



# Agenda

## MEASURE X COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD

September 8, 2021

5:00 PM

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Mariana Moore, Chair  
BK Williams, Vice Chair

### Agenda Items:

Items may be taken out of order based on the business of the day and preference of the Committee

1. Roll Call
2. RECEIVE the Record of Action for the September 1, 2021, Measure X Community Advisory Board meeting (Mariana Moore, Chair)
3. CONSIDER finalizing priorities and recommendations to submit to the Board of Supervisors (Mariana Moore, Chair)
4. Public comment on any item under the jurisdiction of the Committee and not on this agenda (speakers may be limited to one minute).
5. The next meeting is currently scheduled for September 22, 2021. If the work of the MXCAB is completed on September 8, this meeting will be cancelled.
6. Adjourn

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# Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors

## Subcommittee Report

### MEASURE X COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD

**Meeting Date:** 09/08/2021

**Subject:** Record of Action for September 1, 2021 Measure X Community Advisory Board Meeting

**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 Draft Record of Action for its September 1, 2021 meeting.

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

Staff recommends MXCAB receive the Record of Action for the September 1, 2021 meeting.

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### **Attachments**

[Record of Action MXCAB 9-1-21](#)

[Presentation Summary](#)

[Public Comment - Fire 1](#)

[Public Comment - Fire 2](#)

[Public Comment - Fire 3](#)

[Public Comment - Fire 4](#)

[Public Comment - Fire 5](#)

[Public Comment - getVOCAL](#)

[Public Comment - Housing](#)

[Public Comment - Sheriff Request 1](#)

[Public Comment - Sheriff Request 2](#)





# Agenda

## MEASURE X COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD

September 1, 2021

5:00 PM

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; Kathryn Chiverton; Jim Cervantes; Odessa LeFrancois; David Cruise; Dr. Michelle Hernandez; Sharon Quezada Jenkins; Michelle Stewart; Ali Saidi; Jerry Short; Kimberly Aceves-Iniquez; Debbie Toth; Sandra Wall; Susun Kim; Cathy Hanville; Pello Walker; Gigi Crowder; Genoveva Calloway; Melissa Stafford Jones; Diana Honig; Lindy Lavender; Steven Bliss

Absent: Edith Pastrano; Ruth Fernandez; Sandro Trujillo; Peter Benson

Staff Lisa Driscoll, County Finance Director

Present:

### 1. Roll Call

*Staff provided instruction for access to English live transcription (automated closed captioning), and live simultaneous Spanish and American Sign Language interpretation and then conducted roll call. For voting purposes District I Alternate Cathy Hanville replaced absent member Edith Pastrano and At Large Alternate Diana Honig replaced At Large member Ruth Fernandez. All other voting members were present. There were approximately 60 participants.*

### 2. Staff recommends MXCAB receive the Record of Action for the August 25, 2021 meeting and public comments received after publication of the agenda.

*The record of action was accepted as presented.*

### 3. Continue discussion of potential funding priorities and consider finalizing priorities and recommendations to submit to the Board of Supervisors

*Chair Moore began by discussing the process for the evening's discussion that had been outlined in the packet materials.*

- 1. Review the Presentations Summary in the attached pdf (Presentation Summary). This document has been updated along the way, but is unchanged since the meeting on August 25. This provides the most*

- detailed list of proposed strategies, grouped in the way that most members are familiar with working.*
- 2. Review "Sorted by High Priority, Secondary Priority" report from the poll at the August 20 MXCAB meeting. Focusing on the "yes" columns only, note which strategies do and do not have "yes" numbers that together (High Priority & Secondary Priority) exceed 50%. With the need to establish a cut-off point of some sort, the Chair and Vice Chair propose that the cut-off be set at 50%, with the following caveats:
    - a. Nothing that falls below the 50% line is being formally eliminated yet; simply note what is above and below the line.*
    - b. Continue efforts to clarify and consolidate strategies, which will likely lead to changes to the list.*
    - c. Another poll will be conducted at the September 8 meeting, with the expectation that all MXCAB members will be able to be present and participate in the poll. Next steps will be to check for alignment, discuss any remaining areas of significant diverse opinions, and then check if the majority are ready to move to a formal vote on recommendations to the Board.**
  - 3. At-Large member Susun Kim updated her consolidated list, which is attached for reference; in particular, it can be helpful to see how various strategies polled on 8/20.*
  - 4. In response to the request from several members to create more time for discussion of various strategies, at the meeting on September 1, the MXCAB will use the "Sorted by High Priority, Secondary Priority" poll report, along with the original evaluation spreadsheet, to go through each of the 14 issue categories one by one to allow for MXCAB discussion and debate. Members are also invited to identify any strategies not yet receiving sufficient attention, including any that fall below the current 50% cut-off. Following general discussion at the outset of each category, each MXCAB member will be offered up to 2 minutes to highlight a specific strategy/ies in each category for this purpose.*

*Following, the introduction the Measure X Community Advisory Board spent some time discussing which presentation tool should be used for the evening's discussion. Concern was expressed over continuing to use the straw-poll document as only 19 of the 27 members and alternates of the MXCAB were able to participate. At the end of the discussion, the consensus was to use the Presentation Summary (revised 8/6/21). Beginning with the "Seniors/Disabled People/Veterans" category, the MXCAB were asked to ask clarifying questions and or make comments on categories. At approximately 6:29 PM, the MXCAB took a seven-minute break. The MXCAB had discussed priority categories through Youth and Young Adults (presentations of 6/9/21). At the conclusion of the break the discussion continued.*

*Chair Moore asked that the discussion stop at 7:43 PM to allow adequate time for public comment and to conclude the meeting at approximately 8:00 PM. The MXCAB had discussed priority categories through Safety Net (presentations of 7/14/21).*

*Chair Moore recognized that additional meetings would be necessary to complete the prioritization process. Public comments were received from eight individuals. The meeting ended with Chair Moore recognizing that additional meetings might be necessary and tentatively scheduling an additional meeting for September 22 at 5:00 PM.*

4. Accept attached written public comments.

*There were no public comments on items not on the agenda. Written public comments received after the agenda was posted are attached with the record of action.*

5. The next meeting is currently scheduled for September 8, 2021

*In case the Advisory Board has not finalized its recommendations on September 8, a meeting is scheduled for September 22, 2021.*

6. Adjourn

*The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:00 PM.*

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# Measure X Community Advisory Board Presentation Summary - revised 8/6/21

Date/Topic /Program	Program	Funding Ask		Notes
		One-Time	Annual	
<b>5/12/2021</b>				
<b>Seniors/Disabled People/Vetrans</b>				
CC Aging & Adult Svcs.				
-Master Plan on Aging	2 FTE for outreach		300,000	
-Additional Outreach	1 FTE		200,000	
Case Management Services			300,000	
Discretionary Funds			750,000	
Nurse behavioral health clinicians			350,000	
Aging Service Providers		2,000,000	3,000,000	\$2-\$6 million/year
CC Veterans Services				
-Additional Outreach	1 FTE		200,000	
<b>Community Safety: Fire Protection</b>				
-Reopen/staff closed fire stations (Con Fire-1/East CC-3/Pinole-1)	5 stations		9,000,000	\$7M
-Richmond 4th firefighter on truck				
-Veg. management & response	1 FTE		785,000	
-Wildfire mitigation: fuel reduction			2,500,000	Con Fire Crew 12
-Seasonal Fire Engine upstaffing			2,000,000	
-Emergency Communications			2,500,000	Staffing-wildfire risk periods
--Con Fire				
--SRV			1,986,000	7 fire stations/districts
--EB Reg. Comm. Sys. Athy			1,150,000	County
-Replace facilities: seismic/EOS			1,000,000	mobile units/replace radios
-Risk reduction: Regional inspectors			3,000,000	
-Emergency Preparedness/Planning	8 positions		1,600,000	Con Fire-3/Other agencies-5
-Training: So. County Training Facility	1 position		500,000	Manager/training/EWS
-Regional Paramedic			700,000	No So. County facility
-Helicopter for fire season			600,000	Richmond/scholarship/trainin
		1,500,000		after
<b>5/26/2021</b>				
<b>Early Childhood</b>				
-Children & Families				
--Immediate family support (37%)			10,500,000	
--Funding for childcare spots (36%)				
--Childhood mental health services (12%)				
--Children with disabilities (15%)				



