

**WRITTEN COMMENT(S)**

**FOR**

**ITEM NO. 7**

## Sukhmani Purewal

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**From:** Marty Fox [REDACTED]  
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**To:** Sukhmani Purewal; CMO\_BoardFeedback  
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Ratification Board of Supervisors Tuesday, April 7 meeting

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Hi Mr. Assistant Clerk Sukhi, Please read my comment to the Board in Redwood City on Tuesday morning that is attached below. The "Word Count" tool of my MicroSoft Word program indicates that this comment is no more than 300 words long.

Please allow me to promptly respond to any Board member comments by calling my mobile phone at [REDACTED] before reading my comment to the Board so that I may respond to any comments made by board members or staff in real time.

This request and any other participation in the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors meeting in Redwood City on Tuesday, April 7 should not be considered a waiver of my right to appear before the Board in person and seek redress for the illegitimate overreach of the Governor's Executive Order limiting public participation.

Thank you,

Martin Fox  
Belmont, CA

-----Agenda Item No. 7 Public Comment (297 words) -----

Good morning my fellow veteran President Slocum, members of the Board, County Manager, Mr. Callagy and County Counsel, Mr. Biers. Thank you for your service to the County during this COVID-19 public health emergency.

Please have the Director of the County Emergency Services prepare a basic emergency operations budget to reflect the funds needed for the procurement of goods and services required to preserve order and public health for at least thirty (30) days after the Director issues a proclamation of a local emergency. Your Board approved a \$15 million Appropriations Transfer Request to the Emergency Operations Center on March 24. Now, however, the ratification of nine (9) contracts, totaling more than \$23 million is being proposed to pay for agreements authorized by the Director of the Emergency Operations Center from the day the proclamation of local emergency was issued on March 3, through March 23.

The COVID-19 public health emergency gives us an opportunity to start planning for the next emergency. Persons living with Serious Mental Illness respond more favorably to concrete proposals than indefinite ones. The COVID-19 public health emergency will end at some point and persons living with Serious Mental Illness and their family members will experience less apprehension and anxiety if they know that the Director of the County Emergency Services has prepared a basic emergency operations budget to reflect the funds needed for the procurement of good and services required to preserve order and public health for at least thirty (30) days after the Director issues a proclamation of a local emergency.

This comment and any other participation in this meeting should not be considered any waiver of my right to appear before the Board in person and seek redress for the illegitimate overreach of the Governor's Executive Order limiting public participation.

-----End of Comment-----