



# County of San Mateo

## Inter-Departmental Correspondence

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**Department:** COUNTY MANAGER

Board Meeting Date: 7/10/2018

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**Special Notice / Hearing:** None  
**Vote Required:** Majority

**To:** Honorable Board of Supervisors  
**From:** John L. Maltbie, County Manager  
**Subject:** County Manager's Report #12 of 2018

**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**

**Sheriff's Office approves use of opioid reversal drug**

As part of a pilot program that began June 1, trained members of the Sheriff's Office Narcotics Task Force and Crime Suppression Unit are now approved to administer the life-saving drug Narcan (also known as Naloxone) when necessary to reverse the dangerous effects of an opioid overdose. Before carrying Narcan the staff were trained to detect symptoms of an opioid-related reaction and properly administer the drug as needed to exposed members of the public and each other. The Sheriff's Office noted that quick access to Narcan is important because of the opioid crisis nationwide and in our own community. Fentanyl, a synthetic opioid 50 to 100 times more potent than morphine, can be undetectable when liquified which is why having the drug to reverse its effects is a critical public safety tool.

**Health and Human Services**

**County names 2018 Dad of the Year**

The San Mateo County Dad's Workgroup, a representation of multiple departments developing engagement and support strategies for at-risk fathers, announced its Dad of the Year for 2018. Family Health Services nominated Juan Rodriguez-Garcia who is receiving services after a drunk driver struck his car, killing his wife and 5-year-old son. He was left a single parent of his young

daughter who was severely injured in the accident. With the help of Family Services, he has picked up the responsibilities of caring for his daughter who requires ongoing medical care. We are proud of Juan for his resiliency and commitment to his daughter and proud that as a County we prioritize helping fathers, and all families, prosper.

## **Community Services**

### **All-mail ballot election deemed a success**

Implementation of the California Voter's Choice Act (VCA) for the June 5 state primary election was deemed a rousing success in San Mateo County, having increased voter participation and accessibility especially for voters with disabilities and speakers of language minorities. The primary had a 44 percent voter turnout of which 92.7 percent of ballots were cast by mail and the others at 39 Vote Centers throughout the county. Chief Elections Officer Mark Church said one of Election Day's biggest surprises was the high number of ballots physically dropped off at voter centers, city halls and ballot-drop locations. The County also had a significant increase in the use of the Accessible Vote by Mail System (AVBM) by visually impaired and disabled voters and anticipates a growing use for the November 2018 election. Going forward, the County will work with the director of the California Civic Engagement Project on a research study of the VCA's success in San Mateo County and its findings will be shared with the Secretary of State and all counties when complete.

## **Measure K**

### **Brisbane, Libraries breaks ground on new facility**

On July 14, the city of Brisbane and San Mateo Libraries will celebrate the groundbreaking for the city's new library which was made possible in part thanks to Measure K funds allocated for the design phase and a \$1.7 million low-interest loan from the County for construction. The groundbreaking is an important milestone on the city's years-long efforts to build a new, larger and modern facility for the community.

### **Redwood City's Fair Oaks Library celebrates reopening**

The Fair Oaks Branch Library is now open following a months-long renovation and expansion that included installing new furniture and shelving, adding more power outlets and creating a bilingual and interactive play area for young children. The library, located on Middlefield Road, serves both city residents as well as residents in the unincorporated North Fair Oaks neighborhood. The expansion and renovations were made in partnership with the City of Redwood City, Friends of the Redwood City Public Library and numerous nonprofit organizations and private donors. Your Board contributed Measure K funds to this valuable project.

## **News, Events & Updates**

### **County named a "welcoming" community**

I'm proud to announce that thanks to our Office of Community Affairs, this month our County joined a national consortium of municipalities given a "Welcoming" designation by the non-profit, non-partisan organization, Welcoming America. The designation indicates that we proactively welcome and support newcomers and foster a culture and policy environment that makes it possible for newcomers to successfully integrate into our community. As a member of the program, our County commits to institutionalize strategies for inclusion, communicates our shared values publicly and collaborate with our long-time residents along with private and public sector partners on creating a welcoming climate. The County joins the counties of Santa Clara and San Francisco and the city of Redwood City in this nationwide effort.

## **Legislative Update**

### **State budget includes \$5 million for Tunitas Creek Beach**

State Sen. Jerry Hill, Assemblyman Kevin Mullin and Assemblyman Marc Berman joined Supervisor Don Horsley and representatives from the Parks Department and Peninsula Open Space District at Tunitas State Beach to celebrate the inclusion of \$5 million in the new state budget to support its creation as a County park. Our three state leaders are responsible for inserting the funding into the budget and it will be used for improvements such as an emergency access road for first responders and visitor facilities including restrooms.

The County Parks Department, with guidance from Supervisor Horsley, will next need to secure the funding through the State Coastal Conservancy. We anticipate the County working with the Conservancy through the summer and fall to solidify the allocation. POST has also launched a multi-million dollar community campaign to aid in funding the project.