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		One-Time	Annual	
-Service Providers				
--Network supports to connect providers			5,950,000	break-out not clear
--Family partners/resource navigators				break-out not clear
--Early care/education supports				break-out not clear
-Integrated Systems				
--Children's Leadership Council			200,000	break-out not clear
--Children's well being index				break-out not clear

**6/9/2021**

## Youth & Young Adults

-CC County Employment/Human Services				
Discretionary fund for CPS social workers and foster youth			1,482,000	
Transformational ideas- behavioral health, family reunification housin			600,000	
Whole Family Living Resources with case management in the commur			800,000	
Family Visitation Center home			970,240	
24/7 Respite for Children of All Ages			708,160	
Permanent Housing Subsidies and Child Care			2,880,000	

- CC County Office of Education
  - School based mental health
  - Communty schools/expanded learning
  - Summer programing

-CC County Health Services

-RYSE Youth Center

**6/16/2021**

## Healthcare

-New County Health Lab		20,000,000		
-CC County Health Services-Reg. Hospital		20,000,000	35,000,000	
--Ambulatory services				
--Physical & behaviorial health integration				
--Ambulatory surgery center				
--Gastrointestinal/pulmonary suite				
--Clinical space				
--Cancer center				
--Residency center				
--MRI				

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		One-Time	Annual	
--Geriatric services				
--Hospital services				
--Labor & delivery/perinatal				
--PES expansion				
--Cardiac/pulmonary				
--Rehabilitation (PT/OT)				
--Level 3 stroke center				
--Inpatient dialysis				
--Radiology suite				
--Infrastructure				
--Seismic				
--HVAC/Seismic				
--Modernization & care upgrades				
--Isolation rooms/parking				
-CC County Cares			1,500,000	
<b>6/23/2021</b>				
<b>Mental &amp; Behavioral Health/Disabled</b>				
-Community Crisis Response Initiative		5,000,000	20,000,000	
--Miles Hall Community Crisis Hub				
- SRV Fire Pilot Program				
--Medical response to mental health emergencies			740,200	
-Deaf Hope				
--Deaf leadership program			250,000	
-CC Council on Disabilities				
--East County multi-agency center			200,000	
-Putnam Clubhouse				
-Rainbow Center				
<b>6/30/2021</b>				
<b>Housing &amp; Homelessness</b>				
-CC Hsg. Authority/Dept. Conservation & Dev.				
--Local Housing Trust Fund				"collective ask" - funds to be

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	\$ for varied hsg. Needs		12,000,000	allocated on an annual basis
-Monument Impact				federal programs
-Richmond Land Trust				
-SOS				
<b>7/7/2021</b>				
<b>Community Safety: Justice Systems</b>				
-District Attorney's Office				
--Young Adult Diversion			1,000,000	
--Combating Human Trafficking			1,000,000	
--Independent Investigations Bureau			3,000,000	
-County Probation Office				
--Office of Reentry & Justice (ORJ)				
individuals with complex BH needs			2,400,000	
Drug Treatment Services		\$	3,672,000	
SLE/Recovery Housing		\$	3,240,000	
Mentorship Support		\$	933,050	
Circles		\$	297,593	
Family Reunification and Connectivity programs		\$	626,667	
			5,503,000	
			16,672,310	\$2 Million for 3 teams
-Office of Public Defender				
--Front End Advocacy Teams (FEATS)	3 teams in County		2,000,000	
--Investigator/Soc. Wkr/Atty/Assts.	5 per team			combines staffing cost items
-Sheriff's Office			11,390,000	
--Additional Neighborhood Patrols				
--Mental Health Evaluation Teams				
--Quality of Life Crimes-Detectives				one time cost
--GPS enabled Dispatching System				ongoing cost
--Body & Car Cameras	1,800,000			
--Body & Car Cameras			1,440,000	
-Rubicon Programs				
--Employment & Placement Services				
--Reentry Success Center				
Safe Return Project			28,000,000	

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Equity Center- East County		20,000,000	2,000,000	
Reimagine Public Safety Campaign	shift public funding			
Richmond Reimagining Public Safety				
Collective Healing and Transformation Proj. (CHaT)				
--Comm. Based restorative justice			750,000	
--Civil/Legal Assistance	childcare, housing assistance		1,000,000	
--Comm. Victim Advocates			500,000	
--Comm. Connectedness			500,000	
--Flexible Financial Assistance			1,000,000	
--Public Health			1,000,000	
-EHSD Workforce Services Bureau	Navigator, Cal Fresh Housing Assistance		2,800,000	federal match
-Child Support	3 positions/Navigators		360,000	state match
-Equitable Econ. Recovery Task Force	Guaranteed income pilot		2,000,000	
-Rubicon	Workforce Collaborative		1,700,000	
	Cal Fresh		200,000	
	Fresh Success		750,000	
-Opportunity Junction	No ask			
-Food Bank of CC and Solano	Mobile food pharmacy	800,000	400,000	
<b>7/21/2021</b>				
<b>Immigration/Racial Equity Across Systems</b>				
-Office of Racial Equity & Social Justice (ORESj)			1,500,000	
--Set up an office				

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		One-Time	Annual	
-Stand Together Contra Costa			2,000,000	
--Soc. services for immigrants	12 staff for soc. svc			
--Legal representation/social svc.	and legal support			
-Oasis Legal Services	asylum support		128,000	
--LGBTQ representation				
-CC Immigrants Rights Alliance			2,150,000	
--Legal support for immigrants				
--Rental assistance to avoid evictions				
--Public defenders/social workers				
-Nepali Health Advocates			2,000,000	
--Multicultural Wellness Center				
<b>7/28/2021</b>				
<b>Library, Arts &amp; Culture, Agriculture</b>				
-County Library			22,000,000	
--Expand to 56 hrs./wk for all branches		8,100,000		
--Rehab 6 libraries			625,000	
-Arts & Culture Commision				
--Enhance programs				
--About Face, Art of the African Disapora, etc.				
-Naina Shasti				
--Heritage Festival				
--Grants for local artists				other inspectors
-East Bay Performing Arts Center			500,000	
--Title 2 Schools Performing Arts			500,000	
--Arts Training Pathway			500,000	
--Student support/wrap around				
-Ryse Center				
-CC Dept. of Agriculture	2 FTE's (\$100k to start)		200,000	
--Additional inspectors				

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		One-Time	Annual	
<b>8/4/2021</b>				
<b>Enviroment &amp; Transportation</b>				
-Public Works			2,200,000	
--Flood Protesction			1,400,000	
--Storm Drains			400,000	
--Watershed Plains			600,000	
--Street Sweeping			1,000,000	
--Green Infrastructure				
-Dept. of Conservation & Development		1,400,000	TBD	
--Accessible Transportation Strategic Plan				
-CC County Sustainability			500,000	
--Climate Equity Project				
-Dept. of Conservation & Development			500,000	
--Northern Waterfront Initiative				
-Dept. of Conservation & Development			600,000	
--Illegal Dumping Initiative				
			2,500,000	
-350 Contra Costa				
--Climate Protection				
<b>Public Comment -No Presentations</b>				
Bi-Bett Addiction treatment ask for \$ to substance abuse tretatment			50,000	
Substance Use Disorder Counselor Education Grants-10k each person			300,000	
Substance Use Disorder psychiatrists-400k each			800,000	
Sobering Center			1,500,000	
Recovery Housing- for 100 clients			450,000	
Substance Use Disorder Provider Capital			250,000	

## Lisa Driscoll

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**From:** Marla Miyashiro <marla\_miyashiro@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 1, 2021 12:44 AM  
**To:** Lisa Driscoll  
**Cc:** Soheila Bana  
**Subject:** Request for vegetation manager for the 94803 ZIP code area  
**Attachments:** PXL\_20210814\_224557384.jpg

Hi Ms. Driscoll,

On the afternoon of Aug. 14, there was a fire on the hillside very close to my backyard. It burned behind the houses that are only two, three, and maybe four lots up the street from mine. Flying embers set a number of trees on fire, including one that was across the street -- hundreds of feet from the hillside. Part of a retaining wall burned, and the back windows of one house were blown out by the heat.

Fortunately the firefighters responded quickly and thoroughly, but as you can imagine, the blaze could have turned disastrous. I live near the bottom of a steep dead-end street, and had the fire gotten out of control, people up the street would have had to have tried to flee on foot.

Because of the extreme fire danger, there is a strong need for a vegetation manager in the 94803 ZIP code area, where I live. The area is a Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone, as it's part of the wildland-urban interface.

