



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
County Manager



Date: January 4, 2017
Board Meeting Date: January 10, 2017
Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors
From: John L. Maltbie, County Manager
Subject: County Manager's Report # 1

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

Children's Fund bolstered by social media outpouring

Thanks to the power of a photo, the 2016 Children's Fund benefitted this past holiday season by the generous outpouring of several warm-hearted donors. This year gift requests outweighed availability to meet demand for the county's needy children, until the County on behalf of its Human Services Agency posted a photo of the meager shelves on its social media accounts and explained the annual effort to deliver gifts, the community responded in a big way.

Just three days after the post, HSA was inundated with more than 500 packages from Amazon and they continued to arrive throughout the weeks. Residents even came by the Davis Drive location to write checks. From January 2016 through the end of the year, the Children's Fund received \$43,100 in donations for year-round programs. Of that, \$16,200 was donated specifically for the 2016 Children's Fund Holiday Program.

This quick and significant level of giving is a reminder of just how special and thoughtful our residents are.

County seeking volunteers or biennial Homeless Count

The Human Services Agency is busy gathering volunteers for its biennial One-Day Homeless Count from 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. Jan. 26. For the first time this year, HSA will simultaneously conduct a census and survey of unsheltered homeless people in San

Mateo County. The brief survey will identify some characteristics of people experiencing homelessness in our community. The data collected will help the County plan and meet its goal of ending homelessness by 2020. The point-in-time count is also required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to receive continued funding.

HSA still needs more than 100 volunteers to help with the count, particularly in the North County. The time commitment is a two-hour training beforehand and the four-hour count Jan. 26. I encourage those that can to participate in this very important event by learning more and signing up at <http://hsa.smcgov.org/2017-one-day-homeless-count>

Medical center extending hours for final ACA enrollments

Less than three weeks remain to enroll in 2017 Covered California health insurance. The final deadline is Jan. 31 with those enrolling by Jan. 15 having coverage beginning Feb. 1 and those in the second half of the month covered starting March 1. During this final stretch, the Health System is inviting the public to ask enrollment counselors last-minutes questions during a KGO-TV health coverage phone bank on Friday, Jan. 13.

The San Mateo Medical Center will also be extending hours leading up to the enrollment deadline and will be open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 21. Local in-person enrollment assistance is available by calling (650) 616-2002 or 1 (800) 223-8383. County residents can also enroll directly through Covered California's website: www.CoveredCA.com.

Community Services

DPW director named to four-year state leadership role

Public Works Director Jim Porter was appointed Secretary of the County Engineers Association of California (CEAC) during its annual meeting. The four-year commitment includes being secretary in 2017 followed by vice president in 2018, president in 2019 and past president in 2020. CEAC includes county engineers, public works directors, county road commissions and professional personnel from each of the 58 counties. CEAC provides technical support for the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) on state legislation affecting public works areas — primarily transportation, flood control, land use and resource recovery and waste management.

Porter is the third CEAC president from San Mateo County since its inception and he said he is humbled by the appointment and his recommendation to the post by the organization's past presidents.

Airport ends six-month approach pilot program

The Federal Aviation Administration notified the County that it ended the six-month test of the Bayside Visual Approach (BVA) into the San Carlos Airport. Beginning Jan. 4, Surf Air resumed flying the GPS approach into the airport while the FAA completes its operational, community and environmental analysis of the Bayside Visual Approach for effectiveness. The FAA's analysis will include an opportunity for public comment.

The pilot approach was developed for use by Surf Air in an effort to reduce aircraft noise for the approximately 140,000 residents living near the GPS approach into the airport. Since July 2016 when the pilot began, Surf Air used the BVA approximately 60 percent of the time when weather and air traffic conditions allowed.