



County of San Mateo

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

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To: Honorable Board of Supervisors
From: John L. Maltbie, County Manager
Subject: County Manager's Report #18

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

County departments step up to aid Napa, Sonoma counties

The recent wildfires in Sonoma and Napa counties not only inflicted unbelievable damage to life and property but also stretched their resources thin. I'm proud of several County departments that have stepped up to provide mutual aid and other types of support from the fires' beginnings on Oct. 9 through the last two weeks, and now moving into the recovery phase. The fires illustrate the strong partnerships we have with our fellow counties and the importance of mutual aid.

In total, San Mateo County law enforcement - the Sheriff's Office and all cities in the county - deployed 725 personnel to help in the two counties. As of Oct. 18, the Health System's Emergency Medical Services division coordinated deployment of two ambulances and an ambulance strike team, a group of behavioral health specialists assigned to various shelters, one EMS staff, one communications specialist and a manager from Public Health Policy & Planning. One member of the Information Services Department's GIS team was sent and my office's communications team also provided daily support to their northern colleagues. Our Coroner's Office and Planning and Building remain on standby for deployment if needed to help those two counties.

Community Services

Libraries honored among most innovative nationwide

We always knew our County library system was innovative and now the rest of the nation is in on the secret. Earlier this month, the Urban Libraries Council (ULC) announced San Mateo County Libraries (SMCL) is among the 20 most innovative libraries in the nation. Specifically, the ULC recognized SMCL for its Big Lift Inspiring Summers program which serves low-income children and reverses summer learning loss. The program for kindergartners through second-graders has had inspiring results so far - children in the 2016 program gained an average of one month of reading skills and the 2017 class gained an average of one and a half months of reading skills.

Your Board funds the annual five-week program from Measure K, and is a collaboration between the county, SMCL, the County Office of Education, Silicon Valley Community Foundation, BELL (Building Educated Leaders for Life) and seven local school districts.

Measure K

Daly City Youth Health Center Expansion

With the help of your \$1.7 million investment of Measure K funds, the Daly City Youth Health Center has launched a long-planned renovation project that will allow the center to move into a new uniquely designed space across the street from the Daly City Civic Center. For more than two decades the center has operated out of cramped quarters to provide health care, counseling, academic support and other services to 50,000 teens and young adults. On October 11, center supporters, staff and clients celebrated with a “wall-breaking” ceremony to kick-off the renovations - complete with hammers and hard hats. The ceremony allowed us to catch up with your former colleague, District Five Supervisor Adrienne Tissier, and former Health Director Margaret Taylor, who co-chair the center’s capital campaign.

Ribbon Cutting in Princeton

Our Parks and Public Works crews joined local residents and public officials on Oct. 18 to celebrate the installation of two benches that overlook beautiful Pillar Point Harbor in Princeton where Broadway meets the sea. The project also involved the installation of a sign that commemorates the history of the area and other improvements. The project was funded by Measure K in another example of these local funds fulfilling local needs.

Legislative Update

Late on Oct. 15, Gov. Jerry Brown completed business for the 2017 legislative session - his 15th session in a record-setting tenure as California governor. Brown vetoed 118 of the 977 bills that made it to his desk - a 12 percent veto rate.

The following is a select list of bills with direct impact to counties signed by the governor:

- **SB 2 (Atkins) Building Homes and Jobs Act-Chaptered**-imposes a fee of \$75 to be paid on every real estate transaction, with some exceptions. The funds collected will be allocated to local governments for planning in the first year, and in the second year 70 percent of the funds will be allocated to local governments based on the federal Community Development Block Grant allocations.
- **SB 3 (Beall) Veterans and Affordable Housing Bond-Chaptered**-enacts the Veterans and Affordable Housing Bond Act of 2018 and authorizes the issuance of \$4 billion in bonds to be approved by the voters in the 2018. The bonds can be used to fund existing programs within the California Department of Housing and Community Development.
- **AB 1598 (Mullin) Affordable housing authorities-Chaptered**-allows a city or county to create an affordable housing authority to fund the development of affordable housing.

Requires the affordable housing authority to create a Low and Moderate Income Housing Fund and to adopt an affordable housing investment plan that may include the receipt of property tax increment funds generated within the area and/or a portion of local sales tax. Also allows localities to bond with tax increment financing for up to 45 years.

- **Assembly Bill 1505 (Bloom) Land use: zoning regulations-Chaptered-**authorizes cities and counties to adopt ordinances to require, as a condition of the development of residential units, that the development include a certain percentage of residential rental units affordable to, and occupied by, households with incomes not exceeding the limits for moderate-income, lower-income, very low-income or extremely low-income households. The “Palmer Fix” restores this local planning mechanism as a tool to regulate the production of rental housing.
- **SB 35 (Wiener) Housing: streamlining-Chaptered-**requires cities and counties to offer developers a new ministerial approval process for developments that meet certain conditions if a local agency does not meet it RHNA by income level.
- **Senate Bill 167 (Skinner) Housing Accountability Act-Chaptered-**increases the burden of proof required for a local government to reject or require downsizing of a housing project that includes affordable housing, and requires documentation to justify decisions to reject this type of housing project, and imposes fines on jurisdictions that improperly reject or require downsizing of housing projects or fail to comply with required timelines for making approval decisions.
- **SB 190 (Mitchell) Juveniles-Chaptered-**removes a county’s ability to assess administrative fees related to local home detention programs from minors in the juvenile justice system and their families, limiting fees only to adults.
- **Assembly Bill 720 (Eggman) Inmates: psychiatric medication: informed consent-Chaptered-**allows local detention facilities to extend the process of involuntary medicating inmates to those awaiting adjudication to ensure they can receive timely, effective treatment during incarceration.
- **Assembly Bill 790 (Stone) Identification cards: replacement: reduced fee-Chaptered-**provides California identification cards to individuals prior to release from incarceration or hospitalization.
- **Senate Bill 231 (Hertzberg) Local government: fees and charges-Chaptered-**establishes that sewer water includes stormwater for the purposes of funding outside of Prop. 218-the 1996 voter-approved initiative that spells out which government fees and taxes require voter approval. The new law will allow local governments to finance and build projects to capture and manage rainwater for local reliability and flood safety.
- **SB 54 (de Leon) Law enforcement: sharing data-Chaptered-**largely prohibits state and local law enforcement agencies, including schools and security officers, from using money or staff to investigate, question, hold or arrest people for immigration violations.

The governor also signed the following County-specific bills:

- **SB 793 (Hill) Competitive bidding: design-build and best value construction-Chaptered-**adds San Mateo County to the list of counties for a best value pilot program for construction projects in excess of \$1 million. This authority will 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.

- **AB 851 (Caballero) Local agency: contracts-Chaptered**-among other things, extends until Jan. 1, 20123 the ability of counties to use the construction manager at-risk project delivery method. This authority will 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.
- **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.
- **SB 797 (Hill) Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board: transactions and use tax-Chaptered**-authorizes the Peninsula Corridor Join Powers Board, which oversees Caltrain, to put a one-eighth-cent sales tax measure before the voters of San Francisco, San Mateo and Santa Clara counties to fund the rail service's capital and operating costs.
- **SB 595 (Beall) MTC: toll bridge revenues-Chaptered**-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 84, and the Dumbarton Corridor improvements.

The following is a partial list of the bills vetoed by the governor affecting counties and San Mateo County specifically:

- **SB 649 (Hueso) Small Cells-Vetoed**-would have required 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.
- **SB 42 (Hill) Martins Beach: property acquisition-Vetoed**-would have created 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.