

# **County of San Mateo**

# Inter-Departmental Correspondence

**Department: COUNTY MANAGER** 

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**To:** Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: John L. Maltbie, County Manager

**Subject:** County Manager's Report #16 of 2017

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Accept this informational report.

### **BACKGROUND:**

This report will provide you with updates on a variety of County initiatives focusing on Public Safety, Health and Human Services, Community Services and Performance, in addition to reports on legislation and issues that require your action. We also will keep you and the public informed about new services, upcoming events and general updates.

#### **DISCUSSION:**

### **Public Safety**

#### Courts, County departments collaborate on new DUI court

In partnership with the District Attorney's Office, Probation Department, Department of Behavioral Health and Recovery Services and Public Defender Program, the San Mateo Superior Court has launched its latest specialty court for those with multiple misdemeanor convictions for driving while intoxicated. The Multiple DUI Intensive Supervision Court will provide second and third-time offenders with a team that can link them to treatment and support services and provide increased monitoring. The court is the latest specialty court offered in San Mateo County. Others include Drug Court, Pathways Mental Health Court and Veterans Court.

#### **Health and Human Services**

# Coastal Cleanup Day saw spike in volunteers, debris collected

The 2017 Coastal Cleanup Day in San Mateo County was a rousing success this year with an uptick in volunteers, pounds of debris collected and the number of "cleaners" who brought their own supplies. This year saw the second-highest number of volunteers- 4,425 - in San Mateo County to ever participate in the annual event since the Health System began recording the data in 2005. The army of volunteers cleaned up 50 miles of coastline, collecting 28,063 pounds of debris of which 23,513 pounds was trash and another 4,895 pounds were recyclables. Among the more unusual items collected were two microwaves, a clothes rack, an Indian arrowhead, half a hockey stick and

an official British Airlines crew blanket.

The Health System is also proud to report that 8,999 people brought their own cleaning supplies such as buckets and gloves which is a 156 percent increase from last year. This is important because cleanup sites often run out of supplies.

### County's plan to end homelessness earns statewide award

The County of San Mateo's vigorous push to end local homelessness by 2020 using a combination of collaborative resources earned it a prestigious 2017 Merit Award from the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) which annually recognizes county programs statewide that illustrate innovation, efficiency and measurable results.

The County received a Merit Award from CSAC's Challenge Awards program for the Human Services Agency's entry "Ending Homelessness in San Mateo County" which outlined the collaborative effort to reach "functional zero" - in essence, homelessness is a rare, brief and one-time occurrence. As a result of the Strategic Plan to End Homelessness, the Housing Crisis Resolution System the unique collaboration with law enforcement and medical providers to serve clients where they are, the 2017 Homeless One Day Count showed a 10-year low of 1,253 individuals.

#### Measure K

# Davey Glen Park ready to reopen

The City of Belmont will celebrate the grand opening of Davey Glen Park on Saturday, October 7, at 10 a.m. When it opens, Davey Glen Park promises to become a popular spot for birthdays, family celebrations, neighborhood parties, picnics and letting the kids have a blast on the new playground. Your Board will recall that in September 2015 you allocated \$66,667 in Measure K funds to assist the city in paying construction costs. In October, the community will come together to see what can be accomplished in partnership with our cities. The celebration also marks the departure of Belmont Parks and Recreation Director Jonathan Gervais who is joining the County as its new Parks Director in November.

#### **News, Events and Updates**

# Sheriff heading annual employee charity campaign

Sheriff Carlos Bolanos is the 2017 chair of the annual Charitable Contributions campaign, the year-round effort by County employees to raise money for our partner charities through one-time and payroll deductions. Since 2004, the campaign has raised approximately \$1.3 million which illustrates the goodwill and generosity of our County workforce. The programs and services supported by the campaign cover a diverse range of needs and goals including health and human services, family and homeless services, youth guidance and the environment. While the effort is year round, as your Board knows, the County makes a concentrated effort in the fall which culminates in our annual pumpkin carving and pumpkin pie baking contests. With the Sheriff and his dedicated staff at the helm, I have no doubt this year will be another rousing success for our charities.

