



# County of San Mateo

## Inter-Departmental Correspondence

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**Department:** COUNTY MANAGER

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**Special Notice / Hearing:** None  
**Vote Required:** N/A

**To:** Honorable Board of Supervisors  
**From:** Michael Callagy, County Manager  
**Subject:** County Manager's Report #14 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:**

**Public Safety**

**Countywide communicators practice emergency public information skills**

The County of San Mateo played host to communications staff from throughout the county last week as they practiced emergency messaging skills during the 2019 Bay Area Public Information Exercise. The Communications Team in my office opened a Joint Information Center (JIC) where staff from several County departments and cities coordinated messaging with nine Bay Area counties in response to simulated wildfires. The exercise tested the team's abilities to keep the public informed in a real-life emergency and build the County's roster of employees trained to serve as public information officers. Keeping the public safe and aware is a critical function and I'd like to thank those departments and partner agencies that allowed their staff time to participate.

**Community Services**

**Climate solutions to address health and social vulnerabilities**

The final Climate Ready SMC Collaborative Convening for 2019, titled "Building Health, Economic and Social Resiliency to Climate Change", will be held Wednesday, September 25 and bring together stakeholders to share the intersection between, and build capacity for, addressing climate change, health and social vulnerability.

Climate Change poses many risks to the people, their health and quality of life in San Mateo County. These include displacement, financial and food insecurity, mental health issues, weather-related injuries, vector borne diseases and respiratory challenges due to mold and bad air quality. Although all of San Mateo County will be impacted, particular communities and population groups will feel the effects most, including children, elderly, those with preexisting physical and mental health conditions or residents experiencing unstable economic/housing conditions or pre-existing environmental disparities. A broad range of speakers and fresh information, as well as facilitated discussions, will explore how factors such as geography, education, and economic and social context impact the ability of residents, workers, infrastructure and businesses to adapt to climate change impacts, as well as showcase and identify successful resiliency solutions.

### **Community Affairs hosting documentary screenings**

The County of San Mateo's Office of Community Affairs Immigrant Services will host two documentary screenings on Sept. 17 and 18 throughout San Mateo County for National Welcoming Week. The County has been designated a "Welcoming County" by Welcoming America, a national nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that strives to work with institutions across the country to reduce barriers that immigrants face to fully participate and build bridges between communities. The film "Waking Dream" weaves together the stories of six undocumented young adults as they sit in limbo between deportation and a path to citizenship, and fight for legal status in the United States. The shared backdrop of their stories is DACA, the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, signed as an Executive Order by President Barack Obama in 2012.

"I Learn America" follows five teenagers at the International High School at Lafayette, a Brooklyn public school dedicated to newly arrived immigrants from all over the world, as they strive to master English, adapt to families they haven't seen in years and create a future in a new land. For show times, locations and more information to RSVP for a free ticket, visit <https://cmo.smcgov.org/immigrant-services>.

### **Measure K**

#### **New vehicles roll in for San Mateo County Fire**

In a boost for public safety, San Mateo County Fire took delivery of four new vehicles in the 2018-19 fiscal year:

- ERV 59 - Emergency response vehicle that will be used to rescue injured hikers and mountain bikers as well as to put out small fires in hard-to-reach areas; the all-terrain vehicle is based at Station 59 in Pescadero;
- Utility 59 - A four-door truck suitable for rugged terrain and driving on beaches; based at Station 59 in Pescadero;
- Chief 11A - An SUV for chief officers;
- Water Tender 58 - A tank truck that can deliver water to front-line firefighters.

County Fire has on order three additional vehicles: a wildland replacement engine; a battalion command vehicle, and; a utility truck to transport hose, tools and equipment. Funds from the voter-approved Measure K half-cent sales tax are used to purchase these vital public safety vehicles.