



# Agenda

## MEASURE X COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD

May 26, 2021  
5:00 P.M.

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Mariana Moore, Chair  
BK Williams, Vice Chair

### Agenda Items:

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1. Roll Call
2. Public comment on any item under the jurisdiction of the Committee and not on this agenda (speakers may be limited to three minutes).
3. RECEIVE the Record of Action for the May 19, 2021, Measure X Community Advisory Board meeting (Mariana Moore, Chair)
4. RECEIVE presentations and PARTICIPATE in panel discussions on the topic of early childhood (Mariana Moore, Chair)
5. DISCUSS process for finalizing priorities and recommendations to submit to the Board of Supervisors (Mariana Moore, Chair)
6. The next meeting is currently scheduled for June 9, 2021.
7. Adjourn

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# Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors

## Subcommittee Report

### MEASURE X COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD

**Meeting Date:** 05/26/2021

**Subject:** Record of Action for May 19 2021 Measure X Community Advisory Board Meeting

**Submitted For:** FINANCE COMMITTEE,

**Department:** County Administrator

**Referral No.:** N/A

**Referral Name:** Record of Action

**Presenter:** Lisa Driscoll, County Finance Director

**Contact:** Lisa Driscoll (925) 655-2047

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#### **Referral History:**

County Ordinance requires that each County body keep a record of its meetings. Though the record need not be verbatim, it must accurately reflect the agenda and the discussions made in the meetings.

#### **Referral Update:**

Attached for the Board's information is the Record of Action for its May 19, 2021 meeting.

#### **Recommendation(s)/Next Step(s):**

Staff recommends MXCAB receive the Record of Action for the May 19, 2021 meeting.

#### **Fiscal Impact (if any):**

No fiscal impact.

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#### **Attachments**

Record of Action MXCAB 5-19-21

Public Comments received for meeting of 5-19-2021

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# Agenda

## MEASURE X COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD

May 19, 2021

9:00 A.M.

1025 Escobar St., Martinez

Mariana Moore, Chair  
BK Williams, Vice Chair

### Agenda Items:

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- Present:** Mariana Moore, Chair; BK Williams, Vice Chair; Edith Pastrano; Kathryn Chiverton; Jim Cervantes; Odessa LeFrancois; David Cruise; Sharon Quezada Jenkins; Michelle Stewart; Ali Saidi; Jerry Short; Kimberly Aceves-Iniguez; Ruth Fernandez; Debbie Toth; Susun Kim; Cathy Hanville; Pello Walker; Gigi Crowder; Geneveva Calloway; Diana Honig; Peter Benson; Steven Bliss
- Absent:** Dr. Michelle Hernandez; Sandra Wall; Sandro Trujillo; Melissa Stafford Jones; Lindy Lavender
- Staff Present:** Lisa Driscoll, County Finance Director; Enid Mendoza, Senior Deputy County Administrator; Jill Ray, BOS District II; Mark Goodwin, BOS District III; Chris Wikler, BOS District IV; Melissa Klawuhn, Assistant Sheriff; MJ Robb, Sheriff Commander
- Attendees:** John Gioia, District I Supervisor; Karen Mitchoff, District IV Supervisor; Chief Lewis Broschard, CCCFPD; Chief Brian Helmick, East CCCFPD; Chief Paige Meyer, San Ramon Valley FPD; Elizabeth Dantes, Interpreter; Luisa Carrera, Interpreter

### 1. Roll Call

*Staff provide instruction for access to English live transcription (automated closed captioning) and live simultaneous Spanish interpretation and then conducted roll call. There were 83 participants.*

### 2. Public comment on any item under the jurisdiction of the Committee and not on this agenda (speakers may be limited to three minutes).

*Public Comments were made by Rebecca Rozen, Joel Bryant, and Charles Davidson.*

### 3. Staff recommends MXCAB receive the Record of Action for the May 12, 2021 meeting.

*The Record of action was accepted as presented. Note that Peter Benson contacted staff to correct his record of attendance for 5-12-2021.*

4. RECEIVE presentations on the needs of the fire districts in Contra Costa County:
  - Paige Meyer, Fire Chief, San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District
  - Lewis Broschard, Fire Chief, Contra Costa County Fire Protection District
  - Brian Helmick, Fire Chief, East Contra Costa County Fire Protection District

*Mariana Moore introduced the topic for discussion. Paige Meyer, Fire Chief, San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District, Lewis Broschard, Fire Chief, Contra Costa County Fire Protection District, and Brian Helmick, Fire Chief, East Contra Costa County Fire Protection District presented a PowerPoint on community safety: fire protection. At the conclusion of the presentation members of the MXCAB and public made comments and asked questions.*

5. Continue to discuss process for finalizing priorities and recommendations to submit to the Board of Supervisors.

*The Committee continued to discuss the process for finalizing priorities and recommendations to submit to the Board of Supervisors (BOS). Board of Supervisors members Karen Mitchoff, District IV and John Gioia, District I joined the meeting to provide clarification amongst all advisory board members on the MXCAB charges, historical context, and guidance from the BOS themselves who established the advisory body. Supervisors Mitchoff thanked the MXCAB for their work and stated that it was not the intent that MXCAB would give the BOS dollar recommendations. Rather that MXCAB would hear these various presentations, bring their own experiences to the table for discussion and then provide to the BOS, what MXCAB felt as representatives of the community were funding priorities. Supervisor Gioia spoke next and reminded MXCAB that the Board of Supervisors discussed in length exactly this issue -- whether to charge the advisory committee with making specific dollar allocations, or really making recommendations on program funding areas. The program areas can go from broad to narrow in scope and the recommendations can be broad and or narrow but should not include specific dollar allocations. Supervisor Gioia acknowledged that during the process to prioritize, the MXCAB may want to consider the magnitude or the scale of investment in a particular program area. Nothing prevents MXCAB from talking about magnitude in some way. Supervisor Gioia concluded by stating that the bylaws, and the Board order, were drafted to reflect this understanding - recommendations should be limited to clear program areas, MXCAB can discuss the magnitude of investment priorities, but not specific dollars or allocation.*

*After the context provided by Supervisors Mitchoff and Gioia the MXCAB held a discussion and allowed public comments. Jim Cervantes offered the following motion, which was seconded by Dave Cruise:*

*Upon completion of its review of community needs, which shall include consideration of equity and inclusion issues, MXCAB shall prepare an inventory of all identified community needs and programs of impact in Contra*

*Costa County, including projected funding costs for each on a one-time and/or ongoing basis (the "Identified Needs Inventory"). From the Identified Needs Inventory, MXCAB shall prepare a priority list of the County's significant service gaps (the "Priority List"). MXCAB shall submit the Identified Needs Inventory and the Priority List to the Board of Supervisors by the end of August, 2021.*

*Following approximately an hour of discussion the item was continued to the meeting of May 26, 2021.*

6. The next meeting is currently scheduled for May 26, 2021.

*There was no change to the standing meeting date and time.*

7. Adjourn

*The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:10 PM.*

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## Lisa Driscoll

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**From:** Sue Higgins <Higgins@ci.oakley.ca.us>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 15, 2021 7:10 AM  
**To:** Lisa Driscoll  
**Cc:** Bryan Scott  
**Subject:** ECCFD funds

### Public Comments

I respectfully request the committee consider the funding needs of East Contra Costa Fire Protection District. The District is underfunded in proportion to its size and population. These measure X monies gives the District on opportunity to be safely serve our communities. The District has a true need that benefits all of East Contra Costa. This is an opportunity to save Lives! Thank you for consideration.

Mayor Sue Higgins Oakley

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## Lisa Driscoll

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**From:** jon ulricksen <ulricksen@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 17, 2021 10:10 AM  
**To:** Lisa Driscoll  
**Subject:** measure X

Dear Ms. Driscoll...My name is Jon Ulricksen a resident of Brentwoos for 30 years, I am a retired Fire Captain from the Dublin San Ramon fire district..The district I worked in was closely the same as it is here in East County..Having three stations for a population and area is criminal as it puts life and property at risk every day..The firefighters ask to do this places their lives at risk as well..Therefore I plead to you to consider funding that would let us all sleep better...Thank you...

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**Lisa Driscoll**

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**From:** mesloan1@aol.com  
**Sent:** Monday, May 17, 2021 11:16 AM  
**To:** Lisa Driscoll  
**Subject:** MEASURE X COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD

Good morning Lisa,

I would like to add my voice to those requesting that the Measure X Advisory Board strongly consider the requests being made by the East County fire district chiefs, and others, for more funding.

For many years we have been the bastard stepchild of the county, and for too long have been ignored when it comes to fire and emergency services for these communities.

There is an extremely large senior citizen community in this end of the county, and we deserve to be treated just as well as the rest of the county when it comes to emergency services.

Thank you for your time to review this request, and for forwarding it on to the Advisory Board for their consideration on May 19th.

Michael Sloan  
1109 Jonagold Way  
Brentwood, CA 94513  
(925) 250-4796

**MXCAB Public Comments, Agenda Item 4**  
**May 19, 2021**  
**Bryan Scott, Chair, East County Voters for Equal Protection**

Good afternoon, members of the Measure X Community Advisory Board. At the May 19 meeting Fire Chiefs from throughout the County are scheduled to present the mission, performance trends, problems and opportunities for county fire districts, as well as to propose that the MXCAB recommend certain funding.

Specific to fire and emergency medical response services, it will be important for MXCAB members and alternates to understand:

1. How does the “Unavailable Time” now experienced by 130,000 East County residents compare with “Unavailable Time” experienced by residents of other parts of the County?
2. How much worse has the disproportionate per-person fire/EMS services funding (\$94 versus \$149, \$370, \$449 in 2015), presented by the 2016 LAFCO Municipal Services Review, gotten since the report was issued?
3. What impact does population-growth-rate have on fire/EMS service delivery measurements? What are the projected growth rates of the respective fire district service areas throughout the County? What actual or estimated population increases have these service areas experienced over the last twenty years?
4. Specific to the East County service area, and East Contra Costa Fire Protection District (ECCFPD), will 13% of the Measure X funding, roughly \$12 million annually, provide for staffing of the three additional fire stations specified as needed in the CityGate consulting report?
5. Specific to the East County service area, will increasing the number of fire stations from three to six eliminate ECCFPD “Unavailable Time”?
6. Specific to the East County service area, will increasing the number of on-duty firefighters from nine (9) to eighteen (18) significantly reduce response times, thereby saving lives and decreasing property loss?
7. Will ConFire, as the potential successor-agency for ECCFPD in the event of annexation/consolidation, commit to providing equitable and comparable services levels uniformly across all of its service areas?

In preparation for this meeting, a review of Public Comment materials submitted at each of the prior five MXCAB meetings might be beneficial. This material includes:

**Meeting**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Comment Topic Area</b>
4/12	Introductory Public Comments and a formal definition of need, the public safety emergency in East County. <b>Appendix: (CityGate Vol. 1); ECV Profile.</b> <a href="#">Microsoft Word - Public Comments MXCAB 4-13-2021.docx</a>

- 4/21 Public Comment including a White Paper describing the historical cause of the East County public safety crisis, and the 2002 fire district consolidation promises that were ignored. **Appendix: LAFCO Table 4.** [Microsoft Word - MXCAB Public Comment 4-21-2021.docx](#)
- 4/28 Public Comment regarding Seniors, and how EMS response is the enabler of more effective/efficient government services to all groups; **Appendix: ECCFPD Press Release.** [Microsoft Word - MXCAB Public Comment 4-28-2021.docx](#)
- 5/5 Public Comment regarding City/Town elected representatives supporting the solution to this public safety emergency, Measure X funding, a compilation of quotes and a compilation of three resolutions. **Appendix: The three signed resolutions.** [Microsoft Word - MXCAB Public Comments 5-5-2021.docx](#)
- 5/12 Public Comment regarding Q1 2021 Unavailable Time, with Gil Guerrero's LAFCO testimony, and link to the recording. **Appendix: ECCFPD Operational Report for March, 2021** [Microsoft Word - MXCAB Public Comments 5-12-2021.docx](#)

If a MXCAB member or alternate has any questions about the Public Comment materials or the subject area, I am eager to engage, as the Chair of East County Voters for Equal Protection. My email address is [scott.bryan@comcast.net](mailto:scott.bryan@comcast.net) and my office phone number is 925-418-4428.

