

## **MXCAB draft memo to department heads - July 2023**

TO: Contra Costa County department leaders

FROM: Mariana Moore, MXCAB Chair and Roxanne Carrillo-Garza, Vice Chair,  
on behalf of Measure X Community Advisory Board members

DATE: July 20, 2023

RE: Suggested guidance from MXCAB in formulating requests for Measure X funds

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Dear Department leaders:

As you know, the Board of Supervisors has solicited suggestions from County departments regarding priorities for allocating remaining Measure X funds. The Board will hear these requests on September 19, after which the information will be reviewed by members of the Measure X Community Advisory Board (MXCAB), along with other community stakeholder input, to inform the development of MXCAB's recommended funding priorities to the Board of Supervisors. The Board will determine final funding allocations at the Board of Supervisors meeting on November 28.

As you develop your department's funding requests, the members of MXCAB request that you keep two foundation documents in mind: MXCAB's vision and our Operating Principles.

### **VISION:**

Contra Costa County will have the necessary funds to invest in and sustain a robust system of prevention and care, and social and public services necessary to support a vibrant community and to ensure that all residents have equitable opportunities to thrive.

### **OPERATING PRINCIPLES:**

1. Shared responsibility to practice the **values of equity, justice, inclusion and compassion**.
2. Sustaining a **strong social safety net** is important for the health and prosperity of all.
3. Investments will **prioritize prevention** as well as addressing current **system gaps**.
4. Investments will help **leverage other funding sources** when feasible.
5. Needs and issues are **intersectional** and interconnected. Think about needs and services from the point of view of residents.
6. **Name inequities and disparities**, and be specific in naming and recognizing those who are most harmed by them, especially Black and Latinx residents. Additional areas of focus include residents with mental health needs, indigenous people, Asian American/Pacific Islander

American residents, seniors, disabled people, children and youth (prenatal to adult), immigrants, unsheltered and homeless residents, rural communities, LGBTQ+ residents, and poor people.

7. **Economic opportunity and equity** are at the heart of our purpose.
8. Seek **transformative solutions**, in addition to filling current service gaps.
9. Fostering a **culture of inclusion, welcoming, and belonging** demonstrates our commitment to equity and will improve our work process and outcomes.

Assessing alignment with this vision and principles will be an important consideration for the Measure X Community Advisory Board as we review funding proposals and formulate our recommended priorities to submit to the Board of Supervisors.

Lastly, we encourage you to consider -- and to share with MXCAB and the Board of Supervisors -- the methods you are using to engage directly with impacted residents to update and inform your understanding of our community's most urgent unmet needs.

We look forward to engaging in mutual learning with you as the process unfolds.