



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



**Date:** Sept. 29, 2016  
**Board Meeting Date:** Oct. 4, 2016  
**Special Notice / Hearing:** None  
**Vote Required:** Majority

**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:**

**Health and Human Services**

**State honors County for birth registration timeliness**

The California Department of Public Health awarded the Health System's Office of Vital Statistics a Certificate of Achievement for timely birth records registration in 2016. Improving registrations for births has been a long-term goal of the department and the Office of Vital Statistics moved up seven spots in the statewide ranking from 35 in 2012 to 28. Some of the counties ranked above us are smaller with fewer birth registrations or very large counties with large staff so the current ranking is a point of pride and something that will continue to improve each year.

**Community Services**

**County Treasurer/Tax Collector visits Florida counterparts**

County Treasurer/Tax Collector Sandie Arnott, Assistant Tax Collector Robin Elliott and Project Manager Pamela Vaughan recently paid a visit to the Florida counties of Hillsborough, Broward and Miami-Dade to review the TaxSys Property Tax System and perform due diligence on the system vendor Grant Street Group. This system is currently under consideration for implementation in the County of San Mateo.

The Florida counties were all excited to host the staff and openly shared their experience with implementation of TaxSys. All of the counties consistently indicated a very high level of satisfaction with the property tax system and reported gaining significant efficiencies, streamlined processes and excellent reporting capabilities. The counties were extremely positive about their experience with Grant Street and Arnott said her team's productive trip to Florida confirmed that the vendor is the optimum solution for the Tax Collector.

### **County plans third community meeting to discuss aircraft noise**

The County will hold a third community meeting Oct. 18, 2016 in the city of Sunnyvale to discuss the steps taken to address disturbances related to aircraft arrivals to the San Carlos Airport. The County held two prior public meetings in Atherton and Redwood City to update those neighborhoods on recent changes and receive feedback. Residents of Sunnyvale attended both of those events and the city requested the County host a similar gathering in that city.

Input from all three meetings will be summarized along with responses from approximately 21,000 residential surveys mailed to households living under the GPS arrival flight path to the airport. As your Board recalls, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) approved a six-month pilot of a new Bayside Visual Approach and we want to gauge if the new path is providing some relief for the community. In November, the Board will hear an Airport Disturbance Study update that will include the survey results and feedback from the meetings.

### **Legislative Update**

#### **Governor acts on two bills of County interest**

Facing a Sept. 30 deadline to act on nearly 800 bills, Governor Brown has taken action on a number of bills of specific interest to the County. The Governor vetoed Senate Bill 1157 by Sen. Holly Mitchell, which would have prohibited the exclusive use of video visitation at local correctional facilities. In his veto message, the Governor cited the inflexibility of the legislation and the creation of a new state mandate as the main reasons for his veto. The Governor also expressed concern about the recent trend of making jail facilities unavailable for in-person visits and directed the Board of State and Community Corrections to work with stakeholders to explore ways to address the issue.

Gov. Brown also vetoed Assembly Bill 1853 by Assemblymember Jim Cooper, which would have authorized the retirement board of any county retirement system operating under the Retirement Law of 1937, to unilaterally separate from the county where it operates. In his veto message, the Governor indicated he believes the legislation is too far reaching and that a collaborative approach between counties and retirement boards is in the best interest of the public.

Finally, the Governor signed Assembly Bill 1362 by San Mateo County Assemblymember Rich Gordon. The legislation adds an alternative method of appointing trustees to the San Mateo County Mosquito and Vector Control District. This

alternative method can be implemented if a majority of the cities in the county adopt resolutions requesting that the City Selection Committee/Council of Mayors appoint trustees. The alternative appointment process permits the City Selection Committee/Council of Mayors to appoint one trustee from each supervisorial district and the Board of Supervisors to appoint two trustees from unincorporated areas.

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

#### **Countywide jobs/housing task force launches website**

Home For All San Mateo County, an initiative launched from the efforts of the countywide Closing the Jobs/Housing Gap Task Force, unveiled its public website this month. The website gives stakeholders, officials and the community information and tools for addressing housing supply and affordability challenges. The task force, which included members from multiple cities, nonprofits and businesses, reconvened in September to continue work on its action plan that includes building partnerships and community support, supporting all types of housing development, funding affordable housing and securing land. The website [www.homeforallsmc.com](http://www.homeforallsmc.com) details these steps, provides information on the toolkit, includes information on the impacts of the jobs/housing imbalance, charts the current progress each jurisdiction is making toward state housing requirements and provides interactive maps that illustrate where we are and what we need.

The website comes just head of the 16<sup>th</sup> annual Housing Leadership Day which this year will include a special track on affordable housing for the education sector.