



County of San Mateo

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Department: COUNTY MANAGER

Board Meeting Date: 8/7/2018

Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors
From: John L. Maltbie, County Manager
Subject: County Manager's Report #14 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:

Health and Human Services

Community generosity helped meet school backpack fund goal

Seven hundred low income and foster children in our community will start school with a new backpack thanks to the Children's Fund of San Mateo County and the hundreds of residents who stepped up quickly to fill the need. Once the Human Services Agency (HSA) and the County shared photos of barren shelves on our social media channels and asked for help filling them with backpacks and school supplies via an Amazon wish list, our generous residents wasted no time in answering the call. In one week alone during the campaign, 300 backpacks were delivered to HSA. The Children's Fund is now busy working on distribution of the backpacks to help these students on the path to success.

Community Services

More than \$32 million collected by Child Support Services

As we celebrate August as Child Support Awareness Month, I'd like to share a few highlights of the work our Department of Child Support Services (DCSS) staff does in support of children and families in our community. This fiscal year, DCSS has collected more than \$32 million and is expanding outreach efforts to libraries in Belmont, Half Moon Bay and East Palo Alto. DCSS is also working to enroll clients in Customer Connect, a 24/7 online information resource for balance, payment and

contact information that lets them email caseworkers directly. These early intervention efforts have led to more parents agreeing to a child support order to avoid the court process.

Director Kim Cagno and her department also teamed up with The Filipino Channel for a seven-episode series on child support. The first episode on “Adobo Nation” aired in July and two more will follow this month.

County honored for responsible electronic waste recycling

The California Resource Recovery Association honored the County of San Mateo with its 2018 Outstanding Household Hazardous Waste/Universal/Electronic Recycling Award for the “Responsible Recycling of Electronic Waste” ordinance that was passed by your board last year. This ordinance requires that all collectors of recyclable electronics in the unincorporated areas of San Mateo County process their electronics at certified electronics recyclers to ensure that electronic waste is not exported to developing countries with inadequate environmental standards.

This initiative was led by Supervisors Canepa and Pine, County Counsel and the office of Sustainability in an effort to benefit the community by ensuring any electronic device with a battery or a plug is safely recycled.

Half Moon Bay, partners ready to open new library

The doors will officially open Aug. 18 on the eagerly awaited and very modern Half Moon Bay Library, capping a two-year journey of construction and many years of diligent planning and development that was made possible in part thanks to your Board’s commitment. As you’ll recall, the Board funded \$500,000 in Measure K funds and provided both general funds and a loan to the City of Half Moon Bay to help meet the \$25 million price tag. The completed facility features the county’s first in-library makerspace, several rooms for studying and community gathering, an expansive children’s area and access to technology via 24 desktop computers and 42 laptops. The building is certified LEED Silver and projected to be zero-net energy.

Please join me at the Aug. 18 grand opening to celebrate and explore this wonderful new addition to the city, our Libraries system and the county.

Measure K

Inspiring Summers closes out another successful season

When school starts this fall, 1,200 children in San Mateo County will have a jump-start. These young scholars have experienced a summer of learning, literacy and fun thanks to your support for Inspiring Summers, an initiative of Measure K-funded The Big Lift. Inspiring Summers aims to prepare young children for school in the fall and engage parents. This year’s participants, at nine school sites from Daly City to East Palo Alto, recently celebrated graduations with awards and multicultural performances.

Parent Project Reunion supports strong, healthy families

The Office of Diversity & Equity recently hosted the 5th annual Parent Project Reunion, with live music, great food and heartfelt testimonies. More than 100 attended the yearly event which celebrates participants and graduates of the Parent Project, a 12-week class that gives parents, grandparents and caregivers the tools to build strong and healthy families. Since 2013, the Measure K-funded initiative has included 61 Parent Project classes and the education of more than 742 community members.