department accounts for \$29.4 million of the Sheriff’s budget, roughly 10.5%.

To that end, I demand the immediate [defunding and disbanding of the corrupt San Mateo County Sheriff's Activities League with reinvestment into existing community-led organizations and programs.](#)

To be very specific, I would like to see at a bare minimum \$30 million removed from the Sheriff’s Budget and immediately allocated to community-based non-profit partners delivering direct social services.

I want kids fed. I want kids to receive tutoring. But I don’t think they need PR, indoctrination or active trauma along with their meal or their studies. There are many more qualified members of our community who can deliver direct social services in a much more cost effective way. And the added bonus of re-investing in community-based non-profits is to strengthen the capacity of these institutions. We do not need more capacity-building of law enforcement institutions, we need investment in our civil society. That is what keeps us safe.

In particular, I would like an explanation of why a White male deputy leads the program for young Latina’s based at the Moonridge Apartments in Half Moon Bay. Surely, there are much more qualified

community-based social workers and therapists to lead a program like this. This is but one egregious example of a misuse of County funds and the misuse of Sheriff's Deputies' time. The Sheriff's Activities League is harming our communities, hurting our kids, and weakening our social fabric.

Kate Amoo-Gottfried
Redwood City, CA 94062
[REDACTED]

From: [Chet Lexvold](#)
To: [CMO BoardFeedback](#); [Dave Pine](#); [Carole Groom](#); [Don Horsley](#); [Warren Slocum](#); [David Canepa](#)
Subject: Agenda #8 6.23.20, FY2020-21 Budget, Defund SMC Sheriff's Office
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My name is Chet Lexvold. I live in San Mateo. I demand defunding the Sheriff's budget and investing in life-affirming programs such as affordable housing, mental health and drug treatment, and non-police responses like [CAHOOTS in Oregon](#).

You released a statement on Juneteenth, a few days before you vote on a budget increasing funding to the same Sheriff's Office that murdered Chinedu Okobi. A budget that cuts funding to programs that actually serve our people. A budget that spends over 50% on criminalization.

Your Juneteenth statement mentions George Floyd, but not Chinedu Okobi, the unarmed Black man tasered to death by County Sheriffs. Your budget gives the Sheriffs another million dollars for deadly tasers. You insult Chinedu everyday you refuse to say his name. You insult Chinedu everyday you refuse to hold his murderers accountable. You lack integrity and character. We see right through you.

Do not give money to an overpriced consultant for some "Social Progress Index" when we already know how to reduce police violence and racial inequities in our county. Take money from the Sheriff. Give it to the people who need it. Invest in affordable housing & non-police responses.

You adopt an empty resolution expressing support for the "Black Lives Matter movement," yet we all know you will refuse to follow their [#1 demand: Defund the Police](#).

You lack integrity and we see through you. Chinedu Okobi, Ramzi Saad, Warren Ragudo, and all victims of police brutality in San Mateo County deserve justice, but you refuse to do a damn thing for them.

If you refuse to defund the Sheriff, you should all resign in shame, haunted by the image of Chinedu, lying on the ground, arms raised, begging for his life, asking what he did wrong, before your Sheriffs snuffed out his life.

From: [JOANNE M ROKOSKY](#)
To: [CMO BoardFeedback](#)
Subject: Do not increase funding to San Mateo County's Sheriff's Office
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Dear County Manager Michael P. Callagy, and Supervisors David Canepa, Carole Groom, Don Horsley, Warren Slocum, and Dave Pine:

My name is Joanne Rokosky and I am a resident of El Granada. I urge divestment from the San Mateo County's Sheriff's Office (SMCSO). the recommended budget for 2020-21 proposes a significant increase in the Sheriff's Office budget. I particularly oppose the proposed \$1 Million to purchase more tasers, knowing that just last year three men died as a result of taser use during encounters with police.

Alarminglly, this increase is being proposed *while* the County is projected to be in a \$65-100 million dollar deficit because of COVID-19. I am gravely concerned that the county has chosen to put an egregious amount of funding into the SMCSO, instead of into vital programs that serve a multitude of residents such as the Health Department, assistance programs, and other safety-net aid in the county.

