



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
County Manager



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Board Meeting Date: Sept. 6, 2016
Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: John L. Maltbie, County Manager

Subject: County Manager's Report #17

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

Emergency Management Services' staff earns key certification

Kevin Rose, a member of the Health System's Emergency Medical Services division — and former Board aide — recently became one of only 408 people in California and few in the county awarded with the California Office of Emergency Services' Emergency Management Specialist Certification. The certification represents more than 176 hours of training over the past few years, including training to help Bay Area emergency officials prepare for last year's Super Bowl 50.

Community Services

Properties acquired for new Middlefield Road parking lot

On Aug. 12, the County finalized its acquisition of the properties at 3060, 3070 and 3080 Middlefield Road in North Fair Oaks to provide much needed relief to the current parking shortage along that corridor. The properties will be converted into a parking lot and play a critical role in supporting the Middlefield Road redesign effort. The existing structures on the properties are currently being demolished with an anticipated completion date in early November. The exact number of parking spaces is yet to be determined but is tentatively projected at approximately 50.

As you may recall, your Board at its June 7 meeting approved purchase of the properties for an amount not to exceed \$2 million. The final price was \$1.975 million.

Human Resources honored for Agile workforce

Congratulations to the Human Resources Department which was recently honored with the 2016 International Public Management Association-HR Award of Excellence for its Agile Organization initiative which offers various work delivery options and strives to increase our talent pipeline. I am particularly proud of HR's work to expand our internship and fellowship programs and the notion of "self-help" through mobile-friendly technological solutions for both our employees and the public. HR also deserves praise for championing the County's annual civic tech hackathon and implementing our new cloud-based payroll system, Workday. The IPMA will present the award next week at its International Training Conference in Kansas City.

Legislative Update

County pushing back against jail visitation bill

The County's advocacy team continue their efforts to push back against Senate Bill 1157 by Sen. Holly Mitchell, which would require that all jails that do not currently offer in-person visitation to do so by 2022 without providing any state funding. However, despite opposition from the California State Sheriff's Association, the California State Association of Counties and the Urban Counties of California, the bill was voted off of the Assembly floor on Aug. 24 and sent back to the Senate for concurrence on an amendment that extended the compliance deadline to Jan. 1, 2022. The bill is expected to be sent to the Governor at the end of the session. The County will request a veto from the Governor based on considerable financial impacts that this retroactive requirement would have for the County. High-level estimates from the Sheriff's Office indicate that the cost to retrofit the newly built Maple Street Correctional Center (MSCC) to accommodate in-person visitation could be in excess of \$6 million.

California Legislative Staff Education Institute to visit San Mateo County

On Oct. 7, the Health Cohort of the California Legislative Staff Education Institute — approximately 25 bipartisan legislative staff members from the State Senate and Assembly who work in leadership, policy and budget roles relating to health issues — will visit San Mateo County to learn more about the County's Coordinated Care Initiative, or CCI. The half-day meeting with County, Health Plan of San Mateo staff and stakeholders will focus on discussing CCI implementation here in the County, as well as the challenges and opportunities of implementation for the County, the target populations and the state. The meeting is scheduled to take place at the South San Francisco offices of the Health Plan of San Mateo and is being co-coordinated by the County Manager's Office.

News, Events and Updates

Interim Deputy Health Chief, family profiled by Time magazine

We here at the County are well aware how impressive Interim Deputy Health Chief Srija Srinivasan is. Now the rest of the nation is in on the secret — not to mention that her

parents raised three remarkable children. Srija and her siblings, Sri and Srinija are among nine families profiled by Time magazine in a Sept. 5, 2016 piece focused on distilling common experiences among so-called “super families” in which the siblings find extraordinary success in diverse fields.

In Srija’s case, her brother Sri Srinivasan is a United States Circuit Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the DC circuit and earlier this year was considered by President Obama as a potential U.S. Supreme Court nominee. He also interned in the County Manager’s Office while attending Stanford University. Sister Srinija Srinivasan was the fifth employee hired at Yahoo! in 1995 and after leaving as its vice president and editor-in-chief now sits on the Stanford University Board of Trustees. All three siblings have lists of accomplishments far longer than this report but suffice to say we are proud that Srija chose to lend her skills to the County and those it serves.