



County of San Mateo

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

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To: Honorable Board of Supervisors
From: Michael P. Callagy, County Manager
Peggy Jensen, Deputy County Manager
Subject: San Mateo County Recovery Initiative

RECOMMENDATION:

Accept the San Mateo County Recovery Initiative Report.

BACKGROUND:

The San Mateo County Recovery Initiative is a collaboration among local government agencies, community-based organizations, nonprofits, private partners, and residents to promote inclusive recovery and leverage the collective capacity of the whole community to build a more equitable, healthy, and connected San Mateo County.

In April 2020, San Mateo County convened a group of local officials to plan for COVID-19 recovery. It was soon clear that the response to the COVID-19 pandemic was causing a cascade of new and amplified social and economic challenges that would have long-lasting impacts. The County then expanded its planning effort to a broader, more inclusive, communitywide approach to find strategies that meet immediate needs and create capacity for the community to build a better future.

DISCUSSION:

In July 2020, the County's Recovery Initiative staff convened more than 160 government, nonprofit, and private-sector partners to prioritize recovery strategies and build the implementation plan presented in this report. This report reflects the goals, objectives, recommendations, and priorities identified through more than 35 working sessions. This process strengthened partnerships across the community and has positioned the County to leverage resources and expertise to help sustain recovery efforts through the long term.

The Recovery Initiative is now transitioning to implementation. Participants and partners are committed to building a more equitable, healthy, and connected San Mateo County. Identified lead and support implementation partners will refine work plans and funding plans and carry out

implementation of recommendations that align with their capabilities and expertise. Recovery Initiative staff will continue to work with the community to convene working groups, facilitate information exchange, and track recovery metrics to ensure a coordinated and sustained path to recovery.

The Recovery Initiative website will be a central resource for tracking the progress of recovery efforts and directing users to current resources. The website will also compile real-time recovery metrics to better understand changing needs and help direct efforts and resources where they are most needed.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with accepting this report.