



# County of San Mateo

## Inter-Departmental Correspondence

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**Department:** COUNTY MANAGER

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**Special Notice / Hearing:** None

**Vote Required:** Majority

**To:** Honorable Board of Supervisors  
**From:** John L. Maltbie, County Manager  
**Subject:** County Manager's Report #21 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:**

**New specialty court improves crime victim restitution collection**

Thanks to the newest Collaborative Court program, nearly \$175,000 in crime victim restitution has been collected from offenders. The program, known as Restitution Court, was launched in November 2016 by the San Mateo Superior Court in conjunction with the County's District Attorney's Office and Probation Department.

Over eight times more restitution dollars were collected from offenders referred to Restitution Court than they were paying before referral. This puts the program on track to collect over \$170,000 more in restitution annually. In fact, over \$174,705 in collections can already be attributed to the program. Just the threat of Restitution Court is often enough to get an offender to start paying. Of the 34 offenders who were considered for Restitution Court since it began a year ago, 15 never had to be formally referred because they began paying regularly as soon as they learned they were going to be referred. Five of those 15 immediately paid their restitution in full, with a total from those alone nearing \$75,500.

**Health and Human Services**

**Upcoming social media chat to answer ACA questions**

County of San Mateo enrollment counselors will host social media chat, Health Coverage: Uncovered, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 12 on the Health System's [Facebook](#)

<https://www.facebook.com/SMCHealth/> and [Twitter https://www.twitter.com/SMCHealth/](https://www.twitter.com/SMCHealth/) pages. The Health System, with assistance from the County Manager's Office, held a similar chat last year to great success. Counselors will be available to answer any health insurance questions and encourage residents to sign up so they are covered when they need it most. Residents are encouraged to log on and ask health insurance questions and have them answered in real time in English or Spanish. Follow along at @SMCHealth and #GetCoveredSMC.

Dec. 15 is the deadline to enroll in or change Covered California health plans for coverage starting Jan. 1. Covered California open enrollment closes Jan. 31, 2018.

### **HSA to host its 29<sup>th</sup> annual VRS client holiday luncheon**

The holiday season is an opportunity for us to give care and offer support to everyone in our communities. For the past 29 years, HSA has hosted a holiday luncheon for our clients at the VRS café. The luncheon includes a traditional meal cooked by the staff at VRS, Christmas decorations and music at the café, and even a visit from Santa himself. Our Honorable Board of Supervisors, their staff, and the County Manager's Office serves the delicious meals to HSA clients and we look forward to another wonderful holiday celebration on Dec. 6.

### **Performance**

#### **Annual financial report earns auditor approval**

The Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) prepared by the Controller's Office once again earned a "clean" opinion from independent auditors. The designation confirms the County's financial statements are accurate, reliable and transparent. The CAFR, now available for public review, includes the County's audited financial statements, analysis and statistics - all which helps the County fulfill its goal of informing our public about the revenue it takes in and spends. The CAFR also consistently earns an annual award for excellence in financial reporting and I have no doubt this year's version will continue that winning streak.

### **Measure K**

Children enrolled in preschool programs sponsored by The Big Lift are more likely to be ready for kindergarten than children with similar backgrounds with no preschool, according to a new RAND Corporation analysis. The analysis also found that children who participated in the 2017 Inspiring Summers program sponsored by The Big Lift gained six weeks of reading skills rather than experiencing the typical two months of summer learning loss. These promising results and others are based on assessments of 1,496 entering kindergartners in the 2016-17 school year in Cabrillo, Jefferson, La Honda-Pescadero, and South San Francisco school districts. The study provides baseline data that will allow tracking of trends in kindergarten readiness over time. Supported by funds from Measure K, The Big Lift is a collaboration that seeks to boost reading proficiency among young learners and set them on the path to success.

### **News, Events & Updates**

#### **Budget team busy with final reports, budget**

The Budget and Policy team in my office has been quite busy lately finalizing the FY 2016-17 Measure K Annual Report, which includes the Controller's annual audit of Measure K revenues and expenditures. The report went to the Measure K Oversight Committee on Nov. 30. At that meeting, the committee also received an update on our robust outreach and branding efforts. I'd like to thank all involved for their hard work, especially outgoing Budget Director Jim Saco for whom these documents are part of his proverbial his swan song.