## Lisa Driscoll

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**From:** Pat Ziobro <patriciaziobro@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 17, 2021 5:31 PM  
**To:** Lisa Driscoll  
**Subject:** Written Public Comment for Measure X Community Advisory Board Meeting

I am a resident of East Contra Costa County and I wish to convey my urgent concerns regarding the lack of adequate fire and emergency services in East County. Our government's highest priority for the use of tax revenue must be public safety. I urge you to direct sufficient revenue from Measure X taxes to bring ECCFPD funding to a level comparable to other fire districts in the county. You must act to designate sufficient funds to reduce our emergency response times and provide sufficient stations and support to cover the needs of our growing population and increasing numbers of personal and business structures, Our lives are depending on you.  
Thank you.

Patricia Ziobro  
Bethel Island, CA

## Lisa Driscoll

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**From:** Michael Mohun <mmohun@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 19, 2021 1:23 AM  
**To:** Lisa Driscoll  
**Subject:** Measure X funding/Fire Service Protection

Dear Mrs. Driscoll,

Local 3546 represents the professional firefighters working for the San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District in Contra Costa County. As such, we strongly urge your support of the Fire Service proposal for Measure X funding. We feel it is critically important to the public safety of all the communities we serve in Contra Costa County. This vital funding is needed to reopen closed stations, hire additional firefighters, increase wildfire mitigation efforts and address critical shortcomings in our communications and training facilities. Measure X funds will help bring much needed public safety services to underserved areas of the County, promote diversity in the firefighter ranks and elevate the lifesaving capabilities of fire agencies throughout the County. We ask you to please support the Fire Service proposal and our efforts to make Contra Costa a safer place for all.

Respectfully,

Mike Mohun  
Local 3546  
President

## Lisa Driscoll

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**From:** Demian Bannister <dbannister@srvfire.ca.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 18, 2021 7:30 PM  
**To:** Lisa Driscoll  
**Subject:** Measure X

Dear Mrs Driscoll,

My name is Demian Bannister. I live in the San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District. I am happy to see that the fire service is being considered for Measure X funding. It is clear to me that the increase in fire danger and the need for better training and communications is critical for a fire department's success when protecting the citizens they serve.

I am particularly supportive of the Emergency Operations Communications center and the training tower in the District of San Ramon. I know that this will provide the protection that the community needs during these very challenging times.

Thank you,

Demian Bannister

## Lisa Driscoll

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**From:** Eric Eric <ericc65@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 18, 2021 7:14 PM  
**To:** Lisa Driscoll  
**Cc:** Eric Sabye  
**Subject:** Measure X committee  
**Attachments:** Measure X - FINAL[2].pptx

Measure X Committee,

Hello my name is Eric Sabye, I am both a citizen of the San Ramon Valley and a Firefighter with the San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District. I am in support of the request for funds for the fire service. I believe this will enhance our ability to serve. All of the initiatives that are requested are greatly needed. Please support the fire service in this matter.

Respectfully,

Eric Sabye

Sent from my iPhone

Dear Mrs Driscoll,

My name is Casey Rivers. I am a citizen of the San Ramon Valley Fire District. I would like to express my approval of the Fire Service request for support from the Measure X funds. As a firefighter, I believe in what we do, and am dedicated to the citizens we serve.

These funds would serve the community well. I believe they would be provided with the service that will more than reward the cost from the Measure. We are always trying to improve and strive to deliver the best level of service to the community. Improved communications, opportunity for education and training, improved fire protection and scholarship opportunities all benefit the community significantly.

Respectfully,

Casey Rivers



## Lisa Driscoll

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**From:** Kevin Rawitzer <krawitzer@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 19, 2021 12:10 PM  
**To:** Lisa Driscoll  
**Cc:** kevin rawitzer  
**Subject:** Re: Measure X

Mrs. Driscoll,

Please take a moment to read my request for measure x funds to be allocated to support Bay Area fire departments. As a lifelong citizen living in Danville and San Ramon and also a 19 year veteran firefighter, I fully support San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District in it's quest to build a state of the art training tower and a communications center. The district is also leading the charge in new services to its citizens including but not limited to a mental health program that will undoubtedly change the way fire departments all over the country do business.

In closing, please consider San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District for the measure X funds during these unprecedented times. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
Kevin Rawitzer  
925-997-5641

Sent from my iPhone

On May 19, 2021, at 7:52 AM, Lisa Driscoll <Lisa.Driscoll@cao.cccounty.us> wrote:

I am unable to access your public comment.

..... Lisa

Lisa Driscoll, County Finance Director  
County Administrator's Office  
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Martinez, Ca 94553  
(925) 655-2047

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**From:** kevin rawitzer <krawitzer@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 18, 2021 9:34 PM  
**To:** Lisa Driscoll <Lisa.Driscoll@cao.cccounty.us>  
**Cc:** kevin rawitzer <krawitzer@aol.com>  
**Subject:** Measure X

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<image001.png> Mrs. Driscoll,  
Notes

Sent from my iPhone

Dear Mrs Driscoll

I am a proud citizen of the San Ramon Valley. I am also a firefighter with the San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District. I can not say how proud I am of the citizens I serve that they have approved of the Measure X funds and of those responsible for administrating the funds on the part of the community.

Over the course of the past several years, and especially the last two years, we have been experiencing an increase in fires. Now more than ever all of us are aware of the dangers. The sky is a constant reminder of the fires around us, and it seems that it is only going to get worse.

I support the proposal to allocate funds to the projects that are brought before the committee in support of the fire service. We, the citizens, need fire protection that meets the increasing dangers. We can achieve this with better communications, opportunities for education and training, risk reduction, and especially risk reduction in wild-land interface communities. We are in great need for disaster preparedness as we have seen over the last year with the pandemic.

I particularly applaud the services that will be provided with the assistance that these funds provide the San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District in provide us with an Emergency Operations Communications Center and a training tower for the firefighters.

Thank you very much for all you do,

Dave Gery.

## Lisa Driscoll

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**From:** Michelle Lee <MichelleLee@srvfire.ca.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 19, 2021 2:54 PM  
**To:** Lisa Driscoll  
**Subject:** Measure X -- Critical Support of CCC Fire Service Proposal

Dear Ms. Driscoll,

As citizens of California, we have become acutely aware of the tremendous danger wildfires present to us all each year and have seen how that risk has increased exponentially with each passing year. As a fire board member I am hugely concerned about the essential preparation needed to protect lives and property during the fire seasons to come. The California Office of Emergency Services reported that it used to be 1-3 counties declaring state of emergencies due to fire; whereas, last year, 30 counties declared a state of emergency. Wildfires have cost the counties millions and billions of dollars, and more importantly, citizens lives. The National Fire Protection Association reports that the average annual suppression cost has nearly doubled over the past decade compared to the previous one, up to \$400M, and the most recent CAL Fire data indicates that \$700M was anticipated to be spent on suppression last fiscal year. When money is spent on suppression, there is less spent on prevention. Additionally, I hear regularly from residents who have experienced a doubling of their homeowners insurance or deep-seated worry about the renewed possibility of homeowners policy cancellation due to wildfire risk. Preparedness, training, and fire prevention are all part of beating back the threat and reducing the risks for all.

The San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District is an all-risk fire agency, located in Contra Costa County, and serving the communities of Alamo, Blackhawk, Town of Danville, Diablo, City of San Ramon, southern Morgan Territory and the Tassajara Valley. As a Director on the Board of Directors for the San Ramon Valley Protection District, I implore your support of the Fire Service proposal for Measure X funding. This new San Ramon Valley Communications/Emergency Operations Center will have the ability to back up *all* fire agencies in the County; while funding for South County training facility will allow us to keep firefighting resources in the County and available for emergencies. In addition, enhancing the firefighting resources and capabilities in currently underserved areas of the County lessens the strain on existing resources and reduces responses times throughout the County and availability for mutual aid. And finally, as we have witnessed over the past decade, wildfire season is now year-round, with higher, more complex woodland-urban interface fire challenges and devastating impacts on local communities. Measure X will greatly increase our ability to provide enhanced vegetation management and fire prevention measures that are critical to safeguarding our communities throughout Contra Costa County.

Again, please support the Fire Service proposal and our combined, comprehensive efforts to make Contra Costa a safer place for all.

Thank you in advance for your considerable support!

Respectfully,

Michelle Lee

Michelle R. Lee, Board Member  
Board of Directors, San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District  
[michellelee@srvfire.ca.gov](mailto:michellelee@srvfire.ca.gov)  
925-553-9269 mobile

**Lisa Driscoll**

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**From:** Gorton, Joe <jgorton@sanramon.ca.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 19, 2021 4:09 PM  
**To:** Lisa Driscoll  
**Subject:** Measure X Funding Request

Good afternoon Lisa,

I am writing in full support of the San Ramon Valley Fire Protections District’s funding request from Measure X. These dollars will go a long way in ensuring the southern portion of the county is positioned to address major emergencies as they occur. Even more important to the County, is the addition of a fully functioning Emergency Operations Center and Emergency Communications Center creates a needed redundancy in the County and provides an alternative location should any other public safety entity’s emergency operations facilities become compromised. Agencies working together and supporting each other mitigate unforeseen circumstances that inevitably occur during large scale emergencies. The addition of a new San Ramon Valley 911 Communications/Emergency Operations Center will create a safety net not only for the 200,000 residents it serves, but also for the entire county.

You may be aware that the San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District and City of San Ramon Police Department have forged a strategic public safety partnership that has proven to enhance of the safety of our community as well as the safety of our police and firefighters. The enhanced level of public safety is a direct result of consolidating police and fire emergency 9-1-1 dispatching services and upgrading the San Ramon Valley 911 Communications Center to a Primary Public Safety Answering Point (or Primary PSAP). One aspect of the Fire Service proposal for Measure X funds pertains to building a new San Ramon Valley 911 Communications/Emergency Operations Center. This new emergency operations center is vital to the continued protection of residents, businesses and first responders in the greater San Ramon Valley, as well providing emergency backup dispatch capability for all fire agencies in Contra Costa County.

The cost/benefit ratio is clear that this modest funding request will create a major benefit for a large portion of the County population and serve an additional benefit of creating an emergency backup for the rest of the County if necessary.

Please consider funding this request.

Respectfully,

**Joe Gorton, City Manager**  
City of San Ramon  
7000 Bollinger Canyon Road  
San Ramon, California 94583  
P/ (925) 973-2530



Due to the Public Health Order from Contra Costa Health Services, all City facilities are now closed. Some services are still available over the phone and online. Please visit [www.bit.ly/CityServices](http://www.bit.ly/CityServices) for the latest information regarding City services. Let’s all do what we can to flatten the curve!

## Lisa Driscoll

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**From:** Donald Parker <donald-parker@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 19, 2021 4:34 PM  
**To:** Lisa Driscoll  
**Subject:** Measure X

Dear Ms. Driscoll;

My name is Donald Parker, I write this email as a resident of Danville for the past 43 years. I am a retired firefighter and former fire chief from the city of Vallejo. Additionally, I have been a member of the Board of Directors for the San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District for the last six years. I am asking for your support the Measure X fire service proposal that is currently before your committee.

The San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District is an all-risk fire agency, located in Contra Costa County, and serving the communities of Alamo, Blackhawk, Town of Danville, Diablo, City of San Ramon, southern Morgan Territory and the Tassajara Valley. As the District Board of Directors, we strongly urge your support of the Fire Service proposal for Measure X funding. This new San Ramon Valley Communications/Emergency Operations Center will have the ability to back up all fire agencies in the County; while finding for South County training facility will allow us to keep firefighting resources in the County and available for emergencies. In addition, enhancing the firefighting resources and capabilities in currently underserved areas of the County lessens the strain on existing resources and reduces responses times throughout the County. And finally, as we have witnessed over the past decade, wildfire fire season is now year-round, with devastating impacts on local communities. Measure X will greatly increase our ability to provide enhanced vegetation management and fire prevention measures that are critical to safeguarding our communities throughout Contra Costa County.

Again, we ask you to please support the Fire Service proposal and our efforts to make Contra Costa a safer place for all.

