



# County of San Mateo

## Inter-Departmental Correspondence

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**Department:** COUNTY MANAGER

Board Meeting Date: 11/12/2019

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

**To:** Honorable Board of Supervisors  
**From:** Michael P. Callagy, County Manager  
**Subject:** County Manager's Report #18 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:**

**Community Services**

**Public Works director appointed to national leadership position**

Congratulations to Public Works Director Jim Porter who was appointed as the Western Region Vice President for the National Association of County Engineers (NACE), a position which allows him to help drive legislation and funding on public works and transportation issues at the federal level.

As the western region VP, Porter represents the states of California, Arizona, Oregon, Washington and Colorado to provide technical advice from a west coast perspective to the NACE Board of Directors and NACo (National Association of Counties) on federal legislative, funding, and regulatory issues relating to public works. Porter has also been appointed to NACE's Board of Directors and their executive committee. As a trifecta, he's also been appointed to NACo's Transportation Committee where he'll provide input on all matters pertaining to federal transportation legislation, funding and regulation, and their impacts on county government.

**Measure K**

**Measure K Oversight Committee to meet**

The Measure K Oversight Committee will meet Wednesday, November 20, as called for in the voter-

approved initiative. The 10-member committee will hear public comment and reports on an annual audit, performance monitoring and outreach efforts. The agenda packet will be posted on the Oversight Committee's website at least 72 hours in advance. The meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. at the College of San Mateo, College Heights Conference Room, 10-468.

### **Fall 2019 investments made in affordable housing**

Twelve projects that will build or rehabilitate 1,068 units of affordable housing from Daly City to East Palo Alto are now highlighted on the County's website. These projects were approved by your Board this fall to receive a total of \$28.7 million, the largest allocation to date the County has made toward affordable housing. Approximately \$27 million of the total is from the voter-approved Measure K half-sales tax extension that provides local funds for local needs. Visit [www.cmo.smcgov.org/measurek](http://www.cmo.smcgov.org/measurek) to learn more.

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

#### **Employees help kick off annual Charitable Contributions campaign**

The annual Charitable Contributions campaign - the initiative that lets employees support charities through payroll or one-time deductions - kicked off with the highly anticipated employee pumpkin display contest and pumpkin pie auction. Nine charities were on hand for the kickoff which gave employees the opportunity to meet them individually and pick up pledge forms. The charities, via the County, netted an additional \$956 from the sold-out barbecue cooked up by BRS and \$56 from employees' cash donations. Employees tasted a number of home-baked pies from various departments, and the pie auction brought in \$640.

Kudos to the Project Development Unit Director Adam Ely, who served as the 2019 campaign chair. He and the staff did a stellar job organizing the event and collecting numerous raffle prizes, including a three-month parking spot in the employee garage. All of the pumpkin displays were creative and of high quality, generating a lot of buzz. The Department of Public Works, however, stood a bit above, nabbing both the "best overall" honor from a three-judge panel and the People's Choice trophy awarded by employee votes.