Both the Richmond Fire Department and the Contra Costa County Fire Protection District are underfunded.

We request a \$150,000 annual budget to hire a vegetation manager to mitigate fire fuels by issuing notices and citations and enforcing abatement codes by hiring contractors in both unincorporated El Sobrante and Richmond under the direction of the fire marshals of the city and county, who would work together on this project.

Can you please confirm that you've received this email? I'm attaching a photo of the fire.

Thank you,

Marla Miyashiro  
5119 Heavenly Ridge Ln.  
Richmond, CA 94803

cc: Soheila Bana





## Lisa Driscoll

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**From:** Soheila Bana <soheilabana@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 31, 2021 9:10 PM  
**To:** Lisa Driscoll  
**Subject:** Urgent Need for Vegetation Manager for 94803 zip code area

Dear Lisa,  
Here is my public comment for September 1 meeting:

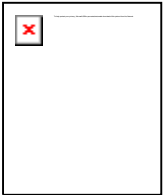
There is a strong need for a **Vegetation Manager** in the 94803 zip code area, a **Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone** as it is Wildland-Urban Interface.

Both the City of Richmond Fire Department and CCCFPD are underfunded.

We request for a **\$150,000** annual budget to hire a Vegetation Manager to mitigate fuels by issuing notices and citations, and enforcing abatement codes by hiring contractors in both the Unincorporated El Sobrante and Richmond under the direction of the Fire Marshals of the City and County who would work together on this project.

Please confirm receipt of this email.

Thank you,



**Soheila Bana**  
**510-779-7280**  
[SoheilaBana@gmail.com](mailto:SoheilaBana@gmail.com)  
*PhD, PE, CalBRE# 02028239*  
*Realty ONE Group Top Producer*

## Lisa Driscoll

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**From:** Xia Horowitz <xiahorowitz@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 1, 2021 8:53 AM  
**To:** Lisa Driscoll  
**Subject:** Vegetation Manager for 94803 Area

Hello, Ms. Driscoll,

I am a Richmond resident living in the Carriage Hills neighborhood . Our area abuts a lot of vegetation, and there is a great fire danger in the 94803 zip code area as a whole. We also have only a single access route for emergency vehicles and evacuation, Castro Ranch Road.

As I'm sure you, know, both the city and county fire departments are not fully funded, so we need as much help as possible in reducing our fire risk. The 94803 zip code area is a **Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone** with its Wildland Urban Interface.

What we really need is a **Vegetation Manager**. Please consider a **\$150,000** annual budget to hire a Vegetation Manager. The person in this position could help mitigate fuels by issuing notices and citations, and enforcing abatement codes by hiring contractors in both unincorporated El Sobrante and Richmond, under the joint direction of the city and county Fire Marshals.

Thank you.

Xia Horowitz

## Lisa Driscoll

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**From:** Elaine Ng <elainemng@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 1, 2021 10:30 AM  
**To:** Lisa Driscoll  
**Subject:** Urgent Need for Vegetation Manager for 94803 zip code area

Ms. Driscoll

There is a strong need for a **Vegetation Manager** in the 94803 zip code area, a **Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone** as it is Wildland Urban Interface.

Both the City of Richmond Fire Department and CCCFPD are underfunded.

We request for a **\$150,000** annual budget to hire a Vegetation Manager to mitigate fuels by issuing notices and citations, and enforcing abatement codes by hiring contractors in both the Unincorporated El Sobrante and Richmond under the direction of the Fire Marshals of the City and County who would work together on this project.

Please confirm receipt of this email.

Thank you,

Elaine Ng  
Richmond Resident

## Lisa Driscoll

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**From:** Ariellah Aflalo <ariellahk@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 1, 2021 1:21 PM  
**To:** Lisa Driscoll  
**Cc:** Soheila Bana  
**Subject:** Urgent Need for Vegetation Manager for 94803 zip code area

**Importance:** High

Hello,

I am reaching out to you as a homeowner on Crows Nest Way in El Sobrante, where I am literally backed up to the watershed/nature preserve area and am very very concerned about fire safety, management, prevention and action.

There is a strong need for a **Vegetation Manager** in the 94803 zip code area, a **Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone**, as it is Wildland Urban Interface.

Both the City of Richmond Fire Department and CCCFPD are underfunded.

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Please confirm receipt of this email.

Thank you,

~ Ariellah

415.425.8603



August 30, 2021

Contra Costa County  
Measure X Funding Request  
Delivered via Email and Personal Delivery

To the Measure X Board,

Attached please find the Program Narrative and Budget Proposal for funding consideration by the Measure X Board submitted on behalf of "getVOCAL for Victims". "getVOCALforVictims" is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization committed to the representation of the underserved population of crime victims in Contra Costa County. We hope to participate in the work here in Contra Costa County in collaboration with the Measure X Board and the leaders of Contra Costa County to make our community a better place for all of our residents. Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

Mary Knox  
President, Board of Directors  
getVOCAL for Victims  
victimcenteredtruthdriven@gmail.com



## **“getVOCAL for Victims” Budget Proposal**

**Requested Funding: \$2,000,000 per year**

**Fiscal Year: 2021-22**

**Tax Status: 501(c)(3)**

“getVOCAL for Victims” is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization registered with the California Secretary of State. “getVOCAL for Victims” is requesting \$2,000,000.00 in annual funding. This funding will be used to accomplish the following goals:

### **Director**

The director will manage the Measure X award, manage the “getVOCAL for Victims” project and manage the collection of statistical data. The director will work 40 hours per week and that work will be devoted to “getVOCAL for Victims” (getVOCAL). The director will accept cases and run conflicts checks, pair cases with pro-bono attorneys, and lead training and education efforts for those involved. The director will also be responsible to market the getVOCAL project to law firms, recruit attorneys, assign cases, and maintain training materials. We anticipate that participating pro-bono attorneys will vary in terms of the amount of time that they have to dedicate to cases depending on their other professional obligations, and their bandwidth will be assessed and considered in the assignment of each case to make sure that each individual victim’s needs are met.

The director will also manage partnerships with local police agencies, the District Attorney’s Office and local nonprofits (including the Family Justice Center, Community Violence Solutions, Pillars of Hope, Alliance to End Abuse, and Justice at Last). The director will head development and all fundraising efforts, including events and fostering relationships with donors. The director will be responsible for other marketing tasks, including management of social media platforms, publications, and any legislative efforts, including attending conferences like National Organization for Victim Assistance “NOVA,” Leave No Victim Behind, and the National Crime Center for Victims. Given the extent of these duties, this will be a full-time, salaried and benefited position.

## **getVOCAL Staff Attorney**

The getVOCAL Staff Attorney will be tasked with emergency assistance, intervention between victims and law enforcement and the District Attorney's Office. The staff attorney will appear and have a caseload of referred getVOCAL cases, assist with overload cases, and make appearances when needed on behalf of pro bono attorneys. The Staff Attorney will be qualified to answer and assist pro bono attorneys on issues and questions that arise during criminal prosecutions. This attorney will participate in outreach and training presentations. The Staff Attorney will also assist the Director on the daily responsibilities of getVOCAL for Victims.

## **getVOCAL for Victims Staff Advocate Position**

The getVOCAL for Victims Staff Advocate will be responsible for supporting victims throughout the criminal justice process. This person will advocate for victim's rights, manage referrals from the law enforcement community, the District Attorney's Office, and other community organizations. The advocate will provide direct services to victims and families, coordinate with other victim advocacy agencies and groups across the state and country, and participate in Multi-Disciplinary Meetings with other agencies in Contra Costa County. The advocate will assist with restitution and coordination with the Victim Compensation Board, assist in the preparation of victim impact statements, and work with the Victim Witness Programs in local agencies to support the much needed crisis intervention, education on victim's rights under Marsy's Law, and facilitate mental health referrals if needed.

## **getVOCAL Office Staff Admin/Paralegal**

A clerk will provide the Director with assistance with scheduling and clerical support. This person will be responsible for answering the phone and emails to communicate with referral victims. The Staff employee will also assist with emergency referrals if needed. The daily responsibilities will include managing the calendar of the Director, Staff Attorney, requesting documents for cases, and be able to review documents. This position may need to order reports, process documents for restitution, submit and receive victim impact statements, and maintain the billing and payroll tasks for getVOCAL.

## **Office Space and Supplies**

getVOCAL will require office space to conduct business, in addition space at the Family Justice Center, in order to meet with victims, volunteer attorneys and hold meetings with community partners. The office will require office furniture, computers, printers, phone and internet service, funding for our website and internet training platform and cloud storage for our "brief bank", as well as general office supplies.