Thank you in advance for your support,

Donald R. Parker, Director  
San Ramon Fire Protection District



# Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors

## Subcommittee Report

### MEASURE X COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD

**Meeting Date:** 05/26/2021  
**Subject:** Focussed Presentation and Discussion - Early Childhood  
**Submitted For:** MEASURE X Com Advisory Board,  
**Department:** County Administrator  
**Referral No.:** 2/2/21 D.4  
**Referral Name:** Community Advisory Committee for Measure X  
**Presenter:** Mariana Moore                      **Contact:** Lisa Driscoll (925) 655-2047

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#### **Referral History:**

Plan for series of focussed presentations and discussion was established by the Measure X Community Advisory Board. Committee received presentations on May 12 regarding seniors, disabled people, and veterans, and on May 19 community safety: fire protection.

#### **Referral Update:**

Attached are presentations regarding early childhood and a new working list of recommended speakers.

#### **Recommendation(s)/Next Step(s):**

RECEIVE presentations on the needs of early childhood:

- Camilla Rand, First 5 Contra Costa
- John Jones, Cocokids
- Christina Reich, Employment and Human Services Community Services Bureau
- Dr. Francine Jolton, Contra Costa Health Services Department
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Attached for the MXCAB's reference is an updated list of suggested presenters for future meetings.

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#### **Attachments**

Memo to MXCAB - Making the Case for the Early Years  
Making the Case for the Early Years (Report)  
Early Childhood: Making the Case for the Early Years  
Recommendation on Issue Speakers - Revised 5-21-21

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**MEMORANDUM**

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**TO:** CONTRA COSTA MEASURE X COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD

**FROM:** FIRST 5 CONTRA COSTA & THE COMMUNITY SERVICES BUREAU OF  
THE EMPLOYMENT AND HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

**SUBJECT:** MAKING THE CASE FOR THE EARLY YEARS

**DATE:** MAY 26, 2021

**CC:** LISA DRISCOLL

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Our coalition of early childhood stakeholders, First 5 Contra Costa, CocoKids, Contra Costa Health Services, Parent Voices, and the Community Services Bureau of the Employment and Human Services Department is proposing a total annual allocation of \$16,725,000 towards early childhood supports, providers, and systems. This investment in responsive early childhood systems that look at the whole child and whole family are necessary to ensure that children are safe, healthy, loved, educated, and have the social-emotional skills to thrive in school and throughout life.

When we support children and their families during a child's first five years of life, we make the most of the incredible human potential in all of us. Yet, not every child and family in Contra Costa has access to the same level of resources that help realize this potential. Too many of our children live in deep poverty, and a significant portion of families struggle to make ends meet in our high-cost county. We face persistent gaps in the supply of services and supports, availability of child care and early childhood mental health services, and resources to help families with their basic needs. Those who experience these gaps the most—and disproportionately so—are communities of color. Black and brown families have had to support their children with far less systemic and structural support than their white counterparts, resulting in disparities that fall along geographic, income, and racial lines.

For your consideration and information, we are submitting the attached written report entitled *Making the Case for the Early Years* and the accompanying slide deck. We look forward to supporting the work of the Measure X Community Advisory Board with any additional information or data that might help to better understand the needs of young children and their families.



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# Making the Case for The Early Years

Measure X Report on Contra Costa County's County Early  
Childhood System

MAY 26, 2021

## **About This Report**

This report provides Measure X Community Advisory Board members and alternates with an overview of the current early childhood landscape for young children and their families in Contra Costa County and highlights priority needs and gaps in serving our children and families.

## **CONTRIBUTORS**

The foregoing information in this report was a collaborative effort across multiple County departments, First 5 Contra Costa, and other community-based organizations and providers of early childhood services, including:

**First 5 Contra Costa**

**Employment and Human Services Department (EHSD)**

**CocoKids, Inc.**

**Community Services Bureau Head Start (CSB)**

**Contra Costa County Health Services Department (CCHS)**

**Contra Costa County Office of Education (CCCOE)**

**Contra Costa County Local Planning Council for Early Care and Education (LPC)**

**Healthy and Active Before 5 (HAB45)**

**We Care Services for Children**

# Making the Case for the Early Years

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### INTRODUCTION

The brain is built through a process that begins before birth and continues into adulthood. In these first five years, children are developing the foundations by which they will learn, behave, and grow. Scientific research continues to demonstrate the long-term effects of supporting young children and their families during this most rapid period of a child's brain development.<sup>1</sup> Further, research has also shown that making investments in programs that support these families yields a 13% annual return on investment by improving life outcomes related to health, education, employment and social behaviors.<sup>2</sup>

Contra Costa is one of the fastest growing counties in the Bay Area. The population growth rate has generally exceeded the Bay Area's average growth rate every decade since 1940. Young children under the age of six represent 7% of Contra Costa's population, which equates to roughly 80,000 children.<sup>3</sup> This growth, combined with an established research base on the critical importance of the first five years of life, indicates a growing need for services, systems, and policies that support Contra Costa's youngest residents.

When we support children and their families during a child's first five years of life, we make the most of the incredible human potential in all of us. Yet, not every child and family has access to the same level of resources that help realize this potential. In Contra Costa County, a need persists to build the supply of services and strengthen early childhood systems to support all children and families in the critical first five years.

### A HOLISTIC, SYSTEMS APPROACH TO SUPPORTING YOUNG CHILDREN

To make the most of these critical early years, all children, prenatal to age five and their families need:

- Access to affordable, quality, and culturally relevant early learning opportunities through childcare and preschool
- Support for mental, physical, and behavioral health
- Food, housing, and economic security
- Strong caregiver and community relationships

The success and impact of these services depends on a strong infrastructure that supports the child and their family; if services are disconnected, at best, children miss out on the reinforcing benefits of

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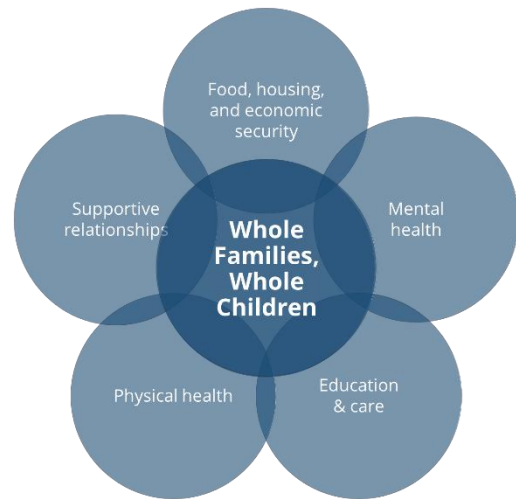
<sup>1</sup> <https://developingchild.harvard.edu/science/key-concepts/brain-architecture/>

<sup>2</sup> <https://heckmanequation.org/resource/lifecycle-benefits-influential-early-childhood-program/>

<sup>3</sup> California Dept. of Finance, Population Estimates and Projections (May 2020); U.S. Census Bureau, Population and Housing Unit Estimates (Jul. 2020).

supports, and at worst, families and children do not connect to the supports they need when they need them.

**Simply put, effective early childhood systems must be organized and structured in a cohesive, comprehensive, coordinated, and well-funded “system of care” that aligns a broad array of services, with a lens grounded in equity and addressing the root causes of disparities. To support the well-being and healthy development of all children, responsive “early childhood systems” that look at the whole child and whole family are necessary to ensure children are safe, healthy, loved, educated, and have the social-emotional skills to thrive in school and throughout life.**



## THE 0-5 LANDSCAPE IN CONTRA COSTA

### Demographics of Children Under Six in Contra Costa

A diverse county, with a blend of rural and urban communities, Contra Costa is home to primarily White (34.9%) and Hispanic/ Latino (34.2%) children who make up the majority of the child population, with Asian (13.4%), African American (9%) and multi-racial (6.7%) populations at smaller percentages.<sup>4</sup>

### Children in Poverty

Too many Contra Costa children live in deep poverty, defined as 50% of the Federal Poverty Level (i.e., an annual income of \$12,550 for a family of four). Countywide, 16.2% of families with children under the age of six live in deep poverty, and in 22 of the county’s census tracts, between 25-49% of households with children under six live in this deep level of poverty.

Young children of color represent a disproportionately high percentage of children under the age of six living in poverty (at or below 100% of the Federal Poverty Level) in Contra Costa. While there is a nearly equal percentage of Latino children and White children under the age of six in Contra Costa, Latino children make up over half (53%) of all children under the age of six who live at or below 100% of the Federal Poverty Level. The disparity is there for African American children too, who make up 7% of the population but 15% of those children under age six who live at or below 100% of the Federal Poverty Level.<sup>5</sup>

Furthermore, defining poverty according to the Federal Poverty Level does not paint a complete picture of families’ and children’s economic statuses in Contra Costa County. According to “The Cost of Being Californian” (2021), Contra Costa ranks the fifth most expensive county in the state.<sup>6</sup> To cover the costs of basic needs for a family of four with an infant and a toddler requires a household annual income of

<sup>4</sup> Kidsdata.org. <https://www.kidsdata.org/region/171/contracosta-county/summary#37/family-economics>

<sup>5</sup> Briefing Book page 6. <http://www.first5coco.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/BriefingBook2019.pdf>

<sup>6</sup> [https://insightccd.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/INSIGHT\\_CostofBeingCalifornian\\_5\\_web.pdf](https://insightccd.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/INSIGHT_CostofBeingCalifornian_5_web.pdf)

\$141,641.<sup>7</sup> When the median household income for a family with children in Contra Costa is \$103,685, a significant proportion of families in the county struggle to make ends meet. The pandemic has deepened economic insecurity for these families, as low-wage workers have been hit especially hard by unemployment.<sup>8</sup>

### School Readiness

A Kindergarten Readiness Assessment<sup>9</sup> (KRA) commissioned by First 5 Contra Costa in 2018 revealed that only 44% of Contra Costa children are fully ready for kindergarten. The data indicates that children who are well-fed, well-rested, visit a library with a caregiver, attend preschool or Transitional Kindergarten (TK), or have parents who are confident and knowledgeable about parenting are more prepared to enter kindergarten ready to learn.

To understand why over half of young children in Contra Costa are not ready for kindergarten, we can look to ongoing adversity that families face in health, safety, and education—painful corollaries of the generational cycle of poverty and racism, which, according to Kidsdata.org, low-income or ethnically diverse families experience at disproportionate rates. For example, one in five Contra Costa children experienced food insecurity (not having reliable access to enough affordable, nutritious food). Although it’s encouraging that nearly 56% of 3- and 4-year old children in the county are enrolled in preschool, it’s equally concerning that over one-third of Contra Costa’s children are not. We explore these two components, as well as other factors of child and family well-being, below in describing gaps in our county.

### Child Care

According to the most recent 2017 Child Care Needs Assessment conducted by the Contra Costa Local Child Care Planning Council for Early Care and Education (LPC)<sup>10</sup>, there were about 40,000 licensed child care spaces available to meet an estimated need of 75,000 children birth to 12 years old. Infants and toddlers (birth to 2 years old) care has the greatest shortage.

**Child Care Supply.** The table below is a breakdown of child care spaces in Contra Costa County for children from birth to 12 years old by age category (FCCH = family childcare homes).

