

TO: Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors Chair John Gioia

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

DATE: August 2, 2023

RE: Requests to: 1) Encourage County Supervisors to host in-district meetings before
Sept. 20 to provide information on Measure X funding process and timeline; and
2) Advise County department heads on MXCAB's criteria for evaluating proposals

Dear Chair Gioia:

As you know, the Measure X Community Advisory Board (MXCAB) will play a key role in soliciting community and stakeholder input regarding current community needs. We will utilize this information to recommend funding priorities for the Board of Supervisors to consider in allocating available Measure X funds.

We are writing to request your support with two specific tasks related to this process:

- 1. Encourage each Supervisor to host a community forum before mid-September:** Given that the process and timeline for this current round of Measure X funding is as yet largely unknown to the general public, MXCAB recommends that each Supervisor host a community forum in their district before September 19 (the date that the Board will discuss initial departmental funding requests for Measure X funds). The goal of these community forums will be to provide each Supervisors' constituents with an opportunity to learn about the upcoming availability of Measure X funds, the decision making process, and where and how they can provide their input and ideas. If desired, one or more representatives from MXCAB is available to participate in the forums to provide information and support. Each Supervisor's office is welcomed to contact Mariana Moore (MXCAB Chair, marianamoore64@gmail.com) or Roxanne Carrillo-Garza (Vice Chair, roxanne@roxannegarza.org) to respond to this request.
- 2. Advise County department heads to consider MXCAB's criteria, including vision, operating principles, and input from directly impacted residents, as they prepare their Measure X funding requests** for the Board to consider on September 19. The Measure X Community Advisory Board (MXCAB) will review these proposals, along with other community stakeholder input, to inform the development of MXCAB's recommended funding priorities to the Board of Supervisors. The Board is expected to determine final funding allocations at their meeting on November 28.

MXCAB 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.

MXCAB 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.

ENGAGING DIRECTLY IMPACTED RESIDENTS

MXCAB members strongly believe that residents who are most directly impacted by an unmet need or issue must be engaged to shape and inform solutions and priority-setting. Therefore, MXCAB will be interested to learn, when reviewing Measure X funding proposals this fall, the extent to which department heads and individual members of the Board of Supervisors engaged with community members to invite their ideas and experiences to help inform the development of Measure X funding proposals to meet urgent unmet community needs.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

cc: Supervisor Candace Andersen, District II
Supervisor Diane Burgis, District III
Supervisor Ken Carlson, District IV
Supervisor Federal Glover, District V
County Administrator Monica Nino
County Finance Director Adam Nguyen