## **Marketing Materials**

getVOCAL will need brochures and materials to be distributed to victims to educate them about their constitutional rights and their access to “fee free” attorneys through getVOCAL. This will be a recurring cost involving design fees, translation fees and printing fees.

## **Translation Fees**

Contra Costa County has a diverse population. Many victims of crime are not native English-speakers. The complexities of the criminal justice system are challenging even for native English-speakers. Access to translators must be available to every victim in the language that is best for the victim to provide truly meaningful victim representation. This will require contracts with translation services and translators in many different languages.

getVOCAL needs translation services to communicate with victims from diverse backgrounds while connecting them with volunteer attorneys. Volunteer attorneys will need a translator to effectively communicate with victims who are not primarily English-speaking in a confidential setting and to translate for victims in court.

## **Operational Costs**

There will be operational costs that are continuous and necessary. This will include court filing fees incurred by volunteer attorneys, cell phone contracts, mileage reimbursement for employees, in-house attorney fees and CPA fees, and costs to attend victims’ rights conferences and legislative sessions, and necessary additional unforeseen costs (ex. COVID safety required expenses).





**getVOCAL for Victims**  
**Project Narrative**

Historically, the criminal justice system has sought to balance the constitutional rights of criminal defendants versus the constitutional rights of victims of crime through the participation of the District Attorney and defense attorneys. In this system, the District Attorney's Office represents the People of the State of California. Criminal defendants are represented by court-appointed, fee-free attorneys to protect their constitutional rights. Victims of crime, who have guaranteed constitutional rights co-equal to those of the defendants, are the only party in the criminal justice process who do not have the right to fee-free legal representation. Unless a victim of crime has the financial means to hire an attorney to represent them, crime victims' constitutional rights in the criminal justice process become meaningless, potentially resulting in the miscarriage of justice for victims of crime and their families.

The State of California has protections in the law for victim's rights. In California, the voters enacted "Marsy's Law" in 2008. "Marsy's Law" amended the California State Constitution to create constitutional rights for victims and families of victims to be heard throughout the criminal justice system. Even with these rights, without an attorney to represent them, victims' voices are frequently not heard in the criminal justice process.

It is crucial that Contra Costa County leaders remedy this injustice by providing fee-free legal representation to victims of crime. "getVOCAL for Victims" will partner with the County to facilitate this long-needed protection for victims' constitutional rights and ensure that victims' voices are heard.

**Proposed Solution**

"getVOCAL for Victims" (getVOCAL) will provide fee-free legal representation to crime victims by partnering with volunteer attorneys to provide victims legal representation throughout a criminal prosecution. Recent legislation has vastly expanded the opportunities for criminal defendants to appear before the CDCR parole board and advocate for their release from prison. Crime victims have the constitutional right to speak at every parole hearing and to have representation with them at the hearing yet they have no access to fee-free legal representation. These changes in the law have created a significant increase in the need for victim legal representation in proceedings which have the potential to have a dramatic impact on victims of crime and their families. These recent changes in our laws have further exacerbated the gaping void in victim access to legal representation.

For victims of crime, the impact of the criminal justice system is not just about the outcome of the case. Each crime victim represents a life forever impacted by the crime itself and then by their experience in the complexities of the criminal justice system. A victim's constitutional right to be heard in the process begins by ensuring that cases are properly investigated by the police and evaluated in the filing process by the District Attorney. A victim's rights attorney who represents the victim from the time the crime is committed can ensure that the case is properly investigated and charged and reduce the trauma of the criminal justice process on the victim, thus reducing the risk that the victim is "revictimized" by the process that was designed to protect a crime victim.

### **Problem Statement**

In the current system in Contra Costa County, crime victims have access to Victim Witness Advocates who work inside the District Attorney's Office and assist victims throughout the pendency of the prosecution. The advocates assist victims in obtaining counseling and services, they accompany victims to court, they assist victims compiling evidence for a restitution order and often provide a bridge between the prosecutor and the victim. However, Victim Witness Advocates are not lawyers and are not able to provide legal assistance to victims or to advocate for them in court or to file legal documents on their behalf. Prosecutors may have interests which are contrary to the interests of the victim. Consequently, providing an attorney who will appear for the victim in court and who works in collaboration with Victim Witness Advocates and the District Attorney will ensure that no victim is left unheard in the criminal justice system.

The majority of crime victims come from economically disadvantaged, underserved communities and cannot afford to hire a victims' rights attorney to represent them. For those victims fortunate enough to have the means to hire an attorney, there are few attorneys who practice victims' rights law. getVOCAL has developed a training manual which covers every stage of the criminal process to train attorneys who volunteer their time to represent crime victims and provide them with legal resources. getVOCAL will work with private law firms to identify attorneys who are willing to work *pro bono* (free of charge) to represent crime victims. getVOCAL will collaborate with law schools to create clinics for law students to provide supervised victim representation and getVOCAL will work with the local bar association to connect practicing attorneys in the community with victim clients.

To give true meaning to crime victims' federal and state constitutional rights to be heard in the criminal justice process, crime victims must have access to effective legal representation to advocate on their behalf. While a victims' rights lawyer may not change the outcome of a criminal prosecution, access to one empowers a victim throughout the process and guarantees that their voices will be heard. This will allow the District Attorney to focus on the prosecution of the case with the knowledge that the victim's rights are being protected by the victims rights attorney. The Court will also benefit as judges will know that the victim's constitutional rights are being protected at every stage of the proceeding. Ultimately, our community will benefit as victims are empowered throughout the criminal prosecution resulting in true justice for all parties involved in the process.

## **Non-Profit Overview**

getVOCAL is an established 501(c)(3) non-profit organization in Contra Costa County. getVOCAL has built relationships in our community with lawyers, judges, law enforcement and non-profit community partners who interact with victims on a daily basis to build a better Contra Costa. getVOCAL will expand the County's reach to victims by focusing on victim outreach in a way never done before in our County.

getVOCAL will engage in outreach to the diverse and under-served victim community in order to reach every victim and educate them about their constitutional rights, the emerging issues and changes in the criminal law and services available to crime victims. Information, education and access are the keys to addressing the issues facing victims in the criminal justice system. Through the continued training and education of all of our stakeholders and partners, getVOCAL will create an environment in the criminal justice system where the enforcement of victims' rights is the new normal in every criminal prosecution.

getVOCAL understands that victims' rights education needs to be continuing and on-going. Attorneys, judges, law enforcement officers, and employees of our community partners will eventually retire or move on to other projects or organizations. Consequently, getVOCAL has built an evidence-based training platform that is easily updated and replicated to ensure that volunteer attorneys have access to the most relevant and current legal resources, case law and a "brief bank" to assist them in their representation of victims. Every attorney who volunteers to represent crime victims through getVOCAL will undergo training on victims' rights, trauma-informed practices in their interactions with victims and the issues that arise in victims' rights representation. Through education and hands-on experience in the field of victims' rights advocacy in law schools, getVOCAL envisions a future where lawyers graduate from law school committed to volunteering to represent victims' rights regardless of the area of law they ultimately practice.

## **Project Design and Implementation**

In the current COVID environment, getVOCAL has pivoted from providing in-person outreach and services to a hybrid model of on-line and in-person services to reach victims in both urban and rural areas throughout Contra Costa. In the ever-changing world of online resources and online teaching, getVOCAL has been innovating to increase the online assistance available to victims in a variety of forums to simplify the complexities involved in navigating the criminal justice system. This digital forum will be the backbone of getVOCAL's victim representation.

In addition to on-line resources for crime victims, getVOCAL will have an Executive Director (hereinafter "Director") who is an attorney in good standing with the California State Bar. The Director and other staff will be responsible for creating and maintaining the database of lawyers available to represent victims. Every victim request for representation will be directed to the Director who will conduct a legal conflicts check with regard to the parties involved in the case. The Director will maintain direct contact with the attorneys assigned to represent victims and will be available to advise the volunteer attorneys in questions of law and procedure. The

Director will be responsible for ensuring that all volunteer attorneys have completed the online training prior to representing a crime victim. The Director will also be responsible for ensuring that the online resources are updated on a timely basis.

