



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
County Manager



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Board Meeting Date: April 11, 2017
Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors
From: John L. Maltbie, County Manager
Subject: County Manager's Report #7

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

The verdict's in: County prosecutors guide students to mock trial success

The District Attorney's Office helped groom the future generation of criminal legal minds by participating in the County High School Mock Trial program. Four prosecutors in particular devoted time as team coaches and dozens others served as judges and scorers during competition which focused on charges of human trafficking and false imprisonment. I'm proud not only that the County employs public servants willing to volunteer their time but also of the impressive outcome by their students. This year, two high schools coached by members of the District Attorneys' Office — San Mateo High School and South San Francisco High School — advanced to the semi-final rounds of competition. This is the first time both teams coached by the office have advanced; San Mateo High's team finished third overall and SSF finished fourth. Both schools will be honored at the annual Law Day celebration hosted by the San Mateo County Bar Association on April 28.

Health and Human Services

County helps bring smiles to volunteer dental event

The County is among the sponsors of CDA Cares, a two-day event held by the California Dental Association (CDA) which allows volunteer dentists and other dental professionals and community volunteers to provide free dental services at local venues. On April 22 and 23, CDA Cares will be at the San Mateo Event Center. More than 1,400 medical and community volunteers are already registered and CDA's goal is providing about 2,000 with free oral care. The event also aims to educate the public and policymakers about the importance of good oral health and an adequately funded dental safety net.

County named healthiest in California

San Mateo County grabbed the crown from nearby neighbor Marin County recently, being named the healthiest county in California for 2017 by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. San Mateo County has consistently ranked near the top in past years but thanks to several indicators such as life expectancy, diet, health care and housing, we wrestled the annual title away. Marin had held the top spot the last seven years. Health System leaders say they are proud to be ranked number one but remain committed to reducing remaining health disparities and strengthening the safety net for those residents in need.

Community Services

PCE enrolls remaining 210,000 customers

Peninsula Clean Energy (PCE) this month is enrolling the remaining 210,000 San Mateo County residential and business accounts, providing both cleaner electricity and maintaining rates that are 5 percent lower than PG&E's electric generation rates. PCE has been serving about 80,000 residential and small business accounts since its rollout last year as the county's official electricity provider. This latest enrollment wave means almost all electric customers in the county are onboard with renewable energy. The PCE Board of Directors at its January board meeting approved the new rates which for a typical residential customer means about \$2 per month in savings. The average San Mateo County household on PCE service will avoid emissions at the equivalent of planting 11 tree saplings each year.

Parks honored for contributions to sustainability

The Parks Department was honored this month with a 2017 Sustainable San Mateo County Award which pays tribute to those working to make our region truly sustainable. In naming the Parks Department, Sustainable San Mateo noted how public parks contribute to the vibrancy and quality of life, protect environmental resources and are available to all. The Parks Department has made sustainability a core value which it underscores in, among other areas, its planning and preservation and accessibility policies. The nonprofit also lauded Parks for its free weekend shuttle bus from East Palo Alto to certain parks and the expansion of urban mini parks to provide green space opportunities closer to home. Congratulations to the department and its committed staff.

Measure K**Passenger van delivered to California Clubhouse**

The California Clubhouse has received a 12-person passenger van purchased with a grant approved by the Board in November 2016. The gray Ford van will be used by Clubhouse staff and members for field trips, shopping, transitional employment site visits and other excursions. Since the California Clubhouse launched in May 2015, using in part a grant from your Board, membership has grown to 118 adults who now have the opportunity to experience meaningful work and relationships despite disruptions by mental illness.