

REGULAR PUBLIC COMMENT

(Includes Consent Agenda Items)

- In any event, on the conference call discussing the details, it was offered that BIAC could be involved in discussions surrounding the final land use planning, and we would be happy to be a participant. I hope that you will encourage follow up on that offer to have our involvement.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jon Carlson

President, Bair Island Aquatic Center



From: [REDACTED]
Subject: Public Comment re: July 7, 2020 Board of Supervisors meeting, Consent Agenda, Item 17. A (1)
Date: Monday, July 6, 2020 4:01:43 PM

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RE: July 7, 2020 Agenda p. 5, Consent Agenda, Item 17. A (1).

Dear Supervisors:

I am reading with interest the July 7, 2020 Consent Agenda, Item 17. A (1), a recommendation to adopt a resolution authorizing the President of the Board to execute a Real Property Exchange Agreement with the City of Redwood City. The City Property referenced is located at 1402 Maple Street in the City of Redwood City.

The property located at 1402 Maple Street is prime waterfront property and a part of the Inner Harbor which was the focus of significant public input, workshops, etc. over a 3-year period from 2013-2016. Residents of Redwood City expressed an overwhelming desire that the Inner Harbor waterfront be used: for public-oriented and water-dependent use and activities, to promote recreational uses that accommodate human- and wind-powered watercraft; to emphasize and enhance boater access to Redwood Creek and the Bay for recreation and educational purposes, etc. See The Vision for Redwood City's Inner Harbor <https://www.redwoodcity.org/Home/ShowDocument?id=17100>

There is no County staff report attached to this agenda item to identify the purpose of this land swap. Furthermore, When I search this property address on the County website I can't find any information. Why is that?

Given the importance of this prime waterfront property to the residents of Redwood City, I am requesting that the item be removed from the Consent Agenda, be moved to a future board agenda, be accompanied with a staff report so the County's intentions are transparent to the public, and the public be given an opportunity to provide comment.

Respectfully submitted,
Pamela Estes
Redwood City resident

From:

Subject:

Date:

Consent item 17-A-1. for the agenda of July 7, 2020

Monday, July 6, 2020 12:55:21 PM

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July 6, 2020

Warren Slocum, President

David Canepa, Vice President, Supervisors Dave Pine, Carole Groom, Don Horsley

CC: Mayor Diane Howard, City Manager Melissa Diaz, County Manager Mike Callagy

RE: Consent item 17-A-1. for the Board of Supervisors Meeting Agenda of July 7, 2020

Dear Supervisors,

We believe consent agenda item 17-A-1 is to authorize the Board Chair to negotiate a land swap with Redwood City near the County Jail on Bloomquist/Maple. We think the intended use of the land is for the LifeMoves shelter and transitional housing. (We have had verbal conversations with a number of parties, but have not seen any document confirming the details.)

We urge you to pull this item from the consent agenda and discuss whether you should reconsider/redirect the action.

In this politically charged time, proposing housing for marginalized and vulnerable members of our community in an industrial area with clean up issues could be seen as perpetuating this marginalization.

The intended land is zoned industrial, is across from the jail, is adjacent to heavy industry and a railroad spur. There are no services (transportation, groceries or food services) near this location. In addition this land is designated flood plain and subject to sea level rise.

When Redwood City first obtained this land, the intended use on the original purchase agreement report dated April 27, 2009 states "If the City is able to successfully conclude this transaction , the City Council will be able to secure prime bay-front land for public benefit and give the city the ability to control land uses within/adjacent to the Marine development area". Our interest is in preserving this opportunity as stated.

We believe the current County property, the location of LifeMoves, is more valuable given its zoning. It could be used for a larger shelter and would offer greater value if the Board were to sell it and use the funds to create transitional housing and a larger shelter at another location.

We urge you to reconsider the land swap or at most, consider a lease for a portion of the land to build a temporary shelter while actively seeking more appropriate locations in the County for permanent transitional housing, given the critical short-term needs.

As a point of transparency, we are both members of the Bay Island Aquatic Club which has its location nearby. Our concern is NOT with property for the Club, but rather the larger vision for playing fields and

water front recreation that were publicly supported in the Inner Harbor planning process.