I urge the County Manager and Board of Supervisors to take action this fiscal year by divesting substantially from the Sheriff's Office and investing those funds in health services, individual and family assistance programs, and other safety-net aid that will benefit the people of San Mateo County.

Sincerely,

Joanne Rokosky

From: [Beth von Emster](#)
To: [CMO BoardFeedback](#)
Subject: Written Public Comment, Board of Supervisors Meeting June 23
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*Written Public Comment, San Mateo County Board of Supervisors Meeting June 23, 2020,
Agenda Item #8*

Dear Supervisors Canepa, Groom, Horsley, Slocum, and Pine:

My name Beth von Emster. I am the ACLU-North Peninsula Chapter Co-chair and a 26-year resident of Belmont. I urge you to make a substantial reduction to funding for the San Mateo County's Sheriff's Office. Funds must be redirected to physical and mental health care, education, transit, and affordable housing.

Persistent, credible allegations of excessive force by the sheriff's office have no place in our community. Such cases in point include the tasing death of Chinedu Okobi in 2018 and the intimidating show of force by deputies at the peaceful protest in San Mateo on June 3rd that drew a sharp rebuke from the mayor. Sheriff Bolanos's ongoing collaboration with ICE, including during the pandemic, violates our community's values. In that context, reducing the influence of the sheriff's office by substantially reducing its budget is the only acceptable course of action.

As our county continues to weather the impacts of COVID-19, I urge you to fund vital programs that serve a multitude of residents adversely impacted by the pandemic, such as the Health Department, assistance programs, and other safety-net aid in the county. As County Manager Callagy has stated, *"Departments most affected [by the deficit] include safety-net providers needed during the COVID-19 crisis: the Department of Housing, Human Services Agency and County Health and Public Safety, among others. At the same time, demand for county health services, individual and family assistance programs and other safety-net aid is expected to increase costs, according to the county."* Please ensure that these crucial services are not cut at the time when they are most desperately needed.

Thank you for your time.

From: [Maryam](#)
To: [CMO BoardFeedback](#); [CMO BoardFeedback](#); [Michael Callagy](#); [Dave Pine](#); [Carole Groom](#); [Don Horsley](#); [Warren Slocum](#); [David Canepa](#)
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Dear County Manager Michael P. Callagy, my Supervisor Dave Pine, and the rest of the Board of Supervisors in San Mateo County:

My name is Carolyn Moody and I am a resident of San Mateo County in South San Francisco. I am reaching out today to submit a comment on **Agenda Item #8** for the 6/23 Board of Supervisors Meeting.

I was heartbroken when in 2018, after the tasing death of Chinedu Okobi, the SMCSO resisted changing its Use of Force Policy. Violence by law enforcement is an epidemic, as evidenced by the murders of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Rayshard Brooks, and countless others. These deaths, along with Sheriff Bolanos' ongoing collaboration with ICE, has convinced me that **our community must shift its funding priorities away from law enforcement and toward services that preserve the sanctity of human life.**

I believe this is the moment to defund the San Mateo County's Sheriff's Office (SMCSO). Funds should be redirected to health and mental health care, education, transit, affordable housing, and COVID-19 relief. All these have a proven positive impact on all residents. **As a social worker, I know that most of the calls that law enforcement is asked to respond to are the consequences of poverty - not criminality.**

San Mateo County continues to weather the impacts of COVID-19, which has [disproportionately caused more deaths in Black and Latinx communities](#). In these times I find it unacceptable that the County has chosen to increase funding of the SMCSO. Right now, **we should be directing resources toward vital public-health services** like the Health Department and public assistance programs. Instead, the Board of Supervisors is considering increasing funding for an office that actually causes public health issues (injuries, deaths, and traumatic stress for marginalized populations).

The Sheriff's office already operates with a \$250+ million dollar budget. In May 2020, the County recently approved nearly \$1 million dollars for tasers, and is projected to add \$1 million more to increase wages for the Sheriff's Department. Alarmingly, this increase is being proposed while the County predicts to be in a \$65-100 million dollar deficit because of COVID-19. Where is the money coming from, I wonder? Meanwhile, the County's Health Department will barely manage to fill a deficit of \$57 million that it was facing before COVID-19 - and expects to lose more revenue later this year as need outstrips supply.