Age of Children	FCCH Spaces	Center Spaces	Total Number of Spaces	Percentage of Supply
<b>0 to 2 years</b>	1,933	1,459	3,398	9%
<b>3 to 4 years</b>	3,866	14,861	19,085	48%
<b>School age</b>	2,487	14,806	17,293	43%
<b>Total supply</b>	<b>8,286</b>	<b>31,126</b>	<b>39,776</b>	<b>100%</b>

<sup>7</sup> <https://insightccd.org/family-needs-calculator/>

<sup>8</sup> <https://www.epi.org/publication/state-of-working-america-wages-in-2020/>

<sup>9</sup> Ready or Not, Here We Come! First 5 Contra Costa Kindergarten Readiness Assessment, <http://www.first5coco.org/results/kindergarten-readiness-assessment/>

<sup>10</sup> <http://plan4kids.org/resources/reports-and-assessments/>

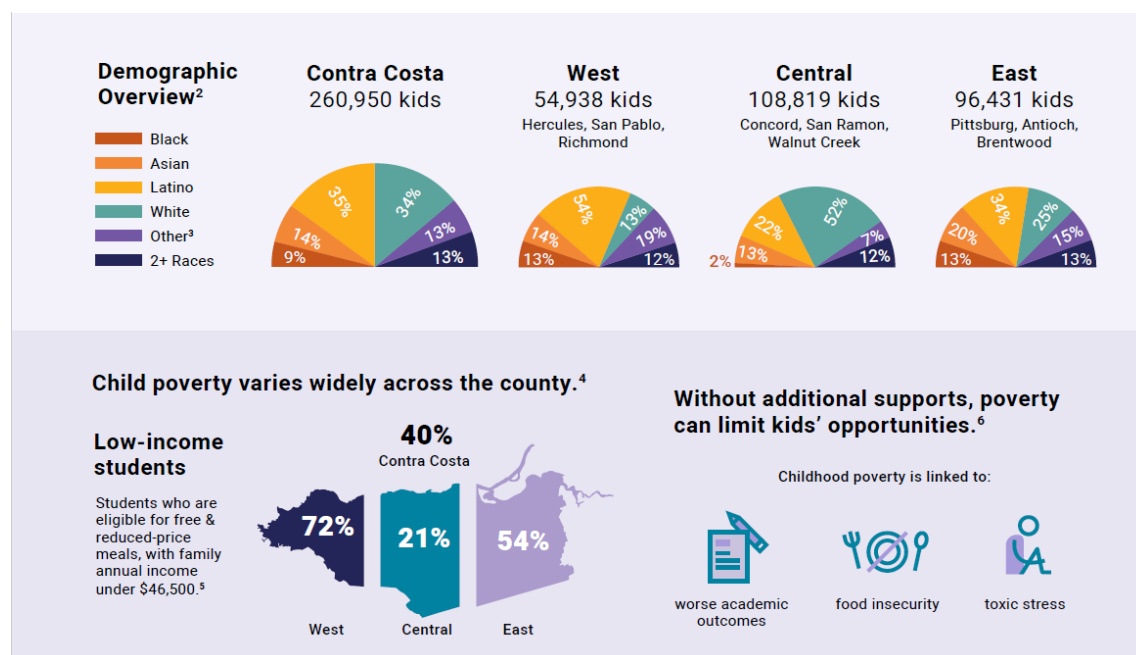
## GAPS

### Racial Inequities: Contra Costa Opportunity Gap<sup>11</sup>

The Contra Costa County Opportunity Gap analysis, developed in 2019, highlights this important context that, when it comes to availability, affordability, and quality of services for families, far too many children in the county have fewer opportunities to succeed than others.

Before delving into the specific gaps for young children in Contra Costa County, it is important to underscore that those who experience these gaps the most—and disproportionately so—are communities of color. Because policies and funding practices have excluded these communities from accessing resources, Black and brown families have had to support their children with far less systemic and structural support than their White counterparts, leading to disparities in health, education, and economic outcomes. These disparities have their roots in the public and private under-resourcing of Black, brown, and Indigenous communities, most clearly and blatantly through redlining policies that prevented these communities from owning homes and building wealth across generations,<sup>12</sup> resulting in disparities that fall along geographic, income, and racial lines.

#### Excerpt from “The Opportunity Gap for Children Across Contra Costa County”:



### Gaps: Supply of Services and Supports

The findings of the Kindergarten Readiness Assessment highlight the necessary components of an early childhood system of supports—those that support a child’s emotional, intellectual, and physical well-being. However, due to both a lack of supply in these supports and the need to strengthen the

<sup>11</sup> <https://www.childrennow.org/portfolio-posts/opportunity-gap-contra-costa/>

<sup>12</sup> [https://ncrc.org/wp-content/uploads/dlm\\_uploads/2018/02/NCRC-Research-HOLC-10.pdf](https://ncrc.org/wp-content/uploads/dlm_uploads/2018/02/NCRC-Research-HOLC-10.pdf)



coordination across them, many children are not able to connect to the resources that best support their development.

### Basic needs

Families need affordable, stable, safe homes, adequate household resources, healthy neighborhoods, and access to quality opportunities, education, and services—all of these factors are intricately connected and influence life outcomes at all ages.<sup>13</sup> Unfortunately, too many of Contra Costa’s families do not have their basic needs met.

With housing being a significant share of most Contra Costa families’ monthly costs, lack of safe, secure, and affordable housing represents a large gap in the system of support for young children and families. According to Bay Area Equity Atlas, 52% of renters in Contra Costa County are housing burdened, i.e., those households that pay more than 30% of their income to housing. Housing burdened individuals are more likely to be Black or Latinx due to a legacy of discriminatory housing policies and practices, both public and private. When households are housing burdened, they become more vulnerable to homelessness, the rates of which increased in Contra Costa by more than 40% from 2017-2019.<sup>14</sup> While difficult to quantify, many of those who are unhoused are families with children. The pandemic has pushed more families to the brink of homelessness; according to the Bay Area Equity Atlas, it is estimated that 12,100 children are at risk of eviction when state pandemic projections expire.<sup>15</sup>

Food insecurity also presents a gap in children’s basic needs. Almost one in five California children live in households with limited or uncertain access to adequate food. California consistently has a higher percentage of children living in food-insecure households than the U.S. overall and in Contra Costa<sup>16</sup>, 17% of the children live in food insecure homes. Food-insecure children are more likely to experience a host of health problems, including developmental, cognitive, behavioral, and mental health issues.<sup>17</sup>

### Child care

**Access.** Before the pandemic, Contra Costa County was already short 12,625 child care slots.<sup>18</sup> Since the start of the pandemic, Contra Costa has lost at least 1,126 more slots.<sup>19</sup> The Measure X Needs Assessment estimated that 17,900 children ages 0-5 years who are eligible for subsidized child care cannot access it due to low supply. Community Services, the largest childcare provider in the county, has a current waitlist of 5,358 children 0-5 and CocoKids, the resource and referral agency for the county, has a waitlist of 5,380 children.

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<sup>13</sup> <https://www.kidsdata.org/topic/721/crowded-housing/table#fmt=1022&loc=171,2&tf=108&sortColumnId=0&sortType=asc>

<sup>14</sup> <https://www.kqed.org/news/11748762/homelessness-in-contra-costa-jumped-more-than-40-since-2017>

<sup>15</sup> [https://www.google.com/url?q=https://bayareaequityatlas.org/research/CCcevicion&sa=D&source=editors&ust=1621363358485000&usg=AOvVaw1\\_4TeKsK3gjFKrZQL0xVo3](https://www.google.com/url?q=https://bayareaequityatlas.org/research/CCcevicion&sa=D&source=editors&ust=1621363358485000&usg=AOvVaw1_4TeKsK3gjFKrZQL0xVo3)

<sup>16</sup> <https://www.kidsdata.org/topic/764/food-insecurity/table#fmt=1168&loc=171,2&tf=95&sortType=asc>

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<sup>18</sup> [http://plan4kids.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/2017LPCNeedsAssessment\\_PDF.pdf](http://plan4kids.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/2017LPCNeedsAssessment_PDF.pdf)

<sup>19</sup> Data from the California Department of Social Services Community Care Licensing Division, January, 2021: <https://app.box.com/s/hsgbvgqptmjer2u0cdp5nrc5ic4tqat4>

This lack of capacity has staggering implications for families as more caregivers begin returning to work, as well as for the child care providers, most of whom are women of color and who, without adequate supports and wages, are at risk of going out of business permanently.<sup>20</sup>

The effects of scarce childcare ripple out to the community as well. An economic impact multiplier analysis was conducted for the child care industry in Contra Costa County for 2013. “The impact analysis shows that for every \$1 spent in the County on child care; an additional \$0.68 is generated in additional spending.” The spending results in a multiplier effect that increases economic output, jobs, and tax revenue throughout the entire economy. In 2012, \$300 million were spent annually on child care in Contra Costa County which generated an additional \$203 million in economic activity.<sup>21</sup>

**Affordability.** For many families, child care is an option beyond reach due to lack of affordability. Many families have reached the subsidized “cliff”, in which making even one dollar over the threshold for subsidy prevents them from placing their child in one of the 7,800<sup>22</sup> subsidized child care spaces in the county. In California, a family of four cannot make more than \$84,822 to qualify for a State-subsidized preschool or infant/ toddler program, while the federal Head Start guidelines are lower at \$26,500 for a family of four. Given a family of four needs \$141,641<sup>23</sup> to cover their basic needs, these ceilings often prevent families from accessing adequate care. Parents often have to pass up increased pay opportunities to remain eligible for subsidized child care as they cannot afford it otherwise.

**Wage disparity.** At the same time, early care educators were leaving the field at a rapid pace even before the pandemic. This exodus is a result of low wages and the inability to make ends meet given the high cost of living in California. Although child care worker wages increased more than other education occupations between 2017 and 2019, this 4-percent increase, adjusted for inflation, adds only \$0.44 to the median hourly wage, which rose from \$11.21 in 2017 (in 2019 dollars) to \$11.65 in 2019. The median salary of a childcare worker is approximately \$17.93 per hour less than their kindergarten counterpart and for a Preschool Teacher it is \$14.53 less.<sup>24</sup> Further, California’s rate of child care workers living in poverty pre-pandemic was at 17% as compared to their K-8 counterparts at 2.5%.<sup>25</sup> Child care workers’ chronically low wages are rooted in the systemic undervaluing of labor traditionally held by women, and particularly women of color, who make up 40% of the childcare workforce.<sup>26</sup>

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<sup>20</sup> <https://calmatters.org/children-and-youth/2021/03/child-care-centers-close/>

<sup>21</sup> Economic Impact of Child Care Services in Contra Costa County: <http://plan4kids.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/LPCEconImpactReport.pdf>

<sup>22</sup> Contra Costa County Child Care Needs Assessment 2017, [https://issuu.com/cccoe/docs/for\\_issu](https://issuu.com/cccoe/docs/for_issu)

<sup>23</sup> <https://insightcced.org/family-needs-calculator/>

<sup>24</sup> <http://cscce.berkeley.edu/workforce-index-2020/the-early-educator-workforce/early-educator-pay-economic-insecurity-across-the-states/>

<sup>25</sup> [https://cscce.berkeley.edu/workforce-index-2020/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2021/02/Appendix-2\\_2020-Index.pdf](https://cscce.berkeley.edu/workforce-index-2020/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2021/02/Appendix-2_2020-Index.pdf)

<sup>26</sup> <https://cscce.berkeley.edu/racial-wage-gaps-in-early-education-employment/>

Title	Median hourly wage in California <sup>27</sup>
Childcare worker	\$13.43
Preschool teacher	\$16.83
Kindergarten teacher	\$31.36

### Unmet need for early childhood mental health services

It is estimated that 9.5–14.2% of all children birth to six experience emotional, relational, or behavioral disturbances that require mental health intervention. Considering recent population numbers for Contra Costa County (e.g., 2018 data from the Lucile Packard Foundation for Children’s Health), there are approximately 80,000 children who are 0 to 5 in the county. It is therefore reasonable to estimate that, in Contra Costa County, there are approximately 7,900 to 10,900 children in need of early childhood mental health intervention for mental illnesses meeting medical necessity criteria, including trauma or “toxic stress” effects in babies and young children that can arise as a result of abuse, neglect, violence, and inconsistent parenting related to parental mental illness, substance abuse, and poverty. Present Medi-Cal contracts to the early childhood community-based organizations support approximately 610 children 0-5 annually. The unmet need for varying levels of early childhood mental health interventions in Contra Costa is thus on the order of 7,000 to 10,000 children. Not only are these services immediately needed to address current problems, but investing in mental health intervention and prevention services for young children also, importantly, ameliorate or prevent future mental health needs once these children reach adolescence and adulthood.

### Unmet need for developmental services for children with disabilities

There is an ever present gap in services for children aged 0 to 3 with disabilities. Currently there are 783 infant and toddlers and 2,371 preschool children with a diagnosed disability, yet this number is surely an undercount. For many families, pediatric visits and the developmental screenings conducted by pediatricians are their entry point into referrals and connections to additional support for their children, particularly when they have developmental concerns. Yet well-child visits were down an estimated 24% nationally from pre-pandemic baselines in December 2020.<sup>28</sup> According to Contra Costa Health Services, developmental screenings for children 0-11 fell from approximately 62% in January 2020 to approximately 55% in April 2021. This lack of screening compounded by decreased well-child visits present a highly significant barrier to preventive care and families’ access to an entire system of early childhood resources.