In March, 2019, getVOCAL held a launch event to introduce the goals and objectives of getVOCAL to attorneys in our legal community in Contra Costa County, coincidentally, a day before the pandemic shut down our County. The purpose of the event was to solicit lawyers to provide representation to victims of crime.. Many attorneys came to the event and submitted Letters of Intent pledging to achieve getVOCAL's goal of representation for every victim in the criminal justice system. Since our launch, getVOCAL's attorney partners have appeared in court in Contra Costa County, in parole hearings and in court proceedings in San Francisco representing AAPI victims of crime.

getVOCAL has met with different advocacy groups in Contra Costa County to build relationships and begin referral partnerships. For example, Contra Costa has three Family Justice Centers located in the cities of Richmond, Concord and Antioch. These centers support many underserved victims of crime. The Centers' Executive Director has signed a letter of intent to partner with getVOCAL to offer space to meet with clients and also to refer victims to the program. getVOCAL's presence in the Family Justice Center to assist victims and to connect with other victim services will better serve the victim community throughout the criminal justice process, from investigation through post-sentencing representation.

getVOCAL also recognizes the need to increase education and advocacy in the larger legal community. This will include education to larger groups, including the defense bar, private attorneys, judges, and prosecutors. Community training courses will include understanding victims' rights and the need for victim representation in the criminal justice process. The resources and community connections that getVOCAL has built make it uniquely situated to provide training and education that incorporates presentations and testimonials from victims and victim's families directly. It is getVOCAL's mission to incorporate those victim stories into our trainings and informational materials to allow attorneys, law students and the community to hear directly from those who have been negatively impacted by the criminal justice system.

No one plans on being a victim and many go through life assuming that "it will never happen to me." Hearing the real and personal stories directly from victims and families of victims and how their lives have been forever impacted is the most influential way to have others understand the importance of the work getVOCAL seeks to do.

### **Yearlong Goals**

By the end of the year, depending on the impact of COVID-19, getVOCAL plans to have the Director in place, hire a staff member, and have completed several rounds of marketing and outreach to lawyers in the community to expand the pool of volunteer lawyers committed to

the project. The initial training for all pro bono lawyers will be completed and the information will already have been distributed so that getVOCAL lawyers are ready to represent victims.

The Director will also have a system in place to conduct conflicts checks between victims and lawyers and have a database of lawyers created. The “brief bank” and access to it will be completed; however, it is envisioned that the “brief bank” will be a continual work in progress as new laws that impact victims are passed and new issues arise throughout the criminal justice system. The Director will monitor and quality check all information in the “brief bank” so it remains current and accurate.

Outreach to the many victim-based community organizations, law enforcement and community partners to provide them with getVOCAL informational materials and contact information will be on-going. Organizations such as the Family Justice Centers, Community Violence Solutions, Alliance to End Abuse, Pillars of Hope and Justice at Last are all non-profit organizations that have direct contact with victims. The Board Members of getVOCAL have pre-existing relationships with these organizations. As such, distribution of materials and collaboration with these organizations is a high priority to help connect victims in need of getVOCAL representation to a lawyer who can assist them.

getVOCAL will collect statistical data to demonstrate the quantity and quality of our work and commitment to our mission. We will divide the data into separate sections that will translate to the goals, objectives, and deliverables defined in Program Description above. getVOCAL will break down each case to include the type of crime, the representational needs of the victim and means by which the victim learned about getVOCAL. getVOCAL will also collect data regarding the socioeconomic and ethnic identity of the victims, where in the criminal justice process the criminal case was when the victim sought services and the victim demographics to ensure that getVOCAL is reaching all communities equally.

In addition to the information above, statistics will be collected within each of the attorney client relationships. For example, getVOCAL will track the number of appearances, motions written, changes of decision based on the representation, and hours spent by each attorney and/or law student. This information will be vital to support and prove that there is a need for this type of representation.

As early as the launch, getVOCAL started to track attorneys who were introduced to the organization. getVOCAL has a list of attorneys that have committed time (some have submitted letters of intent attached) and will continue to collect this data. getVOCAL will collect information regarding the law firms committed to

participating with getVOCAL, the attorneys that enroll and the number of attorneys from each law firm that contribute time.

Finally, getVOCAL will track outreach in the community including the conferences attended by getVOCAL representatives as attendees, speakers, or in other capacities; the training provided by the staff, director, or board members; and legislative meetings, communications, or efforts made by our staff, the director, or by one of the board members.

## Lisa Driscoll

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**From:** Daniel Barth <danielrichardbarth@gmail.com>  
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**Cc:** Mariana Moore; BK Williams  
**Subject:** Recommendation to MXCAB for HTF, #36: Interim Shelter  
**Attachments:** HTF#36.Interim Shelter.MXCAB.pdf

Thank you for your leadership to bring community participation to the MXCAB prioritization process.

It is hoped that the Housing Trust Fund (priority #36) dedicates a portion of the Fund to Interim Shelter approaches.

Attached is a document that summarizes the Interim Shelter approaches that would divert unhoused individuals from unsupported homeless encampments to safe, managed locations; state-compliant transitional villages; and a pathway to permanent housing.

It is not enough for H3 to reopen emergency shelters and expand Project Homekey. People who remain unsheltered will continue to seek survival on the streets, parks, creeks, freeways, and train tracks. Moving unhoused populations off city streets and into managed spaces is the only financially feasible short-term solution available.

Thank you, MXCAB members, for taking the time to review this recommendation.

Daniel

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**Recommendation to MXCAB for Housing Trust Fund, Priority #36**  
**Interim Shelter: Immediate, Cost-Effective Solutions to a Public Health Crisis**

An alliance of seven housing justice and homeless services organizations in Contra Costa County have strongly urged the MXCAB to name housing priorities for Measure X funding that:

1. Comprehensively address affordable housing across the 3 P's (Protection, Preservation, and Production);
2. Explicitly name strategies for housing stability that counteract the looming threats of displacement amidst the phase out of eviction moratoriums set to expire this Fall; and
3. Offer integrated housing and homelessness intervention strategies.

The following brief summarizes two interim shelter solutions that are recommended to bridge the gap between homelessness and permanent housing. Such approaches would complement current semi-congregate sheltering and Project Homekey transitional housing solutions.

The housing justice advocates strongly urge that the MXCAB funding priorities presented to the Board of Supervisors reflect a recommendation for a County Housing Trust Fund. Half of the funds allocated for a Housing Trust Fund would be used on preservation and anti-displacement as a preventive measure to marginal housing and homelessness.

Among these recommendations, the alliance of advocates recommends that the Housing Trust Fund dedicate a portion of the Fund for an interdepartmental grant program between the Department of Conservation and Development, the Health, Housing and Homeless Services (H3) Department, and the Contra Costa Housing Authority to ***prioritize interim shelter solutions that would divert unhoused individuals from unsupported encampments to safe, managed locations; state-compliant transitional villages; and a pathway to permanent housing.***

**Overview of Need for Interim Shelter Approaches**

Thousands of people in Contra Costa County are currently homeless. Contra Costa County Health Services (CHS) estimates that there are at least 1,000 unsheltered homeless people in Richmond alone. Most do not have even temporary emergency shelter options and live outdoors in homeless encampments. People living in unsupported encampments subsist day-to-day in squalid, unhealthy conditions, exposed to cold, rain and wind, crime and violence, lack of basic needs such as food and medical treatment, and lack of adequate sanitation and debris collection services, all of which are detrimental to public health and safety. Many are elderly and/or have underlying health conditions but lack access to medical care. CHS saw an 88% increase in the number of unsheltered homeless seniors age 62 and older in one year and the number of older adults in their seventies and eighties continue to grow at an alarming rate.



Prior to the pandemic, our county had shelter beds for less than 28% of the homeless population. The vulnerability index used by CHS to decide who got a shelter bed was literally "*Who is most likely to die out there tonight.*" After many months of closure, shelters are beginning to reopen, but the number of available beds must decrease dramatically due to distancing requirements.

Living on the streets or with chronic housing insecurity causes trauma and continuous deterioration of physical and mental health. A recent study found that homeless people are 23 times more likely to be murdered and 17 times more likely to commit suicide than people with housing. They are likely to live about 30 fewer years than they would if housed. Homeless youth aged 15-24 in San Francisco have a ten times higher mortality rate than their peers with permanent housing; all of these deaths were preventable.

Homelessness is a serious public health and safety issue and has a major negative impact on the quality of our city life. The conditions in which unsheltered people live impact the surrounding residential and business communities to a large degree. Homelessness is expensive, costing taxpayers millions of dollars in police, medical, and clean-up expenses. Homeless people make up about 33% of all emergency room visits, most of which could be prevented.

