



County of San Mateo

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Department: COUNTY MANAGER

Board Meeting Date: 1/28/2020

Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors
From: Michael Callagy, County Manager
Subject: County Manager's Report #2 of 2020

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

Home for All gearing up for 2020 convenings

Home for All will be organizing two Community Convenings in 2020. The first Community Convening will be held on Thursday Feb. 27 and will revisit the topic that the first Home for All Community Convening focused on in 2018 - Second Units. A lot has changed since then, both at the state and local levels. The upcoming convening will be kicked off by June Grant. June is the founder of Oakland-based Blink!LAB architecture. She has carved out, among the variety of work she does, a particular focus on second units and will share the vision that inspires her work - one based in community.

The first session, entitled "Where we are today," will provide an update on the number of units that have been built and are permitted, the tools and resources that are available, and a brief overview of new state laws related to second units. Attendees will also hear about some of the barriers that still limit second unit development. The second session - Moving forward for tomorrow - will feature a variety of practitioners sharing best practices that can be adopted more broadly to help increase the number of second units developed in our community. Invitations were sent out the week of Jan. 13.

RSVPs are due Feb. 20.

Measure K

Spotlight on homeless, chronically absent students

Here in San Mateo County, a new study found that in the 2017-18 school year more than 9,000 public school students were “chronically absent,” a rate of 9.3 percent. The study by the UCLA Center for the Transformation of Schools also found that 1,580 local school children, or 1.66 percent, were homeless at some point during the school year. While both rates are lower than the state average, the findings shine a spotlight on students who are the focus of your Board’s efforts to provide services for at-risk families. The study, which also includes rates for graduation, school discipline and UC/CSU readiness, can be found on The Big Lift’s Facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/BigLiftTeam/>

New exhibit raises awareness of human trafficking

To raise awareness, San Mateo County’s Human Trafficking Program is installing an exhibit in the rotunda at 555 County Center. The exhibit features photographs and stories about “Local Heroes in the Fight Against Human Trafficking” as well as ways to identify victims of trafficking, both in the commercial sex industry and in forced labor. The panels also offer information on how to join in the fight against human trafficking. More information on the County’s efforts to combat this modern-day slavery can be found at <https://stophumantraffickingsmc.org/>

Courts

San Mateo Superior Court mandates e-filing

With an eye toward sustainability and improved service to the public, the San Mateo Superior Court is now mandating electronic filing for family law and probate cases, as well as allowing e-filing for complex civil, civil, small claims and criminal cases. The mandate, which became effective Tuesday, Jan. 21, will reduce paper in the courthouse which will in turn promote sustainable practices.