<sup>27</sup> [https://cscce.berkeley.edu/workforce-index-2020/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2021/02/Appendix-2\\_2020-Index.pdf](https://cscce.berkeley.edu/workforce-index-2020/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2021/02/Appendix-2_2020-Index.pdf)

<sup>28</sup> Ateev Mehrotra et al., The Impact of COVID-19 on Outpatient Visits in 2020: Visits Remained Stable, Despite a Late Surge in Cases (Commonwealth Fund, February, 2021). <https://www.commonwealthfund.org/publications/2021/feb/impact-covid-19-outpatient-visits-2020-visits-stable-despite-late-surge>

For those children that do have diagnoses, any subsidized programs in the county combine state and federal funding to create full-day, full-year services, requiring family income to not exceed the state median income ceilings. Given the high cost of living in Contra Costa, this has resulted in an unmet need with incredibly high stakes, as brain development research shows the critical role of early intervention in these cases.

## TRANSFORMATIONAL IDEAS:

### Children and Families

- 1. Immediate support to families in need:** We need immediate provisions to support the urgent gaps hard-working families face in meeting their basic needs. These supports could take the form of:
  - a. Financial supports, such as direct cash assistance to families, rental assistance, debt relief, and legal aid for tenants
  - b. Safety net supports, including expanding access to resources for food, internet, and utilities
  - c. Resources dedicated to partnering with families, residents, and community-based organizations to shape housing and city planning policies that prevent displacement and strengthen community fabrics.
  
- 2. Funding for childcare slots:** At a minimum, bringing the field up to pre-pandemic numbers will help soften the current childcare crisis. *A public-private collaboration to make up the gap of childcare slots, primarily infant and toddler, for those who do not qualify for a subsidy, will ensure that more children will benefit from early care and that their parents can work and attend school.* To meet this need, local funding could be used to pay local rates for child care using a voucher system similar to the system used by CalWorks Stages 1 and 2, but with a higher income ceiling that better meets the cost of living in the Bay Area. This would boost the child care work industry, help families get quality care they cannot afford otherwise, and would not require additional facilities which are at an all-time low. CocoKids, the resource and referral agency for the county, and Employment and Human Services, Community Services and Workforce Services Bureaus administer the CalWorks programs and have existing mechanisms in place to support a system like this.
  
- 3. Funding for early childhood mental health services:** Contra Costa County needs increased levels of funding for prevention and intervention services based in early childhood mental health, specifically for families with children from birth to age six. Support for provision of these services is needed to improve children’s social-emotional development as a preventive strategy, and to begin to help treat and overcome the effects of traumatic stress that many young children experience as a result of growing up in environments of abuse, neglect, interpersonal

and community violence, systemic oppressions, and parental mental illness and substance abuse.

The California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) and the Office of the Surgeon General have initiated an Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) screening project in pediatric primary care which began in January 2020 as a public health strategy to address toxic stress in children. Pediatricians are now incented to screen all patients for ACEs and are referring children and families for “toxic stress treatment” which clearly includes early childhood mental health services. Funding is needed for early childhood mental health agencies as they rise to address new demands necessitated by this initiative, as well as striving to meet, more generally, the current significant unmet need for early childhood mental health services in the county.

The social-emotional well-being of young children is often implicitly mentioned in Behavioral Health and Mental Health Master Plans. It is imperative that early childhood mental health be explicitly called out as a dedicated funding strand in county-level services. *The Early Childhood Prevention and Intervention Coalition (ECPIC) is an existing county-wide coalition of early intervention and prevention service partners, including early childhood mental health agencies, focused on the social-emotional needs of young children.* They take a ‘coordinated and holistic’ approach to leveraging allocated Mental Health Services Act and MediCal funds with other local funding to address the emerging needs of young children and their families or preschool/daycare providers. *The coalition’s ability to leverage funding can help to maximize services to ensure more families can be served.*

- 4. Supporting children with disabilities:** Children with developmental disabilities such as down's syndrome or autism show great gains in mainstream settings with typically developing peers. Funding can be used to support children in an early learning environment through consultation and guidance to providers on strategies to modify their setting to be inclusive of all children. Funding can also be used to fill the gap resulting from income ceilings that are too low for families with disabled children 0-3 years of age, who require the type of comprehensive services offered at programs with combined state and federal funding. *This could be in the form of a voucher to the provider on behalf of the family as described above.*

## TRANSFORMATIONAL IDEAS:

### Service Providers

- 1. Network supports to connect providers with each other and ensure families get properly referred and connected to services:** This county has begun the essential work of creating and connecting the network of care and service providers for children and families, yet more work remains to create a more connected and relational system of care. This work has evolved thanks to Help Me Grow and efforts to connect families with developmental supports and safety net navigation. It continues to evolve and grow as service providers across the county, from pediatricians and behavioral health providers to teachers, childcare workers, and more unpack

their role in supporting young children’s development and particularly the effects of adverse childhood experiences and toxic stress.

Through a one-time grant from ACEs Aware, First 5 is forming a burgeoning Contra Costa Network of Care (<https://www.contracostanetworkofcare.org/>) where these providers connect, exchange resources, and build relationships with one another, ultimately in service of providing stronger, more appropriate, and trauma-informed referrals and supports to families and children. This work has only begun and will need to be sustained and supported beyond the life of the ACEs Aware grants to ensure that every provider has the necessary tools, resources and supports to connect families in their care to the multitude of services they need, and that there is adequate funding to support the provision of these services. *This could take the form of ongoing convenings, networking and relationship-building opportunities, and supporting the online network community and learning hub.*

**2. Funding family partners and resource navigator roles:** As we continue our efforts to elevate and enhance the early childhood system, barriers often emerge in the referral and linkage process due to a lack of resource navigation. Health and Resource Providers can confidently support families within their scope of work but often find it challenging to provide additional information and support connections to external resources due to a limited bandwidth for follow up and knowledge of community resources. With the growing efforts on health, developmental, behavioral, and now ACEs screening, health and education providers find themselves seeking the support of programs like First 5’s Help Me Grow where resource navigators support families in targeting primary needs and connecting them to resources available, but this is not enough. *Family partners and navigators can help both families and providers navigate this complicated system.*

**3. Early care and education supports for providers:** Supporting the childcare workforce is critical to Contra Costa’s economy. Incentives are necessary for retention, to attract new providers, and help the county recover from this crisis.

Stipends. A recent survey conducted by CocoKids indicated that 100% of childcare providers in the county were adversely impacted by the pandemic. New requirements have resulted in less children being served (many providers are forced to serve at half capacity), increased costs for PPE and cleaning supplies, and facilities changes to account for social distancing and new health standards. The Early Learning and Leadership Group (a collaboration of First 5, Employment and Human Services, Community Services, CocoKids, County Office of Education, and Healthy and Active Before 5) in partnership with LIIF (Low Income Investment Fund), and through a public-private collaboration, recently administered \$600,000 in cash stipends to family child care providers in 5 key areas of high need: Concord, Richmond, Antioch, Pittsburg and San Pablo. *Of the 279 eligible applicants, funds were only available for 75. Our hope is to secure matching funds for this effort so that all the eligible applicants can receive the help they need.*

These grants can be used to cover an array of needs including essential facilities costs, defaulting mortgage payments for those operating their business in their home, to payroll costs to keep their workers employed. Expanding this stipend program to distribute more funds to those in desperate need will allow providers to keep their doors open and continue to keep children healthy and safe and parents working.

Incentive grants tied to professional development. *Critical to supporting the field are incentives for child development permit attainment and upgrades, and Bachelor's and Associate's degree attainment. We hear from providers that the greatest barrier to education is the cost.* In December 2020, the State released its [Master Plan for Education](#), a bold 10-year plan with goals and strategies meant to build and professionalize the field of early care. This plan emphasizes a tiered professional development approach; however, the plan has no funding attached to ensure its success. It is apparent that it will be up to local communities to fund pieces of this Plan. First 5 with AB 212 funds have in the past been the “holder” of these incentives, but with the funds on rapid decline each year, the current incentive program has not met the steadily growing need. Without local investment in this area, our community will continue to struggle to attract and retain high quality Early Care Educators.

Technology grants to support infrastructure and distance learning. Approximately 48% of children are home distance learning as childcare remains at minimum capacity and school age children remain at home. Maintaining a direct link with those children and their families is critical for support, on-going learning, and nurturing connections. This pandemic has shown that the digital divide is real, and many providers and families do not have the broadband support needed to maintain the crucial school to home connection. Unfortunately, it is often the low income families that are the most impacted due to the lack of access to tools to support their children. *Technology grants will benefit providers by allowing them to upgrade their and their families' broadband by providing hotspots and laptops for home use.* These tools will also allow more providers to keep up with their professional development through on-line courses in the evenings, while remaining at home with their families.

## TRANSFORMATIONAL IDEAS:

### Integrated Systems

- 1. Dedicated resources for a countywide, cross-sector leadership body for children (Children's Leadership Council):** While adequate and consistent funding for direct services is critical, so is the investment in community-driven networks and the leadership and infrastructure needed to promote an integrated and coordinated system of care. This is an area that necessitates more investment and prioritization when developing funding priorities for early childhood systems.

**A coordinated and integrated system of care would not only yield increased services and strengthen referral pathways for so many more children, it would also open the door to**



**leverage existing funding streams to increase Contra Costa County’s eligibility for expanded levels of federal and state funding drawdown.**

The [Contra Costa Children’s Leadership Council](#) (CLC) is a countywide, cross-sector coalition of public and nonprofit agencies, community leaders, and elected officials whose **purpose** is to develop and strengthen the ecosystem of programs, policies, and partners that support child, youth, family, and community resilience and well-being. Established in 2019 by the Contra Costa Employment and Human Services Department (EHSD), Health Services Department (HSD), County Office of Education (COE), and First 5 Contra Costa (First 5), the CLC **envisions** a future where in every region of Contra Costa:

- **All children and youth** are safe, healthy, loved, educated, and have the social-emotional skills to thrive throughout life.
- **All families** are resilient, connected, empowered, and have the social and economic resources to raise thriving children and youth.
- **All neighborhoods** are safe, just, and vibrant places for families to raise children and youth.
- **All partners** in community-led, public, non-profit, and private groups and organizations advocate for and take collective action to create a healthy ecosystem that recognizes and supports resilience and well-being.

The CLC serves as the ‘big tent’ under which all stakeholders can collaboratively plan, co-design, and coordinate services that support the well-being and success of all children. The CLC intends to do this work shoulder to shoulder with all county departments, local coalitions, and partners dedicated to ensuring children and families emerge from this pandemic healthy, housed, and financially stable. The CLC’s systems integration work depends on the voice of the community in developing programs that best meet the needs of families in the County. Groups such as Healthy and Active Before 5, Parent Voices, the First 5 Regional Groups and the Community Services Head Start Parent Policy Council, inform and guide the important work of the Council. We know that to build back stronger communities, families, and residents, particularly those most impacted by the effects of this pandemic, we have to lead the way in creating programs grounded in equity and in community voice.

Building and strengthening continuous communication, partnerships, and collective action among resident leaders and agency leaders in the CLC requires dedicated resources to coordinate the CLC and compensate resident leaders for their contributions. In addition, the CLC’s work is enriched by the voices and experiences of resident leaders participating in the CLC, and the Steering Committee firmly believes their time and expertise are just as valuable as the time and expertise of paid professionals. Without dedicated resources, the coordination tasks are typically spread among leaders who are already juggling multiple priorities, limiting the coalition’s capacity to take collective action.



*Resources dedicated for integration of systems would include consulting services for planning, coordination and facilitation of CLC activities and projects, technical support and services for data collection, assessment and analysis, and financial incentives for community residents engaged in CLC activities.*

- 2. Invest in a countywide annual Children’s Well-being Index:** The CLC has begun to identify essential data points and indicators related to child, youth, and family well-being to include in a Children’s Report Card, using the Measure X Needs Assessment, the Children Now county report card, and the Leshar Foundation’s “Opportunity Gap” infographic as the starting point. The intent is to develop a Children’s Well-being Index that serves as the basis of “Child & Youth Well-being Agenda” that includes a dedicated Children’s Budget and local, state, and federal policy priorities a countywide vision, action plan, and investments to ensure all children and families in Contra Costa are healthy and thriving.

