



# County of San Mateo

## Inter-Departmental Correspondence

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**Department:** COUNTY MANAGER

Board Meeting Date: 3/12/2019

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

**To:** Honorable Board of Supervisors  
**From:** Michael Callagy, County Manager  
**Subject:** County Manager's Report #4 of 2019

### **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**

##### **A STEP in the right direction**

The County of San Mateo's innovative employment program for emancipated foster youth which pairs them with coaches in a County department is being honored with a 2019 Agency Award for Excellence from a statewide human resources organization. The Supported Training and Employment Program (STEP) provides recently emancipated foster ages 18 to 24 with coaching and paid work experience to ensure their success and financial stability. The award for STEP recognizes the San Mateo County Human Resources Department for a program that exceeds expectations and goes beyond the normal standards of a good government human resources program, according to CalGovHR, the HR professional organization bestowing the honor. San Mateo County Human Resources will accept the award at the CalGovHR conference this month. STEP was also honored in 2017 with a Challenge Award from the California State Association of Counties.

#### **Community Services**

##### **Census team planning for community launch**

The 2020 Census will be here before we know it and to kick off the countdown from one year out, the

Office of Community Affairs is hosting “Everyone Counts: Census 2020 Community Launch” on April 1, 2019. The free event at the Fox Forum in Redwood City is an opportunity to gather community leaders from nonprofit, civic, government and community organizations that can serve as Census 2020 champions and trusted messengers among our diverse residents. Attendees will hear from a variety of speakers sharing what is at stake, how everyone can make a difference and how to fund local outreach efforts. The 2020 Census is our once-in-a-decade chance to make sure the County and its residents receive equitable political representation and fair funding allocations for critical services.

### **Half Moon Bay Library honored for sustainability**

The new Half Moon Bay Library has received the 2019 Green Building Award from Sustainable San Mateo County. Opened in August 2018, the 22,000-square-foot library (equal to the size of more than four and a half basketball courts) includes features such as natural ventilation, low-flow plumbing and large window space for daylight. Your Board provided Half Moon Bay with Measure K funds to help launch the project and additional funds for construction and other services. Sustainable San Mateo County will present the award <<http://www.sustainablesanmateo.org/home/awards/>> at its annual dinner on April 4.

### **Measure K**

#### **Waiting list opens for Colma Veterans Village**

All veterans regardless of discharge status may apply for one of the seven Projected-Based apartments at Colma Veterans Village, which is undergoing construction and is expected to complete in May 2019. Applications are being accepted through March 31 at [www.mysmchousing.org](http://www.mysmchousing.org) <<http://www.mysmchousing.org>>. The remaining 58 rental units are reserved for individuals who qualify for Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing Program. If you are honorable discharged with a disabling condition, homeless, and receiving case management and clinical services from the VA, please contact Jeff Grubler at [Jeffrey.grubler@va.gov](mailto:Jeffrey.grubler@va.gov) <<mailto:Jeffrey.grubler@va.gov>> or (415) 205-5701.

Colma Veterans Village includes fully equipped units as well as a community garden, dog park and landscaped gardens. The project received a total of \$4.5 million in County funding from a variety of sources, including \$3.3 million from the Affordable Housing Fund (a pooled account that includes funding from Measure K, Moving to Work reserves and other sources). Additional details can be found on the Department of Housing’s Facebook page <<https://www.facebook.com/SanMateoCountyHousing/photos/a.10150134549472693/10155737595572693/?type=3&theater>> or by calling (650) 802-3300.

### **News, Updates & Events**

#### **San Mateo County Wetlands Vulnerability Study released**

In partnership with the County’s Office of Sustainability and the California State Coastal Conservancy, California-based nonprofit Point Blue Conservation Science recently released the Final Technical Report for the San Mateo Wetlands Vulnerability Study. The San Mateo County case study quantitatively evaluates the broader ecosystem functions and services of tidal marshes along the county Baylands and shows services are projected to change with sea level rise. The result is actionable information your Board and other stakeholders can use to prioritize adaptation efforts for the maximum ecological and human community benefit.