Thank you for your dedication to serving the needs of our County's residents.

Jerry Pierce, 40+ year resident of Redwood City

Honorable Barbara Pierce, former Mayor Redwood City, member of the Council that pursued the purchase of the property in question

PS for a more complete description of the situation please reference the background information found at <https://www.jerrypierce.org/wordpress/innerharbor>



July 1, 2020

Sent via electronic mail to:



Sheriff Carlos Bolanos
Undersheriff Mark Robbins
District Attorney Steve Wagstaffe
Hon. Jonathan E. Karesh, Presiding Judge of the San Mateo County Superior Court

CC: San Mateo County Board of Supervisors
Lisa Maguire, Esq., Chief Private Defender

RE: Bail and COVID-19

Dear Sheriff Bolanos, Undersheriff Robbins, District Attorney Wagstaffe, and Judge Karesh,

We write with concern about the potential impact on San Mateo County residents of reinstating a bail schedule during the COVID-19 pandemic. You can take further action to decrease the transmission of COVID-19 with judicial, prosecutorial, and jail decisions that minimize the use of money bail.

The California Constitution allows courts to release individuals on their own recognizance “in the court’s discretion.” Article 1, Section 12. Section 1275 of the California Penal Code states the considerations in setting bail, and makes clear that “[i]n setting, reducing, or denying bail, a judge or magistrate shall take into consideration the protection of the public” and that “public safety shall be the primary consideration.” We therefore urge presumptive release on own recognizance for as many people as possible, particularly for vulnerable populations, including people over the age of 50 and people with special health vulnerabilities.

Judicial Council Emergency Rule #4, which went into effect on April 6th, 2020, imposes a statewide bail schedule of \$0 for most misdemeanors and lower-level felony offenses. Although that order was rescinded on June 20th, we ask this court to continue following it in order to keep incarceration rates low and minimize transmission throughout the community. We also implore District Attorney Wagstaffe to make charging decisions consistent with the effort to decarcerate the jail, and we urge the sheriff's office to employ cite and release to the greatest possible extent. We invite meetings with you to discuss the matter further.

Sincerely,

Crystal Mendoza-Velarde, Esq., Volunteer Chapter Board Member
Elizabeth von Emster, Esq., Volunteer Chapter Co-Chair
ACLU Northern California, North Peninsula



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July 2, 2020

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Ms. Crystal Mendoza-Velarde, Esq.
Ms. Elizabeth von Emster, Esq.
ACLU Northern California, North Peninsula Chapter

Re: Your expressed concerns about Bail and Covid-19

Dear Counsel,

We reviewed your e-mail correspondence regarding the Emergency Bail Schedule (EBS) adopted after the Judicial Council rescinded the statewide Emergency Rule re: Bail. We appreciate and share your concern for public safety; we wish to inform you what the Court considered in adopting a new EBS: Procedures and alternatives available to the Court, in conjunction with our justice partners, to ensure public safety during the pandemic, the observed effects on jail population to date and whether any impact affects the Sheriff's ability to physically distance confined inmates.

After consulting with Sheriff and County Health officials, the Court promulgated an EBS identical to the Judicial Council rule, except for two discrete adjustments. The Court added human trafficking to the list of exempted offenses because of the public safety threat posed by such offenses, especially to victims of such crimes should the accused be immediately released into the community.

Revising presumptive bail for non-exempt offenses from \$0 to \$250 had more global impact. With \$0 Bail, officers in the field lack discretion to book someone who may have multiple open cases after being cited and released for similar conduct, or who is repetitively acting out in community due to a mental impairment or substance abuse disorder. A presumptive bail of \$250 affords an officer such discretion if they believe temporary detention of the arrestee is warranted to determine whether public safety is implicated in a particular case.