It is not enough for H3 to reopen emergency shelters and expand Project Homekey. People who remain unsheltered will continue to seek survival on the streets, parks, creeks, freeways, and train tracks. ***Moving unhoused populations off city streets and into managed spaces is the only financially feasible short-term solution available.***

Safely managed spaces can be established by developing transitional villages that provide temporary emergency housing and supportive services on a pathway to permanent housing. In this model, state-compliant emergency sleeping cabins and shared amenities are provided in a community setting in non-residential areas. Case managers and housing navigators work with residents to address any barriers they may have to obtaining permanent housing.

Another interim shelter solution is a scattered sites model in which a number of hosts (such as churches or community centers with parking lots) provide space for a small number of vehicle or emergency sleeping cabin dwellers.

Safe off-street parking and cabin communities – in both scattered site and convergent models – can take hundreds of people off the street and address problems of neighborhood disorder, homelessness, and the lack of safety net resources.

The ultimate goal of these interventions is permanent housing and the ability to remain housed. They bridge the gap between precarious life on the streets and stable permanent

housing. In many cities around the country, transitional villages have proven to be a critical component of their continuum of care.

These interim shelter solutions offer safety, stability, and a cleaner, healthier environment, as well as a pathway to permanent housing, for a fraction of the cost of other alternatives. They provide basic needs such as safe and stable shelter, food, water, and hygiene, as well as a sense of community, purpose, dignity, and hope. For each resident, a personalized service plan based on individual need, and focused on procurement of housing, may include medical and dental care, housing assistance, help applying for benefits and health insurance, employment counseling, job training or job placement, financial literacy counseling, and mental health and substance abuse services.

Some of the advantages of these strategies over other alternatives are:

- They could be up and running in a very short time frame.
- They cost far less than other types of shelter.
- Emergency cabins can be assembled in a weekend, compared to years for new housing.
- Many homeless people face barriers to using traditional shelters, and there simply isn't enough shelter space or affordable housing for everyone.
- Public interest in transitional villages is high. Volunteers across the country participate in building these villages.

### **Transitional Villages** **Community Living in Non-Residential Areas**

The proposed transitional village model would most closely resemble the one developed by the Low Income Housing Institute in Seattle, which has helped hundreds of residents transition into permanent housing and find employment with a much higher success rate and lower cost than traditional shelters. Rather than providing a simple collection of emergency sleeping cabins, the villages are intentional communities in which residents share responsibilities. The empowerment-based model fosters personal investment in its success, leadership and organizational growth. A primary goal is to have a positive impact on the immediate neighborhood.

A state-compliant emergency sleeping cabin is a relocatable hard-sided structure that is occupied during a local declaration of shelter crisis. Each single-occupant cabin will be either 8' x 10' or 8' x 12' (the size of a small bedroom), with a real residential locking door, a functioning window, heat, electricity, and a bed. Larger units and/or a permitted loft may accommodate additional occupants. Each unit will be equipped with a smoke alarm, CO detector and fire

extinguisher. Additional furnishings and an outside storage unit will be added to each unit as funds or in-kind donations permit.

Cooking and bathroom facilities will be provided in communal spaces and shared, much like in Single Room Occupancy (SRO) housing. Refrigerated storage will be provided for safe storage of food. Toilet and bathing facilities will be sufficient to process the anticipated volume of sewage and wastewater to maintain sanitary conditions. Potable drinking water will be provided. Villages may include gardens, picnic tables, workshops, and micro-businesses run by residents.

Transitional villages can be scaled to any size, and if necessary, can be developed incrementally in stages, with expansion occurring as fundraising milestones are reached. While a permanent location would be ideal, villages can also be located on a temporary basis (for example, on a site that is slated for future development), because all components are designed to be relocatable.

In addition to safe and stable shelter, it has been proven that case management and supportive services are crucial to successful housing placement for most unsheltered people, and these will be primary program components. A desire for permanent housing and willingness to accept the necessary services will be requirements for residents of the villages.

### **Transitional Village Implementation**

Anticipated steps for development, establishment, and operations of a transitional village:

#### **Adopt an ordinance**

- Declare a county-wide shelter crisis and pass an ordinance to incorporate Emergency Housing Building Standards Appendices X and O, as adopted by the State of California for Emergency Housing Buildings And Facilities (Note: The City of Richmond has already passed such an ordinance.)

#### **Secure a Site**

- Define site criteria
- Search for and visit potential sites
- Assess site feasibility
- Negotiate site acquisition
- Conduct neighborhood outreach (non-residential areas only considered)

## **Site Preparation**

- Obtain permits
- Make site improvements as necessary (eg. ground cover, utilities, fencing, lighting)
- Procure water tanks if no water source
- Procure materials for cabins, security building, community tent or building
- Procure toilets, washing stations, cooking facilities, refrigeration

## **Management and Operations Plan**

- Document site and program operations standards for security, enforcement, evacuation, accessibility, fire prevention, etc, appropriate for health, welfare and safety
- Outline goals and plans for connections with community resources, and plans for ongoing community engagement

## **Village Infrastructure**

- Design village layout for cabins, community buildings and amenities
- Arrange "build days" for cabins and community structures
- Procure and arrange furniture, bedding, heaters, smoke detectors, etc.
- Set up office/security building with computer, phone and other equipment
- Arrange for garbage and recycling service

## **Staffing**

- Executive Director of managing entity
- Operations Manager
- Village Administrator
- Resident Managers
- Housing/Resource Navigators
- Case manager(s)
- Shuttle driver

## **Governance**

- Develop formalized governance structure, which will include working with residents to implement site/program operations, resident expectations of conduct, resident rights and responsibilities, and a resident and community grievance policy

- Residents participate in the adoption and enforcement of policy, assist with security and property maintenance (including the adjacent neighborhood block), and share experience and expertise with their peers

### **Resident Selection**

- Determine criteria
- Develop referral and application process

### **Services Plan**

- Case managers and housing/resource navigators assess residents' needs and formulate personalized service plans to address any barriers to obtaining and maintaining permanent housing
- Services will be based on need and may include medical and dental care, housing referrals and assistance such as filling out applications, assistance applying for benefits such as SSI or veterans' benefits, assistance applying for health insurance, employment counseling, job training or job placement, mental health services, legal advice, financial literacy counseling, addiction treatment, and other services needed to assist them in reaching their goals
- Case manager and housing/resource navigator will meet with the residents on a regular basis to ensure that they are engaging in the activities required to address any obstacles to obtaining housing and that their needs are being met in terms of issues such as medical care, etc.
- All residents will be required to be on a waiting list for permanent housing
- Navigator will perform community outreach to business owners, realtors, landlords, housing developers and other service providers to build strong relationships and identify new and existing opportunities to better assist residents in accessing resources, employment, supportive services, and housing opportunities

### **Scattered Sites**

#### **Secure Off-Street Safe Parking in Neighborhoods**

As residents continue to become homeless and vehicle dwellers increasingly become located and disbursed from curbsides, the need for secure locations will increase. In the scattered sited

model, churches, nonprofits, cultural facilities, government buildings, and social service centers with parking lots provide temporary space for one to four vehicle-dwelling households per site. Qualified program candidates are vetted and matched with appropriate host sites as household guests. In exchange for off-street access, the households provide stewardship of the property and adjacent neighborhood streets.

Trash removal, handwashing and drinking water, portable toilets and RV wastewater disposal, electrical power, and access to nearby mobile showers are provided. A case manager works with the guests to address their housing needs. Liability insurance is provided by the managing entity. A 3-party contractual agreement is drafted between the household, host, and managing entity.

The managing entity provides a mobile engagement team for daily monitoring and liaison support to ensure that the household's presence at the host's site is favorable to all parties. Additional on-site support is provided as needed. This tailored, intensive process will provide an interim step for dozens of households until sustainable mid- and long-term housing arrangements are secured.

### **Scattered Sites Implementation**

The first step in implementing a scattered sites program would be to pass enabling legislation at the county level. (Note: The City of Richmond has already passed the necessary ordinance.) Then selection of a managing entity and outreach to potential hosts can commence.