A Contra Costa Children’s Well-being Index would be a natural extension of existing efforts led by Living Contra Costa but with indicators called out specifically for children. The cross-sector public and nonprofit partnerships that make up the CLC position us to be stewards of the Children’s Well-being Index, providing current and relevant data on an annual basis to the Measure X Community Advisory Board.

## SUMMARY

Supporting a child’s well-being includes supporting the well-being of their family and the environment where that child lives, learns, grows, and plays. While this means the scope of the early childhood system is quite vast, it also speaks to the profound, rippling effects of supporting young children. When we support children in their earliest years, we make sure that they can reach their potential and fully contribute to our communities. The early years of a child’s life represent an unparalleled opportunity to make the most of this potential, but doing so requires a well-resourced and coordinated system of services and supports that reach all children, no matter where they live or what they look like. It truly does take a village, yet both the supply of these services and the degree to which they are connected and coordinated represent critical gaps in our county. When we address these gaps through Measure X revenue, we can change the landscape, not just for young children, but the future of our county.

# Measure X: Making the Case For The Early Years

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JOHN JONES, COCOKIDS

CHRISTINA REICH, EHSD COMMUNITY SERVICES BUREAU

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MICAELA MOTA, PARENT AND RESIDENT, PARENT VOICES

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# Partnerships and Intersections

Today's presenters represent the **partnerships** needed to strengthen the early learning system for young children:







*When we support children and their families during a child's first five years of life, we make the most of the incredible **human potential** in all of us.*



In these **first five years**, children are developing the foundations by which they will learn, behave, and grow.



**13% Return on Investment** by improving life outcomes related to health, education, employment, and social behaviors.



There are **80,000 children** under the age 6 in Contra Costa, roughly 7% of the population. Not every child and family has access to the same level of resources that help realize this potential.

# A Holistic, Systems Approach to Support Young Children

*Effective early childhood systems must align a **broad array of services** with a lens **grounded in equity** and addressing the **root causes of disparities**.*



Whole  
Families,  
Whole  
Children



# The 0-5 Landscape in Contra Costa County

## Demographics of Children in Contra Costa

White	34.9%
Hispanic/Latino	34.2%
Asian American	14.4%
African American/Black	9.0%
Multiracial	6.7%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0.5%
American Indian/Alaskan Native	0.3%

## Too Many Contra Costa Children Live in Poverty

16.2%

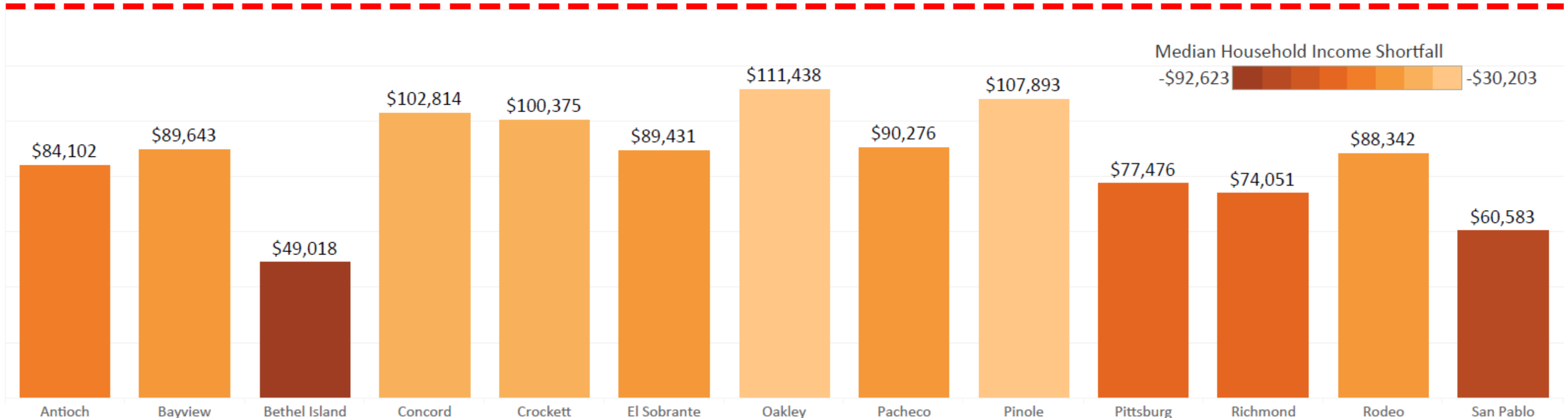
Percentage of Contra Costa families with children under 6 that live in deep poverty (annual income less than \$12,550 for a family of four).

25-49%

Percentage of families with children under 6 that live in deep poverty in 22 Contra Costa County Census Tracts.

## A Significant Portion of Contra Costa Families Struggle to Make Ends Meet

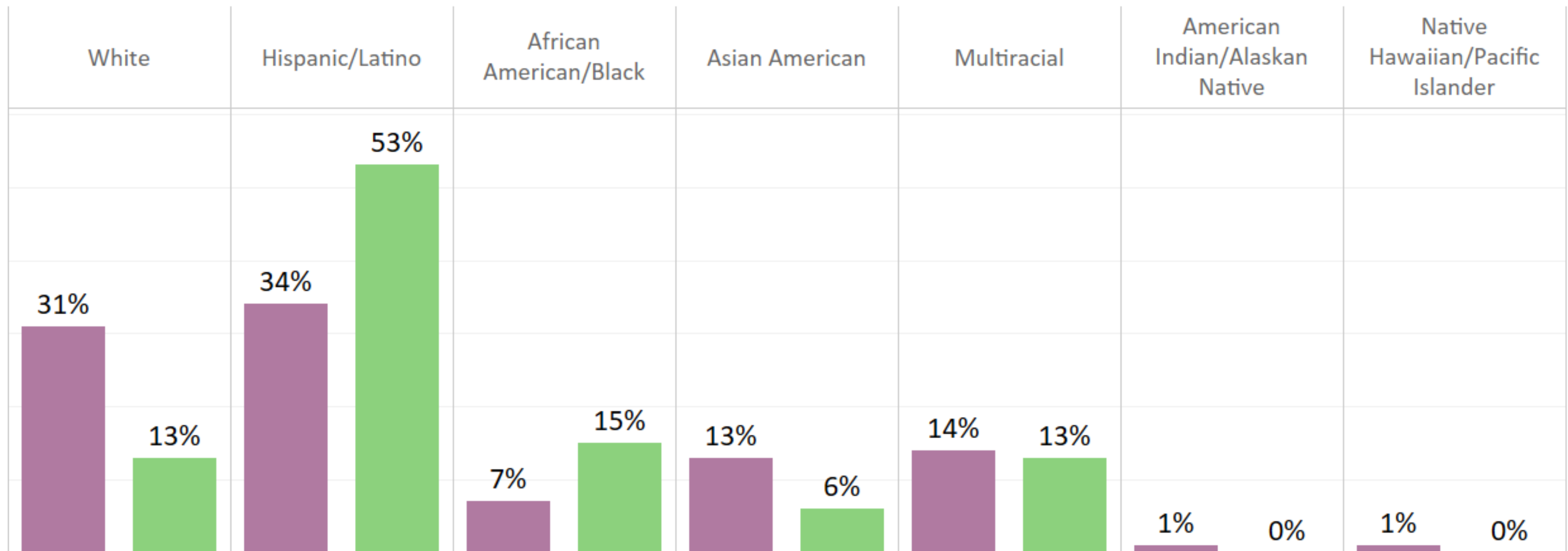
\$141,641: Household annual income needed to cover basic needs for a family of four with an infant and toddler



Source for median household incomes in Contra Costa Cities and Census Designated Places (CDP) is US Census 2019 ACS 5-Year Estimates.

# The 0-5 Landscape in Contra Costa County

A Disproportionately High Percentage of Young Children of Color Are Living In Poverty in Contra Costa



Source: American Community Survey 5-year estimates (2009-2013) Tables B17001B through I; Ethnicity and Poverty for County, Number of Individual Children Under 6 and Number in Poverty

- % of Contra Costa Children <6, by Ethnicity
- % of Contra Costa Children <6 in Poverty

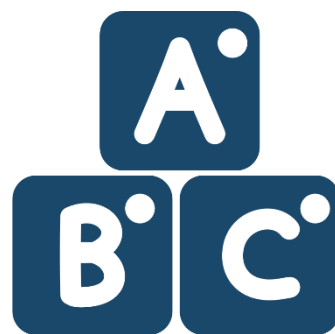
# The 0-5 Landscape in Contra Costa County



## School Readiness

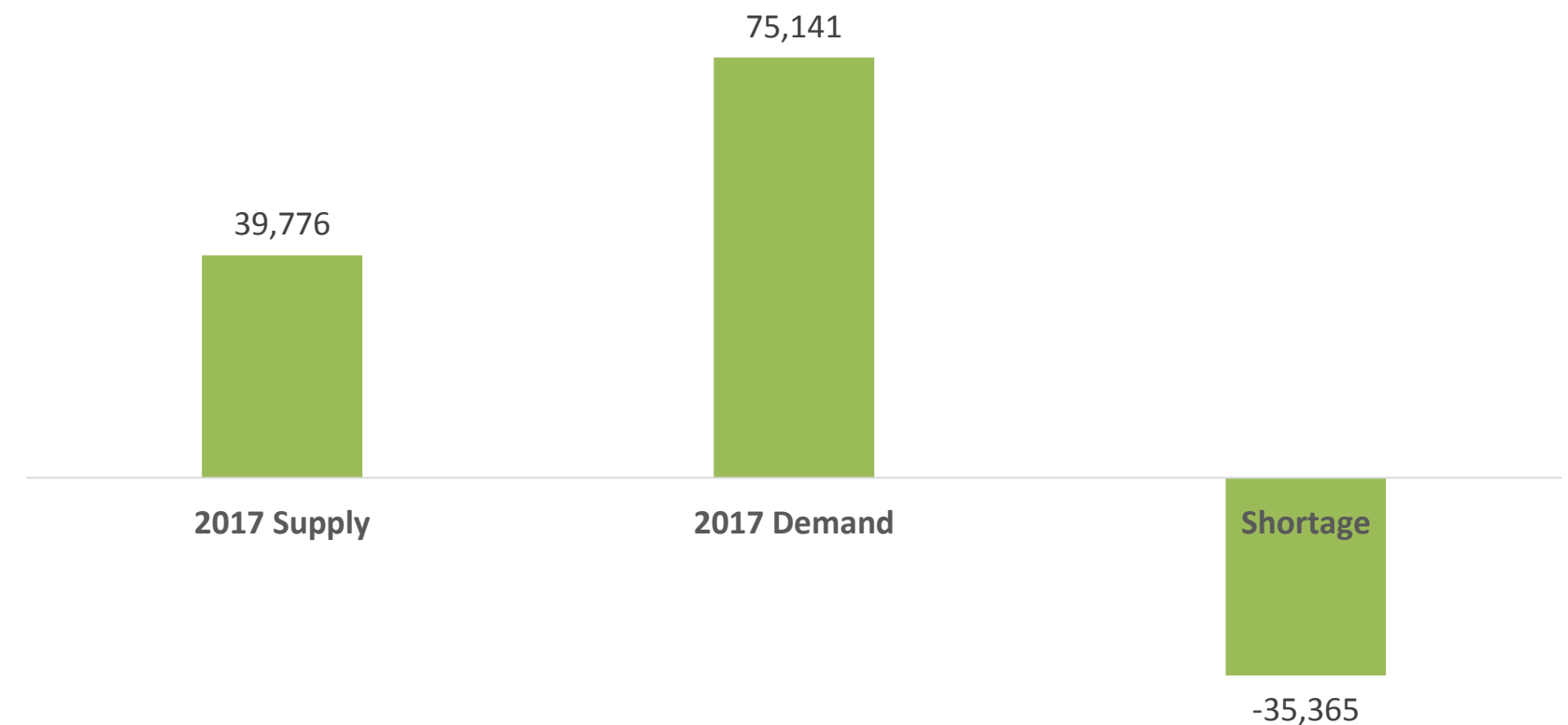


Only **44%** of Contra Costa children are fully ready for kindergarten.