I urge the County Manager and Board of Supervisors take the following action this fiscal year:

1. Divest \$100 million from the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office and invest these funds in the County's health services, individual & family assistance programs, especially the safety-

net aid that will benefit the lowest income people of SMC.

2. Discontinue use of General Fund money to pay for settlements due to murder, misconduct, and negligence by the Sheriff's office.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Moody
South San Francisco

From: [St. James AME Zion Church](#)
To: [Peninsula Solidarity](#)
Cc: [Corey Helfand](#); [Penny Nixon](#); [Warren Slocum](#); [CMO BoardFeedback](#); [Carole Groom](#); [David Canepa](#); [Don Horsley](#); [Dave Pine](#); [Michael Callagy](#)
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Blessings,
Marlyn

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PENINSULA SOLIDARITY COHORT
INTERFAITH LEADERS LEVERAGING MORAL POWER FOR THE COMMON GOOD

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The COVID-19 pandemic has taught us that we are all only as safe as the most vulnerable among us. It has revealed both the truth of our interconnectedness and the truth of systemic racism and inequity that put black and brown people at greater risk not only of sickness, but also of poverty, unemployment, homelessness, incarceration and police violence.

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Sorry- hit send too quickly— I wish we could have had time to advocate for a different use of the money.

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From: [St. James AME Zion Church](#)
To: [Penny Nixon](#)
Cc: [Corey Helfand](#); [Peninsula Solidarity](#); [Warren Slocum](#); [CMO BoardFeedback](#); [Carole Groom](#); [David Canepa](#); [Don Horsley](#); [Dave Pine](#); [Michael Callagy](#)
Subject: Re: Letter from SMC Clergy in advance of Tuesday's BOS meeting
Date: Monday, June 22, 2020 4:13:12 PM
Attachments: [icons8-facebook-48.png](#)
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It is a shame so I think then that we need to demand that the use of taser technology be only within the manufacturers specs for non lethal result (or something like that). We are painfully aware that they have the ability to end life just like a bullet. May also want to request that additional de-escalation training be mandatory for the Sheriff's Dept. They seem to be the worst of the law enforcement team.

On Mon, Jun 22, 2020 at 4:08 PM Penny Nixon <pnixon@ccsm-ucc.org> wrote:

I think you are right Marlyn— sounded like they had already purchased...which is a shame

Rev. Dr. G. Penny Nixon
Senior Minister

Congregational Church of San Mateo
...open, progressive, spiritual



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On Jun 22, 2020, at 4:01 PM, St. James AME Zion Church
<stjamesamezchurch@gmail.com> wrote:

This is an excellent letter. If I heard Supervisor Groom correctly in this morning's meeting, she said the BOS had already approved the purchase of new tasers. That's why I asked if the new batch are truly non lethal. I raise this because the letter is asking them to reconsider the purchase and it sounded like an already done deal. Can anyone else who was on this morning verify this? If so, we may need to tweak those sentences a bit so they still have impact.

Blessings,

Marlyn

On Mon, Jun 22, 2020 at 1:36 PM Peninsula Solidarity <peninsulasolidarity@ccsm-ucc.org> wrote:

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June 22, 2020

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From: [Delia McGrath](#)
To: [CMO BoardFeedback](#)
Cc: [Delia McGrath](#)
Subject: Sheriff's Budget — please redirect funds for needed services
Date: Monday, June 22, 2020 4:21:39 PM

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Dear County Manager Michael P. Callagy, and Supervisors David Canepa, Carole Groom, Don Horsley, Warren Slocum, and Dave Pine:

My name is Delia McGrath, a 42-years resident of Pacifica, California. I am reaching out at this critical moment to urge divestment from the San Mateo County's Sheriff's Office (SMCSO). Please redirect these funds to health and mental health care, education, transit and affordable housing. These will have a positive impact on all residents, as has already been proven.

Persistent, credible instances of excessive force by the SMCSO have no place in our community. Such cases in point include the tasing death of Chinedu Okobi in 2018 and the intimidating show of force by deputies at the peaceful protest in San Mateo on June 3rd that terrorized young children and drew a sharp rebuke from the mayor. Sheriff Bolanos' ongoing collaboration with ICE violates our community's values. Expanding the influence of the SMCSO by increasing its budget is offensive and unacceptable.

