



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
County Manager



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Board Meeting Date: Dec. 15, 2015
Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: John L. Maltbie, County Manager

Subject: County Manager's Report #23

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 evaluating ACLU's first-year conclusions on Proposition 47

Staff in the County Manager's Office and our public safety agencies are currently validating the conclusions in November 2015 report "Changing Gears: California's Shift to Smart Justice." The report by the American Civil Liberties Union looked at public records from all 58 counties during the first year of voter-passed Proposition 47, which reclassified six drug and property felonies to misdemeanors.

The ACLU report highlights six major findings statewide including an initial downward shift in jail incarceration rates throughout the state followed by a slight uptick. In San Mateo County, the population dropped to 763 in January and February 2015 before its slight climb the next month, according to the ACLU. However, the current daily population at Maguire Correctional Facility as of Dec. 3 is 760, according to the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office.

The District Attorney's Office also provides statistics on filed resentencing and reclassification petitions that are significantly higher than those of the ACLU. For the

first year, the ACLU reported those formerly convicted of felonies in San Mateo County filed 800 resentencing petitions and 789 reclassification applications. As of the end of November 2015, the District Attorney's Office reported having reviewed 3,863 petitions with 93 percent being granted. The majority were post-sentencing and had already finished their term and 205 individuals, or 6 percent, of those reclassified were released from custody.

The report also issued 10 recommendations for policymakers including a request to ask their local Community Corrections Partnerships to recommend the county allocate more money to services rather than incarceration. According to the report, our Sheriff's Office and Probation Department receive a little less than half of the \$16.56 million in crime prevention funds in San Mateo County. The remaining funds are allocated to the District Attorney's Office and Health and Human Services Agencies for re-entry services.

Health and Human Services

National minority health expert Dr. J. Nadine Gracia, the deputy assistant secretary for minority health and director of the Office of Minority at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), visited San Mateo County Dec. 4 and 5 as keynote speaker at the 2015 Annual Women's Health Conference. The County was a sponsor of the event along with Mills-Peninsula Health Services, the African American Community Health Advisory Committee.

Prior to the conference, Dr. Gracia also visited the the San Mateo County Black Infant Health Program and Ravenswood Health Center, both in East Palo Alto.

The conference, whose theme was "Celebrating Me: Taking Care of My Own Well-Being" focused on black women who, according to HHS, are 40 percent more likely to have heart disease and account for 35 percent of hypertension cases.

Community Services

New location, deputy director for Office of Sustainability

After just a few bumps in the road, the Office of Sustainability is finally moving this week into its new work space on the fourth floor of 455 County Center. The shift marks completion of the office's merger with the RecycleWorks and EnergyWatch programs and joining in the move are the North Fair Oaks Forward team and Surplus Property. An open house is planned in the new year once the staff unpacks and sets up.

The Office of Sustainability also has another big announcement — appointment of Danielle Lee as its Deputy Director. Danielle previously served in the County Manager's Office of Budget and Performance and was selected from more than 100 applications. Danielle began her new position Dec. 7 after returning from a three-month turn in Daly City on the Management Exchange Program.

Public WiFi access expanded with more County sites

Staying connected in San Mateo County just became easier. The County's information Services Department recently installed three additional SMC Public WiFi spots, bringing

the total to 17 since the project launched in 2014. Six spots went live this fiscal year, including Coyote Point Gatehouse and Coyote Point Captain's House in San Mateo, Sterling Youth Center in Colma, La Honda Puente Center in La Honda, Lincoln Community Center in Daly City and Coastside Hope in El Granada.

Building an Intranet infrastructure open to all provides equal access to online County resources, supports unserved and underserved communities and aids local economic development.

Performance

Measure A Oversight Committee accepts audit report

The Measure A Oversight Committee at its Dec. 3 meeting accepted and approved the Controller's Office report on the voter-passed half-cent sales tax's revenues and expenditures. The document for the period July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015 is the second consecutive "clean" audit report on Measure A.

At the Oversight Committee meeting, Deputy County Manager Reyna Farrales provided an overview of the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 performance data including that 66 percent of goals have been met or are in progress. In FY 14-15, Measure A spending broke down as follows: 37 percent health, 14 percent each for transportation and youth, 13 percent technology, 8 percent parks and 5 percent each homeless/housing and capital improvements.

The oversight committee created an ad hoc committee on performance measures that will recommend improvements to be included in its annual report to the Board of Supervisors in February.