



**COUNTY OF SAN MATEO**  
Inter-Departmental Correspondence  
County Manager



**Date:** July 7, 2016  
**Board Meeting Date:** July 12, 2016  
**Special Notice / Hearing:** None  
**Vote Required:** Majority

**To:** Honorable Board of Supervisors  
**From:** John L. Maltbie, County Manager  
**Subject:** County Manager's Report #14

**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**

**District attorney sworn in as statewide president**

San Mateo County District Attorney Steve Wagstaffe was sworn in as the 2016-2017 president of the California District Attorneys Association (CDAA) during its annual summer conference. Wagstaffe served previously as the CDAA Board's vice-president. During Wagstaffe's coming term, CDAA faces major challenges in dealing with significant criminal justice initiatives before the voters in November. These include two death penalty propositions, the governor's initiative to further reduce state prison sentences for convicted criminals, the marijuana legalization initiative and the proposition related to gun control. These initiatives along with important criminal justice issues such as conviction integrity, sentencing alternatives, and police body cameras assure a busy year for Wagstaffe.

**Community feedback collected on private defender program**

Tonight is the second of two community feedback sessions held at the Law Library to collect information on the Private Defender Program (PDP) from clients, residents, attorneys and client representatives. The first session on June 29 drew about 30

participants who broke into small groups with facilitators to share their experiences with the program and suggestions to make it better in light of recommendations from the recent Haning/Casey report. Participants were mostly attorneys serving on the PDP panel of the San Mateo County Bar Association, as well as client advocates and a few clients who have received court-appointed legal defense services from the PDP.

As your Board recalls, the County Manager's Office is currently evaluating the program's management and oversight, including financial management of the \$19 million contract it has with the County to provide indigent legal defense services. Along with the Controller's financial review, the public feedback data will be incorporated into a preliminary report with recommendations to be brought before the Board in September.

### **Community Services**

#### **Parks receives grant to shuttle residents**

The Parks Department was awarded a two-year grant from C/CAG and San Mateo County Transportation Authority to provide shuttle services on weekends between East Palo Alto and North Fair Oaks two County parks beginning later this year. The County Park Explorer Shuttle Program allows Parks to share its beautiful open spaces and activities with residents in East Palo Alto, eastern Menlo Park, North Fair Oaks and Redwood City — some who might otherwise never have the opportunity. The shuttles also let users leave the car at home, avoid traffic congestion and packed parking lots. Park rangers and volunteers at Edgewood Park and Natural Preserve in Redwood City and Wunderlich Park in Woodside plan to provide on-site orientations to park visitors arriving on the shuttles.

### **Legislative Update**

#### **Governor signs budget, leaves open issues**

On June 27, Gov. Jerry Brown signed the budget bill and several related budget trailer bills for FY 2016-17 without exercising his veto authority. This budget plans for \$122.5 billion in state General Fund spending, including increases in funding for K-14 education, the state's mandatory reserve, and paying down budgetary debts — all of which are constitutionally required. The budget also makes an additional deposit into the state's mandatory reserve, beyond the level required by the state Constitution, and provides funding for repair of state buildings. Beyond these priorities, the budget package repeals the Maximum Family Grant, or "family cap" rule in the state's welfare-to-work program and makes a series of modest investments in other key supports.

After the Assembly passed the No Place Like Home Proposal on June 30, the governor quickly approved the measure on July 1. The No Place Like Home Proposal would leverage Proposition 63 funding for local permanent supportive housing units for the chronically homeless, or at risk of being homeless, and living with serious mental illness.

However, several issues remain open. These include: The By-Right Housing Proposal tied to \$400 million for affordable housing remains in flux. Negotiations continue in order

to reach agreement on the use of the By-Right Proposal for low-income housing before determining whether the \$400 million will be made available to support affordable housing. A final issue is the Resources trailer that includes an onerous new fee for local agency permits to comply with the California Endangered Species Act.

A complete analysis of the FY 2016-17 State Budget Act will be provided to your Board once all of the pieces have been acted on by Gov. Brown.

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

#### **Big Lift adds communities, kicks off summer learning**

The Big Lift added three more communities and services to add or enhance quality preschool programs will begin in the fall. The new additions are the Ravenswood School District which is partnering with One East Palo Alto and the City of Menlo Park and the San Bruno Park School District. A total of 1,028 preschool spaces, both new and enhanced, are funded in the three new communities. The three newcomers join the original four that launched the Big Lift in 2015.

Thanks to the County and its partners, the County Office of Education and the Silicon Valley Community Foundation, more than 800 low-income children in San Mateo County are also benefitting from the five-week Inspiring Summers program which includes a free literacy-focused full-day learning program with an enrichment component and meals. The goal is preventing summer learning loss and ensuring all students have access to quality learning experiences. In its first year, the program includes entering kindergarten and first-graders at six sites. The plan is to expand over the next two years to also include entering second and third-graders.