Furthermore, as our county continues to weather the impacts of COVID-19, which has [disproportionately caused more deaths in Black and Latinx communities across the country](#), I am gravely concerned that the county has chosen to put an egregious amount of funding in the SMCSO, instead of vital programs that serve a multitude of residents such as the Health Department, assistance programs, and other safety-net aid in the county. Moreover, as highlighted by the [American Public Health Association](#), law enforcement *is* the public health issue, "...causing deaths, injuries, trauma, and stress that disproportionately affect marginalized populations."

Notably, the recommended budget for 2020-21 proposes a significant increase in the Sheriff's Office budget. Alarmingly, this increase is being proposed *while* the County is projected to be in a \$65-100 million dollar deficit because of COVID-19.

Meanwhile, the County's Health Department will barely manage to fill a deficit of \$57 million that it was facing before COVID-19 and expects to lose more revenue later this year from less tax and other revenue in the midst of the pandemic. The [County Manager has stated that](#) *"Departments most affected [by the deficit] include safety-net providers needed during the COVID-19 crisis: the Department of Housing, Human Services Agency and County Health and Public Safety, among others. At the same time, demand for county health services, individual and family assistance programs and other safety-net aid is expected to increase costs, according to the county."*

I urge the County Manager and Board of Supervisors to take action this fiscal year by divesting substantially from the Sheriff's Office and investing those funds in health services, individual and family assistance programs, and other safety-net aid that will benefit the people of San Mateo County.

Sincerely,

Delia McGrath

From: [Miosotti Tenecora](#)
To: [CMO BoardFeedback](#); [CMO BoardFeedback](#); [Michael Callagy](#); [Dave Pine](#); [Carole Groom](#); [Don Horsley](#); [Warren Slocum](#); [David Canepa](#)
Subject: Request to Defund the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office - Agenda Item #8
Date: Monday, June 22, 2020 4:23:40 PM

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Dear County Manager Michael P. Callagy, and Supervisors David Canepa, Carole Groom, Don Horsley, Warren Slocum, and Dave Pine:

Community Legal Services in East Palo Alto is 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and long-standing provider of legal services in San Mateo County (SMC). We are providing this comment because our clients, who are part of SMC's vibrant community, are affected by Agenda Item #8 for the 6/23 Board of Supervisors Meeting. Our organization fundamentally believes that the community of SMC will benefit greatly from redirecting funds to health and mental health care, education, transit, affordable housing, and COVID-19 relief; social services that have proven to have a positive impact on all residents.

In 2018, after the tasing death of a Black father, Chinedu Okobi, the SMCSO resisted changing its Use of Force Policy, even after prolonged and sustained public outcry. Ongoing violence by law enforcement across the country, evidenced by the murders of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Rayshard Brooks, and countless other people and recent local law enforcement involved shootings, taser deaths, as well as Sheriff Bolanos' ongoing collaboration with ICE, convince us that our community must shift our funding priorities from law enforcement to those resources that have proven to support the sanctity of human life.

As our County continues to weather the impacts of COVID-19, which has [disproportionately caused more deaths in Black and Latinx communities across the country](#), we are deeply troubled and find unacceptable that the County has chosen to yet again, increase funding of the SMCSO. We are demanding funding of the vital programs that serve a multitude of SMC people such as the Health Department, assistance programs, and other safety-net aid in the county. As highlighted by the [American Public Health Association](#), law enforcement is the public health issue, "...causing deaths, injuries, trauma, and stress that disproportionately affect marginalized populations."

The Sheriff's office already operates with a \$250+ million dollar budget. We are particularly troubled by the amount of funding allocated to the purchase of new tasers. In May 2020, the County approved nearly \$1 million dollars for tasers and is projected to add \$1 million more to increase wages for the Sheriff's Department. It is abhorrent to approve any new tasers given the death of Chinedu Okobi. Alarming, this increase is being proposed while the County predicts to be in a \$65-100 million dollar deficit because of COVID-19.