#### **Legislative Update**

The first year of the 2017-18 state legislative session ended Sept. 16. In the weeks leading up to this date, the Senate and Assembly acted on hundreds of measures, including eight newly amended budget trailer bills, which included clean-up provisions for the IHSS MOE and a \$1.5 billion cap and trade funding expenditure plan.

The following are the outcomes of the top bills of statewide importance this session:

- AB 1250 (Jones-Sawyer) County Contracting Authority Held in Senate Rules
   Committee, Two Year Bill-the de facto ban on county contracting, this bill was a top priority
   for counties statewide. The County strongly opposed this bill and will continue to work with the
   California State Association of Counties (CSAC), its CBOs and others to oppose efforts to
   resurrect the measure next year.
- SB 649 (Hueso) Small Cells Enrolled would require cities and counties to lease vertical infrastructure to wireless carriers for a maximum fee of \$250 per pole per year and in order to use the infrastructure the local government must request the space from the carrier. The County opposed this measure and will be requesting a veto from the governor.
- SB 2 (Atkins) Building Homes and Jobs Act Enrolled would impose a fee of \$75 to be paid on every real estate transaction, with some exceptions. The funds collected would be allocated to local governments for planning in the first year, and in the second year 70 percent of the funds would be allocated to local governments based on the federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) allocations. The County supported this measure and will be requesting a signature by the governor.
- SB 3 (Beall) Veterans and Affordable Housing Bond Enrolled would enact the Veterans and Affordable Housing Bond Act of 2018 and would authorize the issuance of \$4 billion in bonds to be approved by the voters in the 2018. The bonds would be used to fund existing programs within the California Department of Housing and Community Development. The County supported this measure and will be requesting a signature by the governor.
- SB 35 (Wiener) Housing: streamlining Enrolled would require cities and counties to offer developers a new ministerial approval process for developments that meet certain conditions if a local agency does not meet its Regional Housing Need Allocation (RHNA) by income level. The County had a watch position on this measure.
- SB 10 (Hertzberg) Bail Reform Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee, Two Year Bill - would revise the pretrial release system by limiting pretrial detention to specified persons, eliminating the use of bail schedules, and establishing county pretrial services agencies tasked with conducting assessment on arrested persons and preparing reports with recommendations for conditions of release. The County had a watch position on this measure and will continue to monitor it closely in 2018 when discussions resume in 2018.
- SB 190 (Mitchell) Juveniles Enrolled would have fees related to local home detention program be only payable by adults and remove a county's ability to assess administrative fees from minors in the juvenile justice system and their families. The County had a watch position on this measure.

The following are the outcomes of a select list of district-specific bills in this session:

- SB 793 (Hill) Competitive bidding: design-build and best value construction Enrolled would add San Mateo County to the list of counties for a best value pilot program for
  construction projects in excess of \$1 million. This authority would provide the County's Project
  Development Unit (PDU) more flexibility in the selection and granting of contracts for the
  County's five-year capital improvement plan. The bill was a County-sponsored measure and
  we will be requesting a signature from the Governor.
- AB 851 (Caballero) Local agency: contracts Enrolled would among other things, extend

until Jan. 1, 20123 the ability of counties to use the construction manager at-risk project delivery method. This authority would provide the PDU greater flexibility in the how they are able to design and construct buildings as they complete the County's five-year capital improvement project. The measure was co-sponsored with the County of Santa Clara and we will be requesting a signature from the governor.

- SB 42 (Hill) Martins Beach: property acquisition Enrolled would create a subaccount in the Land Bank Fund for the deposit of funds and would allow the State Lands Commission to use up to \$1 million from private and/or private sources to acquire a right-of-way or easement for an access route to Martins Beach. The County had a watch position on this measure.
- AB 1613 (Mullin) San Mateo County Transit District: retail transactions and use tax Chaptered allows the San Mateo County Transit District (SamTrans) to place a half-cent transportation sales tax before voters in November 2018. The County had a watch position on this measure.
- SB 595 (Beall) MTC: toll bridge revenues Enrolled provides for a vote in the nine Bay Area counties next year to raise bridge tolls by as much as \$3 with added revenues to be spent to pay for nearly three dozen transit and highway projects totaling \$4.45 billion over the next 25 years. Eligible projects include express lanes on U.S. Highway 101, State Routes 92 and 84RNHA and the Dumbarton Corridor improvements. The County The County will be requesting that the governor sign the bill.