The booking procedure triggers pre-arraignment release review within 24 hours by a judicial officer, with input from probation and the district attorney regarding the arrestee's community resources (family, work, residence), criminal record and probation status. In that same time period, the arrestee is tested for Covid-19 infection and evaluated for classification by Correctional Health staff, who then alert custodial


Ms. Crystal Mendoza-Velarde, Esq.
Ms. Elizabeth von Emster, Esq.
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staff of acute mental impairments. Newly booked inmates, if retained in custody after judicial review, are kept in quarantine for 14 days and re-tested for Covid-19 infection on day 12. For the month of May, the average length of stay in custody for unsentenced inmates was 9.5 days, thus entirely under quarantine. We believe these measures will enhance the public safety effects of the Judicial Council action.

Jail population, which fluctuates daily, was dramatically reduced through unprecedented efforts of the Sheriff, the District Attorney and other justice partners. In June 2019, jail population was about 1000 inmates, on May 31, 2020 after the aforementioned reductions and over two months under the Judicial Council rule, it was 531. We implemented our EBS on June 20 and today the jail population remains at 531. The officials charged with custody and health of the inmates advised the Court that they could maintain current levels of testing, monitoring and services, with a population up to 700 inmates. They also all agreed that if population began to exceed 700 the procedures and practices currently in place would begin to break down, significantly increasing the risk of infections for both inmates and staff inside the jails.

Accordingly, we continue to closely monitor jail population and available quarantine beds. We will increase utilization of the electronic monitoring program to help modulate the in custody population. At our July judicial meeting we will review the efficacy of the EBS, which by its provisions may be amended at any time by the Court. We hope this additional information addresses your concerns.

Respectfully,


Jonathan Karesh, Presiding Judge
San Mateo Superior Court


Donald Ayoob, Supervising Judge Criminal
San Mateo Superior Court

CC: Sheriff Carlos Bolanos
Undersheriff Mark Robbins
District Attorney Steve Wagstaffe
Lisa McGuire, Esq., Chief Private Defender
San Mateo County Board of Supervisors (via boardfeedback@smcgov.org)

ITEM NO. 1



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

Dear San Mateo County Board of Supervisors,

First, we want to take the opportunity to express our gratitude for your ongoing leadership as we navigate the difficult reality of the COVID-19 pandemic and its effects on the residents of San Mateo County. Truly the work you are doing at the county and city level is essential to saving lives and providing hope for the future of our communities.

We, the undersigned clergy, faith and lay leaders, residents, and workers from across San Mateo County urge you to take bold and swift action to dedicate at least \$2-4 million to support the SMC Relief Fund for Immigrants to provide economic relief assistance to San Mateo County's immigrants. As the pandemic intensifies, our immigrant neighbors are being hit the hardest. They have the least support options, since many work in temporary and low-wage jobs, without access to sick leave, unemployment benefits or the option to work remotely. Immigrant families, many of them undocumented, do essential work that sustains us all. Since national relief plans exclude undocumented or mixed status families, it is up to us to care for our immigrant neighbors.

Our faiths teach about the interdependence of all human beings—a truth that is becoming clear right now in painful ways. We are asking for your immediate help, so that this interdependence may show forth in mutual aid, care for our neighbors, and the health of our whole community. This is a moral imperative, and a matter of immediate, urgent protection for everyone.

Sincerely,

Faith Leaders of San Mateo County

ESPAÑOL EN LA SIGUIENTE PÁGINA



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

Estimada Junta de Supervisores del Condado de San Mateo:

Primero, queremos aprovechar la oportunidad para expresar nuestro agradecimiento por su liderazgo continuo mientras navegamos por la difícil realidad de la pandemia de COVID-19 y sus efectos en los residentes del Condado de San Mateo. Verdaderamente, el trabajo que están haciendo a nivel de condado y ciudad es esencial para salvar vidas y proporcionar esperanza para el futuro de nuestras comunidades.

Nosotros, el clero abajo firmante, líderes religiosos y laicos, residentes y trabajadores de todo el condado de San Mateo, les instamos a que tomen medidas audaces y rápidas para dedicar al menos \$ 2-4 millones para apoyar el Fondo de ayuda de SMC para inmigrantes proporcionando así asistencia de ayuda económica a los inmigrantes del condado de San Mateo . A medida que se intensifica la pandemia, nuestros hermanos inmigrantes son los más afectados. Tienen las menores opciones de apoyo, ya que muchos trabajan en empleos temporales y de salarios bajos , sin acceso a licencia por enfermedad, beneficios de desempleo o la opción de trabajar de forma remota. Las familias inmigrantes, muchas de ellas indocumentadas, realizan un trabajo esencial que nos sostiene a todos. Dado que los planes nacionales de ayuda excluyen a las familias indocumentadas o de estatus mixto, depende de nosotros cuidar a nuestros hermanos inmigrantes.