Once a host has agreed to participate in the program, the following procedures are followed:

- The host will be interviewed by the managing entity to establish what amenities are already present on the site and what types of situations they can accommodate (such as families, older adults, chronic health conditions, etc.), and to gather information that will assist in selecting one or more households that are likely to be compatible with the host and the immediate surroundings.
- Interested vehicle dwellers will be interviewed to determine their needs in terms resources, supportive services, and the functionality of their vehicles.
- The host applies for a permit, if required.
- A 3-party contractual agreement between the host, the household guest, and the managing entity is drafted for an initial 30-60 day stay. This agreement will outline the responsibilities of all parties. (Note: after the probationary period, the host may choose

to extend the arrangement and revise the agreement in a monthly renewable contract, detailed and enforced in accordance with any further specifications the host may have.)

- The household receives coaching to prepare them for the responsibility and to promote accountability in their role as steward of the host's property. They are also assisted with meeting any compliance requirements related to the vehicle.
- The host site is prepared for the arrival of the household guests. Depending on the site, this may include installation of a portable toilet and handwashing station, procurement of a drinking water storage tank, support for wastewater disposal, access to electrical power, provision of liability insurance, and anything deemed necessary by the host.
- Once the guests have been settled at the site, a service provider will visit on a regular basis to provide the resources needed such as drinking water and trash removal. Portable toilets will be serviced by the rental company.
- A Case Manager and Housing/Resource Navigator will meet with the guests on a regular basis to ensure that they are engaging in the activities required to address any obstacles to obtaining housing and that their needs are being met in terms of issues such as medical care.
- A Housing/Resource Navigator will actively seek potential housing opportunities for the guests and assist with preparing the guests to qualify for housing.

Homelessness is a major crisis of our times. The urgent housing crisis and worsening economic conditions will continue to drive more people out of their housing and into first-time homelessness. People who are currently homeless suffer needlessly every day with insufficient responses to their practical needs. Our county needs immediate and effective solutions, and interim shelter will be a critical step for many along the continuum from homelessness to permanent housing.

## Lisa Driscoll

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**From:** Kirk Lawrence <kirk\_lawrence@yahoo.com>  
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**Subject:** Measure X funding allocation

I'm a discovery bay resident and like others are concerned about the amount of crime in the local area. It costs much more to insure my car here than it did in San Jose! Crazy.

Sheriff Livingston and his Department have always served Discovery Bay and Contra Costa County the best they can. Unfortunately, with the limited manpower and resources, many of our crimes and concerns do not yield criminal arrests and therefore these crimes continue. I support the Sheriff's request for Measure X funds to acquire the much-needed resources to improve their staffing, reduce response times and investigate the crimes that occur and hopefully arrest the bad elements in our towns. The citizens of Contra Costa County will benefit from the requested Sheriff Department "Service" upgrades. Please make sure they have sufficient funds to keep us and our properties safe.

-Kirk  
Homeowner at 474 Discovery Pt, Discovery bay.



## **Lisa Driscoll**

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**To:** Lisa Driscoll  
**Subject:** Past Saddleback HOA President

*Sheriff Livingston and his Department have always served Blackhawk and our County in a very professional manner. I support the Sheriff's request for Measure X funds to acquire the funds to better their staffing, reduce response times and investigate "quality of life crimes." The citizens of Contra Costa County will benefit from the requested Sheriff Department "Service" upgrades.*

*Thank you for your consideration,*

*Linda King*

## Lisa Driscoll

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**From:** juliepso@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 31, 2021 8:58 PM  
**To:** Lisa Driscoll  
**Subject:** Appeal to Measure X Committee

Lisa,

The Sheriff Dept. does not need any money for more Officers or equipment, they receive enough already thru a lot of funding. We all know they are not underfunded, instead the Sheriff's Office has Deputies and other personnel working in Security positions for Health Services and Employment and Human Services, which is a huge waste of money and resources that could be going to help communities. The Sheriff's Office has 2 Sergeants, a Lieutenant, Numerous deputies, 2 Roving deputies doing security work for Health Services and Employment and Human services.

These are highly trained Sheriff employees and should be on the streets not in security positions that a security guard is working and doing the job. I see first hand what a financial cost and waste of county funds that citizens of Contra Costa County are entitled to have going towards their safety and protection.

I Received a work Schedule that a Sheriff Sergeant was asking Deputies to sign up for overtime and he stated "easy money". Easy money to work doing the same job side by side as security officers making \$12.00 an hour.

The Sheriff's should be on the street serving residents, Sheriff personnel that work these positions only do so not wanting to work in community or jail.

Please decline to give measure x funds to Sheriff Department.

Thank You



# Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors

## Subcommittee Report

### MEASURE X COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD

**Meeting Date:** 09/08/2021  
**Subject:** Review and Discuss 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:** Measure X Community Advisory Committee  
**Presenter:** Mariana Moore **Contact:**

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#### **Referral History:**

REVIEW and DISCUSS process for finalizing priorities and recommendations to submit to the Board of Supervisors (Mariana Moore, Chair)

#### **Referral Update:**

Please see attached 'Presentation Summary' pdf document for continued discussion. The MXCAB will also conduct additional polling if timing allows.

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

Continue discussion of potential funding priorities and polling results, and consider finalizing priorities and recommendations to submit to the Board of Supervisors.

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#### **Attachments**

Presentation Summary

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# Measure X Community Advisory Board Presentation Summary - revised 8/6/21

Date/Topic /Program	Program	Funding Ask		Notes
		One-Time	Annual	
<b>5/12/2021</b>				
<b>Seniors/Disabled People/Vetrans</b>				
CC Aging & Adult Svcs.				
-Master Plan on Aging	2 FTE for outreach		300,000	
-Additional Outreach	1 FTE		200,000	
Case Management Services			300,000	
Discretionary Funds			750,000	
Nurse behavioral health clinicians			350,000	
Aging Service Providers		2,000,000	3,000,000	\$2-\$6 million/year
CC Veterans Services				
-Additional Outreach	1 FTE		200,000	
<b>Community Safety: Fire Protection</b>				
-Reopen/staff closed fire stations (Con Fire-1/East CC-3/Pinole-1)	5 stations		9,000,000	\$7M
-Richmond 4th firefighter on truck				
-Veg. management & response	1 FTE		785,000	
-Wildfire mitigation: fuel reduction			2,500,000	Con Fire Crew 12
-Seasonal Fire Engine upstaffing			2,000,000	
-Emergency Communications			2,500,000	Staffing-wildfire risk periods
--Con Fire				
--SRV			1,986,000	7 fire stations/districts
--EB Reg. Comm. Sys. Athy			1,150,000	County
-Replace facilities: seismic/EOS			1,000,000	mobile units/replace radios
-Risk reduction: Regional inspectors			3,000,000	
-Emergency Preparedness/Planning	8 positions		1,600,000	Con Fire-3/Other agencies-5
-Training: So. County Training Facility	1 position		500,000	Manager/training/EWS
-Regional Paramedic			700,000	No So. County facility
-Helicopter for fire season			600,000	Richmond/scholarship/trainin
		1,500,000		after
<b>5/26/2021</b>				
<b>Early Childhood</b>				
-Children & Families				
--Immediate family support (37%)			10,500,000	
--Funding for childcare spots (36%)				
--Childhood mental health services (12%)				
--Children with disabilities (15%)				

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		One-Time	Annual	
-Service Providers				
--Network supports to connect providers			5,950,000	break-out not clear
--Family partners/resource navigators				break-out not clear
--Early care/education supports				break-out not clear
-Integrated Systems				
--Children's Leadership Council			200,000	break-out not clear
--Children's well being index				break-out not clear

**6/9/2021**

## Youth & Young Adults

-CC County Employment/Human Services				
Discretionary fund for CPS social workers and foster youth			1,482,000	
Transformational ideas- behavioral health, family reunification housin			600,000	
Whole Family Living Resources with case management in the commur			800,000	
Family Visitation Center home			970,240	
24/7 Respite for Children of All Ages			708,160	
Permanent Housing Subsidies and Child Care			2,880,000	

- CC County Office of Education
  - School based mental health
  - Communty schools/expanded learning
  - Summer programing

-CC County Health Services

-RYSE Youth Center

**6/16/2021**

## Healthcare

-New County Health Lab		20,000,000		
-CC County Health Services-Reg. Hospital		20,000,000	35,000,000	
--Ambulatory services				
--Physical & behaviorial health integration				
--Ambulatory surgery center				
--Gastrointestinal/pulmonary suite				
--Clinical space				
--Cancer center				
--Residency center				
--MRI				

