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April 7, 2020
San Mateo County Board of Supervisors
Agenda Item #11
Measure K Funds / Supervisor Canepa / TIP/SMCUCA

Honorable Board Members and County Staff

First – thank you for your leadership during the COVID 19 Pandemic. Your bold efforts are saving lives, saving homes and assuring we will get through this stronger, together.

On behalf of the TIP Steering Committee, TIP Instructors, staff, graduates and students, thank you for your investment in the Trades Introduction Program – TIP San Mateo.

Please know that TIP class 2020.1 is in progress. 33 students are on line, on Zoom and working diligently on the Multi Craft Core Curriculum. We now have three certified instructors and have expanded our math tutorial component because everyone needs help with math!

In January, 178 people attended our Orientation, confirming the need for TIP.

These Measure K funds ensure a second class this year and an opportunity for 35 more county residents to enter union construction apprenticeships. These funds also represent hope for the future on the other side of COVID 19.

Given the cycle of funding from the State, there would not have been any TIP classes this year without the leadership of Supervisor Canepa, Supervisor Pine and the support of the Board.

We look forward to increasing placements, currently at 186, as the world re opens.

Thanks again, Stay safe, stay healthy!

Rayna Lehman, Director AFL-CIO Community Services San Mateo County Central Labor Council TIP Steering Committee

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Hello BOS, I write in support of item 11, TIP funding. Your continue support of working families is need now more than ever before. we are proud to be in consideration for this important funding and cant do this without your support. I agree with my colleagues letters, Julie Lind Rupp And Rayna Leyman.

I cannot thank you enough fo rthis funding it will help workers get into the working platform for construction workers.

In Solidarity, James Ruigomez, Business Manager

Building & Construction Trades Council of San Mateo County

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Dear President Slocum, Vice President Canepa and Members of the Board:

I hope you and your families remain safe and well during this pandemic. On behalf of the over 100 affiliate unions and nearly 80,000 members of the San Mateo Labor Council, thank you for your long-standing support of and investment in our Trades Introduction Program.

This state certified, 120 hour pre-apprenticeship course helps trainees navigate the construction sector, offering them exposure to a wide variety of trades, what it takes to become an apprentice, how to choose the construction career that is the best fit for their skills and interests, and how to complete the application process to become part of an apprenticeship program. Class 14 is currently underway, and 186 placements have been made since the program's inception. Without your help none of this would be possible.

I respectfully request your adoption of Agenda Item 11, the funds from which will allow us to host a second TIP class this year. Additionally, I thank Supervisor Canepa for choosing to utilize his district funds for our program. This investment will give another 35 county residents a leg up into a career which will allow them to earn while they learn, make a good wage, have healthcare for themselves and their families, and have something to retire on. This money changes lives, and we are so grateful for your consideration and for our years of partnership.

Respectfully,

Julie Lind

Executive Secretary/Treasurer, San Mateo Labor Council
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