



# County of San Mateo

## Inter-Departmental Correspondence

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**Department:** COUNTY MANAGER

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

**To:** Honorable Board of Supervisors  
**From:** John L. Maltbie, County Manager  
**Subject:** County Manager's Report #11

**RECOMMENDATION:**

County Manager's Report #11 of 2017:

Recommendation to accept this informational report including the FY2017-19 Recommended Budget Report Back list.

**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**

**Half Moon Bay Village earns global land use honor**

The Half Moon Bay Village housing development is a 2017 Urban Land Institute (ULI) Global Awards for Excellence finalist. ULI chose 25 finalists from around the globe, including our project for the 39<sup>th</sup> annual competition which recognizes real estate projects that use the highest standards in innovative design, construction, economics, planning and management. The finalists were chosen by an international jury and winners will be announced in October.

Half Moon Bay Village is an affordable housing community developed by MidPen Housing and made possible through the funding and partnership of the San Mateo County Department of Housing, the Housing Authority of the County of San Mateo, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, California Tax Credit Allocation Committee, Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco, Union Bank, Wells Fargo, Herman Coliver Locus Architecture and Segue Construction.

**Big Lift inspiring young readers this summer**

The Big Lift Inspiring Summers (BLIS) camps provide kindergarten through second-grade students

with engaging summer learning activities. The camps are a free, five-week, full-day program which is designed to serve children who lack access to high-quality learning opportunities outside of school. Our goal this year is to provide programming to 1,500 underserved children throughout San Mateo County. New this year, each BLIS participant will receive a library card.

This program is a collaboration between San Mateo County Libraries, BELL (Building Educated Leaders for Life), the Big Lift, and seven school districts in San Mateo County-Cabrillo Unified School District, La Honda-Pescadero Unified School District, Jefferson Elementary School District, South San Francisco Unified School District, Ravenswood City School District, Redwood City School District, and San Bruno Park School District. Funding comes thanks to your Board which allocated Measure K funds.

## **Measure K**

### **Healthy Living Ambassador Program sows new crop of gardeners**

Congratulations to 125 third graders from across San Mateo County who nurtured school gardens this spring while learning about health, nutrition and physical fitness as part of the 4-H Healthy Living Ambassadors Program. The program pairs teenage high school students who undergo training in leadership, outdoor recreation, health and nutrition with local elementary schools. For a few hours after school each week the teen 'Healthy Living Ambassadors' help the younger students learn about health and nutrition and plant a garden where, at the end of the school year, they together harvest food for a healthy meal. The program is funded in part by Measure K.

Congratulations to students at the following schools who had a blast this spring: Elementary Schools: John F. Kennedy and Woodrow Wilson, Daly City; College Park, San Mateo; Fair Oaks, Redwood City; El Granada, Half Moon Bay. Thirty-four Healthy Living Ambassadors came from these high schools:

Half Moon Bay; Mercy Burlingame; Sequoia in Redwood City; Woodside; 49ers Academy in East Palo Alto; Jefferson and Westmoor in Daly City; Carlmont in Belmont; San Mateo.

### **Redesigned Marine Visitor Center opens to public**

Staff and volunteers at Fitzgerald Marine Reserve welcomed the community earlier this month to an open house that showcased the renovated visitor center. The redesign provides ways for visitors to experience the reserve and learn about the marine protected area when tides or the weather are not ideal for tide pooling. Visitors can see and explore at the center skeletons and pelts from marine life, videos and photography of inter-tidal and off-shore life and technology that allows visitors to create and take home mementos of their visit. Renovations were funded by a variety of sources that include Measure K.

## **News, Events and Updates**

### **Home for All initiative kicks off pilot program**

The Closing the Jobs/Housing Gap Task Force identified three obstacles to building more housing in San Mateo County: lack of available land, lack of funding particularly for affordable housing and lack of community support. Related to the community support piece, then initiative engaged consulting group Common Knowledge Plus to first assess local attitudes toward new housing and then conduct pilot projects to test new approaches to public engagement.

On May 31<sup>st</sup>, the consulting team and Home for All staff hosted 40 representatives from 6 different cities and two community councils to kick-off the Community Engagement Pilot Program. At the

meeting, the consultants shared the results of their assessment and outlined the community engagement grant program. The assessment learned from nearly 40 city managers and local elected officials interviewed that they are generally supportive of new housing but would like to see more speakers in favor of housing at public hearings and test new ways of hearing about pro-housing support beyond council meetings. In response, Home for All is offering interested cities and one unincorporated community the opportunity to receive technical support for new approaches to community engagement and also a small grant to cover some of the engagement activity costs. We plan to select three pilot sites by the fall. All cities, whether interested in the pilot project or not, will be invited to join a community engagement learning network to share best practices and hear about the results of the pilot projects. As this project moves forward, we'll update you on the grants, projects and learning circle meetings.

**ATTACHMENT:**

Report Back List