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		One-Time	Annual	
--Geriatric services				
--Hospital services				
--Labor & delivery/perinatal				
--PES expansion				
--Cardiac/pulmonary				
--Rehabilitation (PT/OT)				
--Level 3 stroke center				
--Inpatient dialysis				
--Radiology suite				
--Infrastructure				
--Seismic				
--HVAC/Seismic				
--Modernization & care upgrades				
--Isolation rooms/parking				
-CC County Cares			1,500,000	
<b>6/23/2021</b>				
<b>Mental &amp; Behavioral Health/Disabled</b>				
-Community Crisis Response Initiative		5,000,000	20,000,000	
--Miles Hall Community Crisis Hub				
- SRV Fire Pilot Program				
--Medical response to mental health emergencies			740,200	
-Deaf Hope				
--Deaf leadership program			250,000	
-CC Council on Disabilities				
--East County multi-agency center			200,000	
-Putnam Clubhouse				
-Rainbow Center				
<b>6/30/2021</b>				
<b>Housing &amp; Homelessness</b>				
-CC Hsg. Authority/Dept. Conservation & Dev.				
--Local Housing Trust Fund				"collective ask" - funds to be

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	\$ for varied hsg. Needs		12,000,000	allocated on an annual basis
-Monument Impact				federal programs
-Richmond Land Trust				
-SOS				
<b>7/7/2021</b>				
<b>Community Safety: Justice Systems</b>				
-District Attorney's Office				
--Young Adult Diversion			1,000,000	
--Combating Human Trafficking			1,000,000	
--Independent Investigations Bureau			3,000,000	
-County Probation Office				
--Office of Reentry & Justice (ORJ)				
individuals with complex BH needs			2,400,000	
Drug Treatment Services		\$	3,672,000	
SLE/Recovery Housing		\$	3,240,000	
Mentorship Support		\$	933,050	
Circles		\$	297,593	
Family Reunification and Connectivity programs		\$	626,667	
			5,503,000	
			16,672,310	\$2 Million for 3 teams
-Office of Public Defender				
--Front End Advocacy Teams (FEATS)	3 teams in County		2,000,000	
--Investigator/Soc. Wkr/Atty/Assts.	5 per team			combines staffing cost items
-Sheriff's Office			11,390,000	
--Additional Neighborhood Patrols				
--Mental Health Evaluation Teams				
--Quality of Life Crimes-Detectives				one time cost
--GPS enabled Dispatching System				ongoing cost
--Body & Car Cameras	1,800,000			
--Body & Car Cameras			1,440,000	
-Rubicon Programs				
--Employment & Placement Services				
--Reentry Success Center				
Safe Return Project			28,000,000	

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		One-Time	Annual	
Equity Center- East County		20,000,000	2,000,000	
Reimagine Public Safety Campaign	shift public funding			
Richmond Reimagining Public Safety				
Collective Healing and Transformation Proj. (CHaT)				
--Comm. Based restorative justice			750,000	
--Civil/Legal Assistance	childcare, housing assistance		1,000,000	
--Comm. Victim Advocates			500,000	
--Comm. Connectedness			500,000	
--Flexible Financial Assistance			1,000,000	
--Public Health			1,000,000	
-EHSD Workforce Services Bureau	Navigator, Cal Fresh Housing Assistance		2,800,000	federal match
-Child Support	3 positions/Navigators		360,000	state match
-Equitable Econ. Recovery Task Force	Guaranteed income pilot		2,000,000	
-Rubicon	Workforce Collaborative Cal Fresh Fresh Success		1,700,000 200,000 750,000	
-Opportunity Junction	No ask			
-Food Bank of CC and Solano	Mobile food pharmacy	800,000	400,000	
<b>7/21/2021</b>				
<b>Immigration/Racial Equity Across Systems</b>				
-Office of Racial Equity & Social Justice (ORESj)			1,500,000	
--Set up an office				



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		One-Time	Annual	
-Stand Together Contra Costa			2,000,000	
--Soc. services for immigrants	12 staff for soc. svc			
--Legal representation/social svc.	and legal support			
-Oasis Legal Services	asylum support		128,000	
--LGBTQ representation				
-CC Immigrants Rights Alliance			2,150,000	
--Legal support for immigrants				
--Rental assistance to avoid evictions				
--Public defenders/social workers				
-Nepali Health Advocates			2,000,000	
--Multicultural Wellness Center				
<b>7/28/2021</b>				
<b>Library, Arts &amp; Culture, Agriculture</b>				
-County Library			22,000,000	
--Expand to 56 hrs./wk for all branches		8,100,000		
--Rehab 6 libraries			625,000	
-Arts & Culture Commision				
--Enhance programs				
--About Face, Art of the African Disapora, etc.				
-Naina Shasti				
--Heritage Festival				
--Grants for local artists				other inspectors
-East Bay Performing Arts Center			500,000	
--Title 2 Schools Performing Arts			500,000	
--Arts Training Pathway			500,000	
--Student support/wrap around				
-Ryse Center				
-CC Dept. of Agriculture	2 FTE's (\$100k to start)		200,000	
--Additional inspectors				

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		One-Time	Annual	
<b>8/4/2021</b>				
<b>Environment &amp; Transportation</b>				
-Public Works			2,200,000	
--Flood Protection			1,400,000	
--Storm Drains			400,000	
--Watershed Plains			600,000	
--Street Sweeping			1,000,000	
--Green Infrastructure				
-Dept. of Conservation & Development		1,400,000	TBD	
--Accessible Transportation Strategic Plan				
-CC County Sustainability			500,000	
--Climate Equity Project				
-Dept. of Conservation & Development			500,000	
--Northern Waterfront Initiative				
-Dept. of Conservation & Development			600,000	
--Illegal Dumping Initiative				
			2,500,000	
-350 Contra Costa				
--Climate Protection				
<b>Public Comment -No Presentations</b>				
Bi-Bett Addiction treatment ask for \$ to substance abuse treatment			50,000	
Substance Use Disorder Counselor Education Grants-10k each person			300,000	
Substance Use Disorder psychiatrists-400k each			800,000	
Sobering Center			1,500,000	
Recovery Housing- for 100 clients			450,000	
Substance Use Disorder Provider Capital			250,000	



# Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors

## Subcommittee Report

### MEASURE X COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD

**Meeting Date:** 09/08/2021  
**Subject:** Public comment on any item under the jurisdiction of the Committee and not on this agenda  
**Department:** County Administrator  
**Referral No.:** 2/2/21 D.4  
**Referral Name:** Measure X Community Advisory Committee  
**Presenter:** Mariana Moore **Contact:**

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#### **Referral History:**

Public comment on any item under the jurisdiction of the Committee and not on this agenda (speakers may be limited to one minute).

#### **Referral Update:**

See attached public comments.

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

Accept attached written public comments.

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#### **Attachments**

Public Comment - Fire 1

Public Comment - Library 1

Public Comment - Library 2

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## Lisa Driscoll

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**From:** Nancy Burke <nlburke@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 2, 2021 11:12 AM  
**To:** Lisa Driscoll  
**Subject:** Urgent need for vegetation manage for 94801 zip code area

**Dear Ms Driscoll,**

There is a strong need for a **Vegetation Manager** in the 94803 zip code area, a **Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone** as it is Wildland Urban Interface.

Both the City of Richmond Fire Department and CCCFPD are underfunded.

We request for a **\$150,000** annual budget to hire a Vegetation Manager to mitigate fuels by issuing notices and citations, and enforcing abatement codes by hiring contractors in both the Unincorporated El Sobrante and Richmond under the direction of the Fire Marshals of the City and County who would work together on this project.

Please confirm receipt of this email.

Thank you,

Nancy Burke

**Lisa Driscoll**

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**From:** Michele Mantynen <mmantynen@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 3, 2021 7:35 AM  
**To:** Lisa Driscoll  
**Subject:** Comment to the Measure X Advisory Board

I support County Librarian Alison McKee's proposal to use Measure X funds to provide for an increase in County provided hours of library operation countywide to 56 hours a week at each branch.

All full-service libraries should be open at least 56 hours per week without any reliance on city funding.

Thank you,

–Michele Mantynen

El Cerrito, CA 94530

## Lisa Driscoll

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**From:** Alison Sanders <alisonsanders@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 3, 2021 9:18 AM  
**To:** Lisa Driscoll  
**Subject:** Support for library Measure X

Hello,

I am an El Cerrito resident and I'm writing to express my support for the Measure X funding of libraries to allow them to be open up to 56 hours per week and not rely on city funding. The library system here is top notch and a vital part of our community. Please support them being open as much as possible. Thank you!

-- Alison Sanders