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We urge the County Manager and Board of Supervisors to take the following action this fiscal year by:

1. Divesting \$100 million dollars from the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office and investing said funds in the County's health services, individual & family assistance programs, and other safety-net aid that will benefit the people of SMC and that are predicted to suffer financial loss due to COVID-19.
2. Discontinue use of General Fund monies to pay for settlements due to murder, misconduct, and negligence by the Sheriff's office.
3. In particular, deny any more funding to the purchase of new tasers.

Sincerely,

Miosotti Tenecora on behalf of Community Legal Services in East Palo Alto

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From: [Spencer Horne](#)
To: [CMO BoardFeedback](#)
Subject: Letter for city council meeting
Date: Monday, June 22, 2020 4:30:10 PM
Attachments: [Letter to SMC.odt](#)

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My name is Spencer Horne, and I am a resident of Pacifica. I'm writing today to demand that the San Mateo city council drastically cut the budget for the Sheriff. The people of this county need the money to be invested in housing and health programs.

Before police in Minneapolis murdered George Floyd, SMC sheriffs killed Chinedu Okobi on the street in Millbrae in no less a brutal and heartless manner. How can you sit with yourself knowing that you are complicit in a system that let the officer that murdered Chinedu go free? How can you, with a sound moral conscience, choose to fund a law enforcement system that treats the very people that it is supposed to protect as enemies? With inflated budgets, law enforcement in this country stands as a mechanism of aggression and opposition that serves to pull families and communities apart. Law enforcement, as it stands now in the united states, does not bring order or protection to the citizens, merely a cheap semblance built from an aggressive death drive. I demand that you cut the sheriff's budget and use the money for services that bring life to communities, not fear and trauma.

From: [Sally Lieber](#)
To: [CMO BoardFeedback](#)
Subject: Budget
Date: Monday, June 22, 2020 4:31:03 PM

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Dear Supervisors--

I am writing, along with many others, to urge you to resolve to make substantial changes to reverse the growth of the Sheriff's office. At this very critical juncture, I want to urge you to move toward divestment and instead re-investment in critically needed services in the community.

I know that the Sheriff's office has numerous credibly reported incidents of excessive force which have resulted in tragic loss of life (including the tasing death of Chinedu Okebe in 2018) and loss of dignity. In addition, there have been issues that have resulted in a loss of community confidence and participation, including recent intimidating shows of force against peaceful protests, and continued collaboration with ICE, which makes it less likely that victims and survivors will seek relief from crimes like human trafficking and domestic violence.

Expanding the influence of the SMCSO by increasing its budget in a time of unmet community needs is offensive and unacceptable, and at a minimum deteriorates trust.

I hope that you will take action this fiscal year and in subsequent budget actions to:

- a. Divest substantially from the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office; and,
- b. Re-invest in the County's health services, individual & family assistance programs, and other safety-net aid that will benefit the people of the county directly, especially during this pandemic.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Sally Lieber

State Assemblywoman (Ret.)

From: [Blue Murov](#)
To: [CMO BoardFeedback](#); [Don Horsley](#)
Subject: SMC Board of Supervisors June 23 meeting
Date: Monday, June 22, 2020 4:36:39 PM

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Agenda item #8:

Cut the Sheriff's budget by \$100 million to reinvest in non-policing resources including housing, health, education, assistance programs, and safety-net aid that will help San Mateo County weather the impacts of COVID-19.

Sincerely,
Blue Murov
Resident of Pacifica

From: [Alex Ferris](#)
To: [CMO BoardFeedback](#)
Subject: Agenda item #8: FY 2020-21 budget, Defund Sheriff's Office
Date: Monday, June 22, 2020 4:47:02 PM

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My name is Alex Ferris, and I live in Menlo Park. I'm urging you to defund the police because they have demonstrated repeatedly that they do not make us safer, but instead contribute to a deadly and racist policing system. Data shows that reforms do not work. Body cameras do not prevent violence, as demonstrated by the many Black people murdered while being recorded by body cameras and bystanders. Bias and diversity training does not work. Bans on chokeholds do not work, as evidenced by the police killing of Eric Garner using an illegal chokehold. The Board of Supervisors' solution has been to provide another one million dollars for tasers, which have already been used by police to murder three unarmed people of color within a one year period.