Barely half (**56%**) of 3-and-4-year olds in Contra Costa children are enrolled in preschool

## Child Care Slots: Supply & Demand



There are about **40,000** licensed child care spaces available to meet an estimated need of **75,000** children age 0-12, a shortfall of **35,000**.



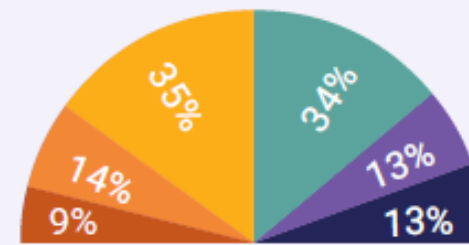
# Gap: Inequities in Contra Costa

Black and brown families have had to support their children **with far less systemic and structural support** than their white counterparts, resulting in **disparities that fall along geographic, income, and racial lines.**

## Demographic Overview<sup>2</sup>

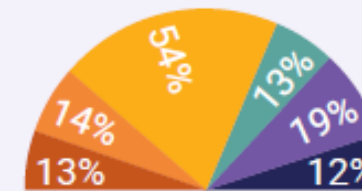


### Contra Costa 260,950 kids



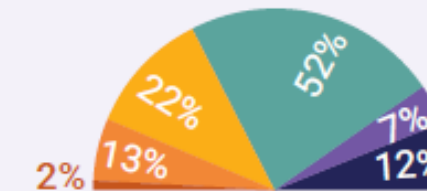
### West

54,938 kids  
Hercules, San Pablo,  
Richmond



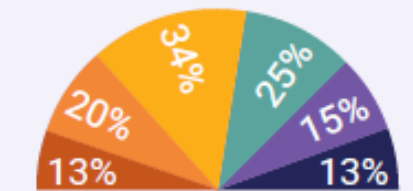
### Central

108,819 kids  
Concord, San Ramon,  
Walnut Creek



### East

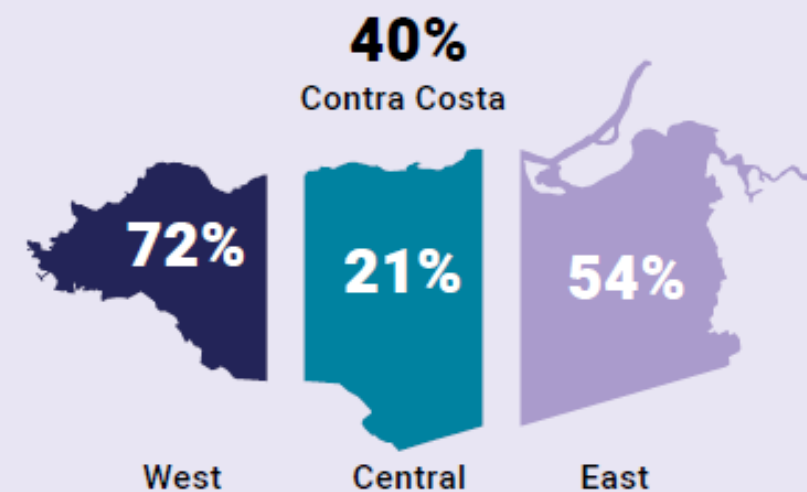
96,431 kids  
Pittsburg, Antioch,  
Brentwood



## Child poverty varies widely across the county.<sup>4</sup>

### Low-income students

Students who are eligible for free & reduced-price meals, with family annual income under \$46,500.<sup>5</sup>



## Without additional supports, poverty can limit kids' opportunities.<sup>6</sup>

Childhood poverty is linked to:



# Gap: Shortage of Child Care Slots

*Pre-pandemic shortage: 12,625 child care slots for children ages 0-5.*

*Since the start of the pandemic: a loss of at least 1,126 more slots.*

*17,900 children ages 0-5 years who are eligible for subsidized child care cannot access it due to low supply.*

## WAITLIST SNAPSHOT:



Age 0-5 Children Waitlisted for  
Childcare in Community  
Services, the largest childcare  
provider in the County



Age 0-5 Children Waitlisted for  
Childcare in CocoKids, the  
resource and referral agency  
for the County

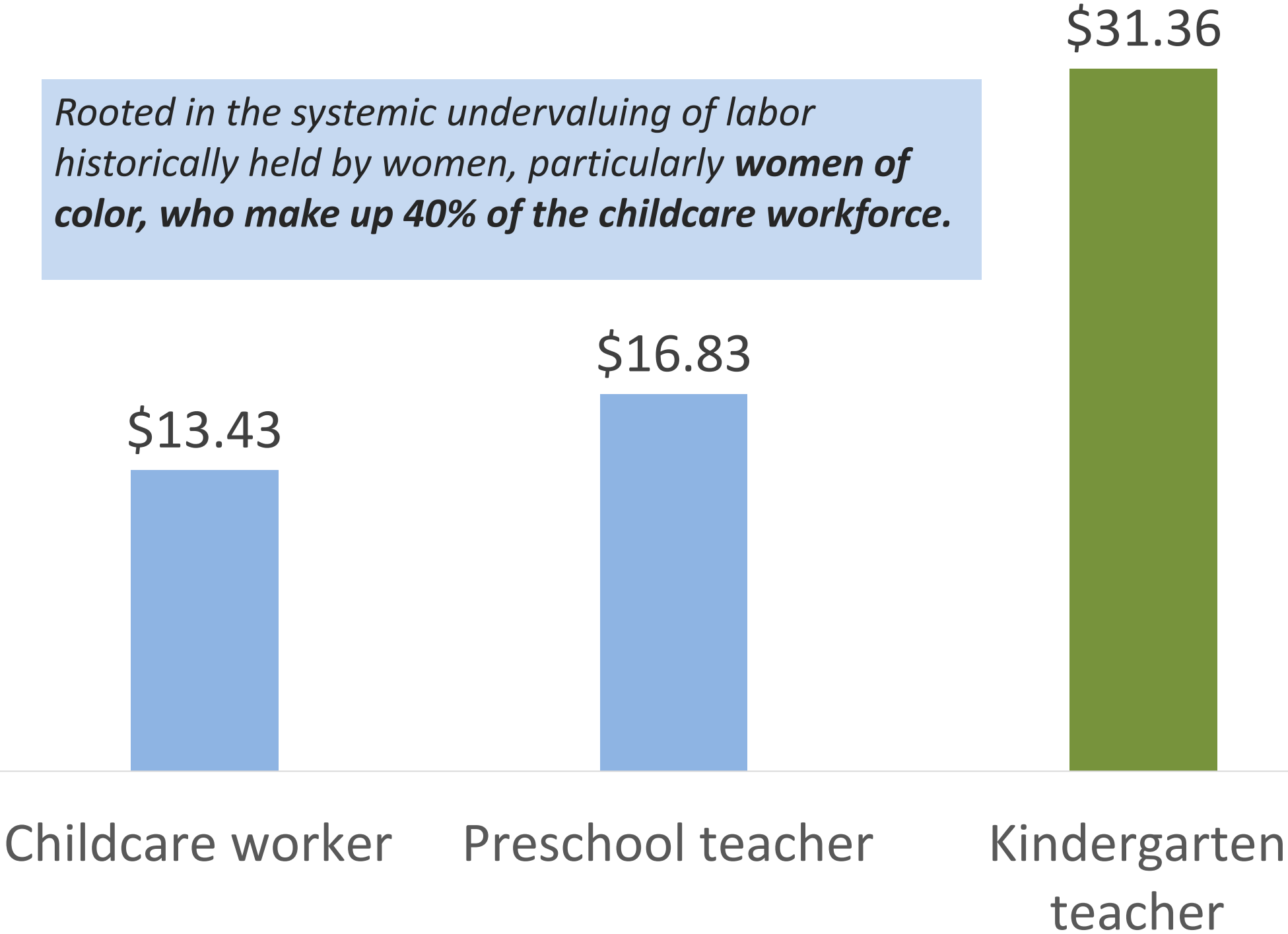




# Gap: Wage Disparity

## Median hourly wage in California

*Rooted in the systemic undervaluing of labor historically held by women, particularly **women of color**, who make up 40% of the childcare workforce.*





# Gap: Affordability

*Many families have reached the subsidized “cliff” preventing them from placing their child in one of the **7,800** subsidized child care spaces in the county.*

**\$84,822**

Household income for a family of 4 to qualify for a State-subsidized preschool or infant/ toddler program in California

**\$26,500**

Household income for a family of 4 to qualify for a federal Head Start or Early Head Start

**\$141,641**

Needed for a family of four to cover their basic needs in Contra Costa County



# A Return on Investment



**\$1 spent on child care generates \$0.68 in additional spending.**

*The spending results in a multiplier effect that increases economic output, jobs, and tax revenue throughout the entire economy.*

*In 2012, **\$300 million** were spent annually on child care in Contra Costa County which generated an additional **\$203 million** in economic activity.*



# Gap: Lack of Supply of Services and Supports

*Families need affordable, stable, safe homes, adequate household resources, healthy neighborhoods, and access to quality opportunities, education, and services*

## 1 out of every 2

Renter households in Contra Costa County who pay **more than 30%** of their income to housing. These households are more likely to be Black or Latinx due to a legacy of discriminatory housing policies and practices.

## 12,100 children

are estimated to be at risk of eviction when state pandemic projections expire in the Bay Area

## 1 in every 5 children

in California live in households with limited or uncertain access to adequate food—and **17% of the children in Contra Costa County** live in food insecure homes.





# Gap: Unmet Need for Child Mental Health and Disability Services



## DEMAND

7,900 to  
10,900  
children

in need of early childhood mental health intervention for mental illnesses meeting medical necessity criteria

## SUPPLY

500  
children

currently supported by present Medi-Cal contracts for mental health programs

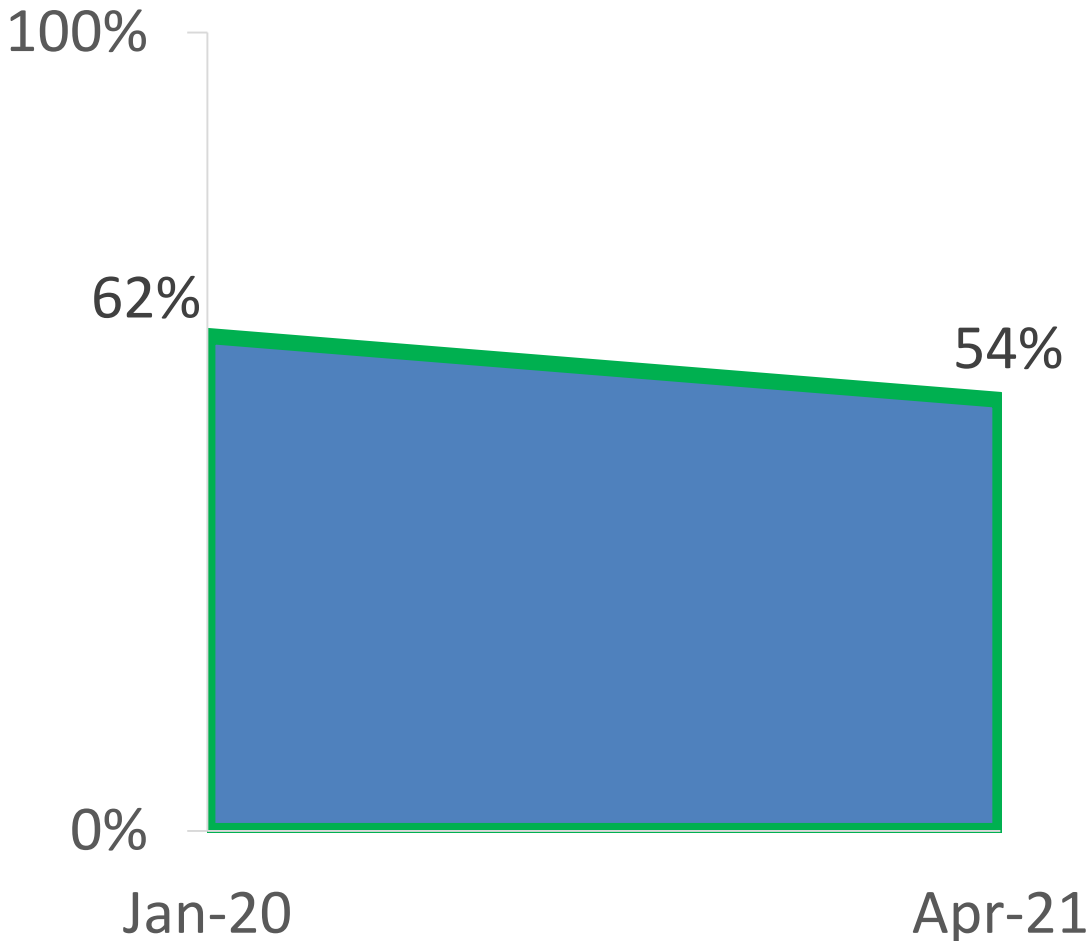
*Mental health intervention and prevention services for young children now prevents future needs in adolescence and adulthood.*

