



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 #19

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 conducting public outreach on proposed cannabis rules

County staff is currently holding public outreach meetings and other presentations on our draft ordinance governing cannabis cultivation. The meetings allow staff to answer questions and gather feedback ahead of coming back to your Board before the temporary moratorium expires. On Oct. 30, a public meeting was held at County Center with a small group of in attendance and another is scheduled for 7 p.m. Nov. 9 at the Ted Adcock Community Center in Half Moon Bay. This month, Proposition 64 Implementation Coordinator Andrew Berthelsen will also present about the ordinance to the Pescadero Municipal Advisory Committee and Agricultural Advisory Committee which are both open to the public.

The County created a page on its website where the draft ordinance and other related information is posted: <http://cmo.smcgov.org/cannabis-ordinance> As we move closer to state implementation of Proposition 64 regulations and our local cities developing their own rules and strategies, we will also post that information on the page along with an interactive map.

Health and Human Services

Focus on immigrant population during ACA enrollment period

The County aims to make the enrollment process as simple as possible the 2018 Affordable Care Act enrollment window and will particularly focus on the immigrant population that makes up a significant percentage of the uncovered. Outreach efforts will target neighborhoods with high percentages of uninsured individuals such as East Menlo Park, East Palo Alto and North Fair Oaks. The deadline is Dec. 15, 2017 for coverage to begin Jan. 1, 2018 A list of enrollment locations, times and languages spoken is available at [smcgov.org/health coverage](http://smcgov.org/health%20coverage)

San Mateo County has an estimated 4 percent of its total population uninsured and most are unaware they qualify for low or no-cost health coverage. Last year, more than 24,700 County residents signed or renewed health insurance plans during the 2017 enrollment period in addition to those who can sign up for Medi-Cal year round. More than 85,000 adults and more than 52,000 children - who are eligible regardless of immigration status - receive Medi-Cal benefits.

Community Services

Elections rolls out new Accessible Vote by Mail System

Since today is Election Day, I'm proud to share that the San Mateo County Elections Office recently launched a new Accessible Vote by Mail system for disabled and visually impaired voters - the first such system in the state.

The new Accessible Vote by Mail system allows disabled and visually impaired voters to access and mark their ballot in a screen-readable format using their personal computers. San Mateo County is the first county in California to deploy an Accessible Vote by Mail system as authorized under AB 2252 Remote Accessible Vote by Mail Systems. Our County recognizes the importance of providing voting access to every individual and I'm proud that once again our Elections Office is leading the way.

Statewide gas tax increase begins; County anticipates \$131M

On Nov. 1, the new statewide gas tax increase of 12 cents per gallon took effect, the first aspect of Gov. Jerry Brown's transportation package that will be phased-in over several years. The County's Department of Public Works will receive \$3.8 million this year for currently programmed roadway projects approved by your Board. Over the 10-year life of the tax, DPW anticipates receiving about \$131 million total for roads projects and future projects funding will be primarily based upon the recommendations of the County's pavement management system software. DPW has not yet evaluated what projects will be proposed for Fiscal Year 2018-19.

Measure K

Drilling underway at site of new Regional Operations Center

Crews are hard at work at the site of what will become the County's nerve center for emergency operations and disaster response - the Regional Operations Center (ROC). Current work involves boring approximately 350 holes deep into the earth and then filling those holes with a mix of cement and soil. This helps to ensure the ground under the ROC will remain stable in the event of a violent earthquake.

Due to the construction, parking has become more difficult to find on the County Center campus. We appreciate our employees and the public's patience and understanding. I also encourage them to visit the County's Facebook page which includes a short video of the work underway and a guide to nearby parking garages and on-street parking.

Magical Bridge Playground breaks ground

The Magical Bridge Foundation broke ground Nov. 3 on what will become San Mateo County's first inclusive playground designed for children and adults of all abilities. The playground at Redwood City's Red Morton Park will feature wheelchair access to a two-story playhouse, disc and bucket

swings, retreat spaces and a kindness corner. Your Board committed \$125,000 in Measure K funds to purchase playground equipment for this wonderful addition to our county and we are proud to play a small role in such a big achievement for inclusivity.