Many jurisdictions, including San Leandro and Eugene, OR, have redirected funds to non-police response teams that cover a large percentage of 911 calls with little need for backup and for a fraction of the cost, and San Mateo County should adopt these common-sense and safer alternatives to policing. Other alternatives such as investing in trauma counselors for schools, after school programs, safer night shuttle services, and increased shelter capacity for unhoused people are all safer and more effective solutions than the police.

From: [Katie Goetz](#)
To: [CMO BoardFeedback](#)
Subject: Budgets are Moral Documents
Date: Monday, June 22, 2020 4:48:13 PM

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Dear San Mateo County Board of Supervisors,

I hope to be with you in person during the meeting tomorrow, but some family commitments may intervene especially as the day progresses.

I am writing to you to encourage you to divest from the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office and reallocate funding for critically needed services in our county. Following the 2018 death of Chinedu Okobi and with the ongoing collaboration with ICE, it is clear we cannot be a county that declares that Black Lives Matter and support our Sheriff's Office in the way that we do. Budgets are moral documents and increasing this budget and spending additional money on tasers is inexcusable. Let us instead focus our financial resources on health services, family assistance programs, and making sure that all San Mateo County residents are safe and cared for.

Thank you for your attention and work on these matters.

Sincerely,
Katie Goetz
Redwood City, CA

From: [Tom Hicks](#)
To: [CMO BoardFeedback](#); [Dave Pine](#); [Carole Groom](#); [Don Horsley](#); [Warren Slocum](#); [David Canepa](#)
Subject: Item 8, 2020-21 Budget: San Mateo County Resident for Defunding the SMC Sheriff's Office
Date: Monday, June 22, 2020 4:57:47 PM

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Hello, my name is Tom Hicks, And I'm from Daly City.

COVID-19 has decimated our county budget. If we haven't heard it from members of this committee, then here I am as a member of the community to remind us: COVID-19 is taking money away from ALL of us in the form of reduced revenue generating activities in the county.

Oh! Except the Sheriff's department. Because, in spite of this fiscal blackhole we're staring down, this committee has the AUDACITY to consider INCREASING the budget of our Sheriff's department? A department that MURDERS our citizens with tazers? A department that ABUSES those in it's custody by denying them basic hygienic supplies while in their custody? A sheriff's department that is DELIBERATELY neglecting the health of their charges, PROLIFERATING the DEADLY COVID-19 pathogen in their jails amongst their inmates (and staff), JEOPARDIZING the workers and the COMMUNITY at large?!

These are also flagrant human rights violations, not that ANY of you actually care about human dignity. Your records speak to that.

These actions are reprehensible and the Sheriff's department doesn't DESERVE more money, it deserves less.

I implore the officials of this committee to REDUCE the budget of the sheriff's department and provide equivalent FUNDING of programs in San Mateo county aimed at ending our considerable homelessness, providing drug and substance abuse treatment to the THOUSANDS who need it, as well as funding other life AFFIRMING services, instead of more DANGEROUS toys for a NEGLECTFUL sheriff

From: [Marilynn Marks](#)
To: [CMO BoardFeedback](#)
Subject: Feedback on Proposed Budget for SMC Sheriff's Office
Date: Monday, June 22, 2020 5:01:19 PM

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

My name is Marilynn Kaplan and I am a resident of the County of San Mateo. I am writing to demand that we reconsider how our county allocates our budget toward the Sheriff's Office, especially in light of the individuals who have lost their lives to police violence in San Mateo County.

As I hope you are aware from this now national conversation, much research has shown that policing does not actually improve the safety and wellbeing of residents in the communities they serve. What does, however, is deep trust and investment in our communities through housing, health care services, jobs, mental health services, and education.

Reviewing our county's proposed budget for FY 20-21, I am shocked that \$288.5 million - a \$12 million increase over last year - has been allocated towards funding the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office. With looming budget deficits as a result of COVID-19, I do not accept the prioritization of an increased police department budget over essential community resources in this next year. I demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk San Mateo County residents during this trying and uncertain time when the lives of the constituents that vote you into office are on the line.

I demand from you a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than one that empowers police.

It is your duty to represent your constituents and put their health and safety first.

Thank you for your time,

Marilynn Kaplan