# Gap: Unmet Need for Child Mental Health and Disability Services



*High cost of living means families miss out on subsidized programs, creating an unmet need with incredibly high stakes, as brain development research shows the **critical role of early intervention** in these cases.*

Developmental screening rates for children 0-11 seen by CCHS, Jan '20 & April '21



**3,154**  
**Infants & Toddlers**  
with a diagnosed disability in Contra Costa County.



# Transformational Ideas: Children and Families

Proposed estimated allocation: \$10.5 M

- **Immediate support to families in need** to support the urgent gaps hard-working families face in meeting their basic needs.
- **Funding for childcare slots (36%)** bringing the field up to pre-pandemic numbers will help soften the current childcare crisis
- **Funding for early childhood mental health services (12%)** is needed to improve children's social-emotional development as a preventive strategy, and to begin to help treat and overcome the effects of traumatic stress
- **Supporting children with disabilities (15%)** through consultation and guidance to providers on strategies to modify their setting to be inclusive of all children





# Transformational Ideas: Service Providers

Proposed estimated allocation: \$5.9M



- **Network supports to connect providers with each other (2%)** and ensure families get properly referred and connected to services
- **Funding family partners and resource navigator roles (3%)** to help navigate this complicated systems and barriers that often emerge in the referral and linkage process due to a lack of resource navigation.
- **Early care and education supports for providers (30%)** through incentives for retention, to attract new providers, and help the county recover from this crisis.



# Transformational Ideas: Integrated Systems

Proposed estimated allocation: \$200K

- **Dedicated resources for a countywide, cross-sector leadership body for children (Children's Leadership Council)** to promote an integrated and coordinated system of care
- **Invest in a countywide annual Children's Well-being Index (2%)** to identify essential data points and indicators related to child, youth, and family wellbeing



# Transformational Ideas: Summary of Proposed Allocations

<b>Category</b>	<b>Allocation</b>
Children and Families	\$10,575,000
Service Providers	\$5,950,000
Integrated Systems	\$200,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$16,725,000</b>



# Profile of Success

A coordinated system of support ensures that **all children in Contra Costa County** benefit from:

- **High-quality early learning opportunities**
- **Secure housing and nutrition**
- **Inclusive resources to support their development**

**No matter where they live, the color of their skin, or their families' income.**





# Thank You





## Measure X Community Advisory Board

### Recommended speakers for issue presentations (working list)

MEETING DATE	TOPIC(S)	COUNTY PRESENTERS	RECOMMENDED COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION PRESENTERS (and source)	RECOMMENDED RESIDENT PRESENTERS (and source)
May 12	Seniors, disabled people, veterans	<p>EHSD Aging &amp; Adult Services, Tracy Murray Veterans Services Dept.</p> <p>Veterans Services - Nathan Johnson, Veterans Service Officer, Contra Costa Veterans Services</p>	<p>Caitlin Sly, Executive Director of Meals on Wheels Diablo Region</p> <p>Nicole Howell, Executive Director, Ombudsman Services of Contra Costa, Solano, and Alameda Counties (Debbie Toth)</p>	Myrtle Braxton, Chair, Richmond Commission on Aging (Debbie Toth)
May 19	Community safety: fire protection	Contra Costa Fire and East County, Pinole Rodeo-Hercules, and Crockett-Carquinez districts		
May 26	Early childhood	<p>Camilla Rand, Deputy Director, First 5 Contra Costa</p> <p>Christina Reich, Division Manager, Contra Costa Community Services Bureau</p> <p>Francine Jolton, MD FAAP, Chair, Department of Pediatrics, CCHS</p> <p>(All recommended by Ruth Fernandez)</p>	John Jones, Executive Director, CocoKids (Recommended by Ruth Fernandez)	<p>Micaela Mota, Parent and Resident, Parent Voices</p> <p>(Recommended by Ruth Fernandez)</p>

MEETING DATE	TOPIC(S)	COUNTY PRESENTERS	RECOMMENDED COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION PRESENTERS (and source)	RECOMMENDED RESIDENT PRESENTERS (and source)
June 2	<i>NO MEETING</i>			
June 9	Youth, young adults	EHSD (Children & Family Services Bureau) Health Services (Public Health, Behavioral Health)	Ryse Center (M. Moore)	
June 16	Healthcare	Health Services (county hospital/clinics, EMS, Environmental Health, Hazardous Materials) Gilbert Salinas (D. Honig)	Community Clinic Consortium (A. Saidi) United Latino Voices (Genoveva Calloway) CHD Black Healthcare Navigators (M. Stuart)	
June 23	Mental and behavioral health  Disabled residents	Health Services (Behavioral Health) EHSD?  Vi Ibarra, CC Health (D. Toth)	Familias Unidas Counseling Center, Lorena Huerta, ED (G. Calloway)  Putnam Clubhouse (S. Quezada Jenkins)  United Latino Voices, Connie James [currently involved with Covid19 with the Health Equity Officer] (G. Calloway)  Deaf Hope (A. Saidi)  Christina Mills, Calif. Federation of Independent Living Centers (D. Toth)	Bill Pelter (D. Toth)



MEETING DATE	TOPIC(S)	COUNTY PRESENTERS	RECOMMENDED COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION PRESENTERS (and source)	RECOMMENDED RESIDENT PRESENTERS (and source)
June 30	Housing & homelessness	Health Services (Health, Housing & Homeless division), Dept. of Conservation & Development Housing Authority of CC	Trinity Center (S. Quezada-Jenkins)	Jo/COH member (Lindy Lavender)
July 7	Community safety: justice systems	Sheriff, District Attorney, Probation, Public Defender, Courts, Office of Reentry & Justice	CC Racial Justice Coalition (A. Saidi) Rubicon (A. Saidi) Safe Return Project (A. Saidi), Latina Center/Restorative Justice (A. Saidi)	
July 14	Safety net (e.g., employment, cash aid, food security, interpersonal violence, etc.)	Employment & Human Services Dept. (CalFresh, CalWorks, Child/Adult Protective Services, Alliance to End Abuse), Child Support Services, Workforce Development Board	Equitable Economic Recovery Task Force (Lindy Lavender) Opportunity Junction (L. Lavender) Rubicon (A. Saidi) Food BANk (M. Stuart)	
July 21	Immigration Racial equity across systems	Stand Together Contra Costa Office of Racial Equity & Social Justice Office of Racial Equity & Social Justice	CC Interfaith Council (S. Quezada-Jenkins) CC Immigrant Rights Alliance (A. Saidi) Contra Costa Cares (A. Saidi) Clinic Consortium (A.Saidi) CC Racial Justice Coalition (A. Saidi)	
July 28	Library, arts & culture, agriculture,	CC Library, Agriculture Dept., Dept. of Conservation & Development, CDC	Urban Tilth (Marti Roach) Richmond LAND (M. Roach) Climate Health Now (M.	

MEETING DATE	TOPIC(S)	COUNTY PRESENTERS	RECOMMENDED COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION PRESENTERS (and source)	RECOMMENDED RESIDENT PRESENTERS (and source)
	environment, transportation	Sustainability Commission  Jenny Balisle -County Arts and Cultural Manager (BK Williams)	Roach) Mobility Matters (S. Quezada-Jenkins)  Winefred Day - Richmond Arts and Culture Manager (BK Williams)  <b>Jovanka Beckles</b> , Transit Board. (BK Williams)  <b>Michael Gliksohn</b> or other rep from Voices for Public Transportation (VPT) (BK Williams)	
August 4	Develop draft priorities & recommendations			
August 11	Finalize priorities & recommendations to submit to Board of Supervisors			

**Presentation format:**

- Panel of speakers (up to 5) includes county staff, community-based organizations, issue-specific experts, and residents with lived experience of the need or issue being discussed
- Each panelist has up to 10 minutes to present
- Questions/discussion with MXCAB members and alternates (20-30 min.)
- Public comment

**PRESENTATION FORMAT AND PANELIST GUIDANCE**

- **Guidance for service providers/issue expertise** (county and community-based):
  - Each presenter will be allotted approximately 10 minutes, depending on the total number of presenters on the panel. Please adhere to the time allocation provided.
  - **Introduction:**
    - County staff: Brief explanation of county services/structure
    - Community organizations: Brief explanation of services provided,
  - **Data:** Share limited number of data points that demonstrate the core issue/needs
    - Disaggregate data by race/ethnicity whenever possible
    - Name and focus on populations that are most underserved (race/ethnicity, geographic area, ability, gender, sexual orientation, age, etc.)
  - **Trends:** What is emerging or changing, and what are the implications?
  - **Racial equity:** Which racial/ethnic populations does this issue impact disproportionately? What are the notable disparities? (Please disaggregate all presentation data by race/ethnicity where feasible.)
  - **Gaps:** What are the 2-3 most significant unmet needs in this issue area?

- **Prevention:** What more can be done to help residents avoid being in crisis around this need/issue?
  - **Intersectional:** What are some of the important ways in which this issue connects with, impacts, and is impacted by, other community needs (e.g., transportation), particularly those listed on the schedule of presentations?
  - **Transformational ideas:** What bold experiments, big ideas, and innovative approaches (e.g., incorporating the arts), could we take to meet these key needs?
  - **Success:** What will success look like if Measure X is successful in funding in this issue/need?
- **Guidance for resident speakers:**
    - What has your experience of this need/issue/system been like? What has worked well? What hasn't?
    - What do county- and community-based service providers need to understand to make these systems work better?
    - What would you most like to see happen in this county over the coming year that would improve your well-being and opportunity to thrive?
    - What will success look like if Measure X is successful in funding needed services related to this issue?



# Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors

## Subcommittee Report

### MEASURE X COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD

**Meeting Date:** 05/26/2021  
**Subject:** Process for Finalizing Priorities and Recommendations to Submit to the Board of Supervisors  
**Submitted For:** MEASURE X Com Advisory Board,  
**Department:** County Administrator  
**Referral No.:** 2/2/21 D.4  
**Referral Name:** Community Advisory Committee for Measure X  
**Presenter:** Mariana Moore                      **Contact:** Lisa Driscoll (925) 655-2047

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#### **Referral History:**

Item was placed on the agenda for the May 5, 2021 meeting to begin the discussion and the discussion continued on May 12, 2021.

#### **Referral Update:**

Item was continued from the meeting of May 19, 2021. Jim Cervantes offered the following motion, which was seconded by Dave Cruise:

Upon completion of its review of community needs, which shall include consideration of equity and inclusion issues, MXCAB shall prepare an inventory of all identified community needs and programs of impact in Contra Costa County, including projected funding costs for each on a one-time and/or ongoing basis (the "Identified Needs Inventory"). From the Identified Needs Inventory, MXCAB shall prepare a priority list of the County's significant service gaps (the "Priority List"). MXCAB shall submit the Identified Needs Inventory and the Priority List to the Board of Supervisors by the end of August, 2021.

#### **Recommendation(s)/Next Step(s):**

Continue to discuss process for finalizing priorities and recommendations to submit to the Board of Supervisors.

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#### **Attachments**

Interim Presentation Evaluation Summary

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