Nuestras creencias enseñan acerca de la interdependencia de todos los seres humanos, una verdad que es aún más clara en este momento de forma dolorosa. Estamos pidiendo su ayuda inmediata, para que esta interdependencia pueda manifestarse en la ayuda mutua, el cuidado de nuestros vecinos y la salud de toda nuestra comunidad. Este es un imperativo moral y una cuestión de protección inmediata y urgente para todos.

Sinceramente,

Líderes de fe del condado de San Mateo

From: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Measure K Funds use money wisely
Date: Monday, July 6, 2020 7:15:43 PM

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TO San Mateo Board of Supervisors

Measure K funds should not be used to for immigration relief. That was not what we bargained for. We expect you to put procedures in place to ensure every dollar is used as promised and we expect an audit to be done.

John and Karen Kennedy
San Mateo

From: [REDACTED]
Subject: Measure K funding
Date: Monday, July 6, 2020 4:41:53 PM

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Hello Board of Supervisors,

I'm sure when voters passed Measure K, based on its description below, they were not thinking a) that Covid-19 would spell financial disaster in a broad based manner, so much so that we should be re-evaluating every expenditures, and b) \$1 million would be set aside for immigrant relief:

"...To ensure San Mateo County quality of life by retaining/improving critical facilities/services, such as: providing affordable homes for seniors, people with disabilities, veterans, families; enhancing public transit; combatting human trafficking; addressing sea level rise; maintaining safe schools and neighborhoods; high-quality preschool and reading programs; park maintenance; and low-income healthcare, shall San Mateo County extend the existing half-cent sales tax, without increasing the rate, providing \$85,000,000 annually for 20 years that the State cannot take away."

The 'contribution' of sales taxes you are considering tomorrow should only be contemplated AFTER setting policies and procedures in place to ensure financial management of these tax dollars, and cementing an audit process to verify these are followed to the letter.

While voters obviously wish to improve the quality of life in our County, and these trying times will create more need than ever, it's more important than ever to be sure the best use is made for every dollar. Your taxpayers deserve that much as the burden of Covid-19 will invariably fall on their backs. Make them proud.

Thank you.
Julie Berkson

Julie Berkson
Pet Sitting Services
[REDACTED]

"Home is Where the Pawprints Are"

From: [REDACTED]
Subject: Measure K Funds Spent Willy Nilly?
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Sincerely,

Lisa Taner
San Mateo Resident

ITEM NO. 11

From: [REDACTED]
Subject: 7/7/2020 BOS Mtg. - Public Comment - Item 11
Date: Monday, July 6, 2020 2:49:34 PM

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Dear Sukhi,

I hope you and the family are well, and that you had a good holiday weekend! Below, please find my public comment on tomorrow's item 11 - emergency healthcare ordinance.

Good morning, President Slocum, Vice President Canepa, members of the Board and staff. Thank you for the opportunity to address you on this item. I'm Julie Lind with the San Mateo Labor Council, representing over 100 unions and nearly 80,000 members, including thousands at San Francisco International Airport. We are so thankful to President Slocum and Supervisor Pine for cosponsoring this legislation, and for working to extend COVID-19 related emergency paid sick leave to these workers that have been falling through the cracks in many ways since the pandemic began. Especially now, as our numbers of infections and deaths continue to climb with no end in sight, the ability for sick workers to stay home and still be compensated, or for workers to stay home and care for sick family members while also being able to continue putting food on the table, may truly mean the difference between life and death. In the interest of public health, and in support of those putting themselves and their families at risk every day to keep our economy going, I respectfully request an aye vote from all. Thank you.

Respectfully,

Julie Lind
[REDACTED]

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