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NAME (Print) Phyllis Gordon

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Address: 59 EDGEWATER PLACE

City: Pittsburg

Phone: 427-1520

I am speaking for: ☐ Myself

☐ Organization: CCO

Women Commission

I wish to speak on Agenda Item # D4

Date: 4/21/15

My comments will be: ☐ General
☒ For
☐ Against

☐ I wish to speak on the subject of:

Staff funding for
Women Commission

☒ I do not want to speak but would like to leave comments for the Board to consider.
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Would like the BOS to
consider funding staff for
the Women Commission

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LETTER IN SUPPORT of
COST of DOING BUSINESS
INCREASE for HUMAN SERVICES
AGENCIES.

JAYMA MARTINS

Tayma Martins
Rodeo, CA
510-750-9826

April 17, 2015

To Whom It May Concern:

Hello, my name is Tayma Martins. I became a participant in the Fred Finch program in early 2014. For the entire duration, my experience with the program has been wonderful. It has helped to change my life in a tremendous way. I feel like a completely different person than I was before coming to Fred Finch's CCTAY program. All of the staff members I've come into contact with have been very nice and welcoming. I think one of the best parts about this program is the fact that it provides transportation to and from the appointments. I first entered the program solely for psychiatric services. But after seeing all that Fred Finch had to offer, I decided to transfer the rest of my mental health services over. Being able to have my counselors pick me up from my house for appointments has been very helpful for me and took away lots of stress.

I feel that I have progressed more during this year working with Fred Finch than I did during the entire span of years I spent seeing various therapists. I can assuredly say that coming into the Fred Finch program saved my life. I have discovered so many crucial facts about myself while working with my therapist here at Fred Finch. With my therapist, I've uncovered the roots of my mental health issues that had been overlooked for years. That itself has been ground-breaking.

What sets Fred Finch apart, I believe, is that the staff actually cares about the participants rather than just doing the bare minimum within their job requirements. I actually have found myself surprised at how much they pay attention and remember things I say. My psychiatrist in particular is quite notable for this. Together, we have found the right medications for me, which has lead to me being the most stable I've ever been.

All in all, I believe this program has been one of the best things to happen in my life. I have nothing but positive things to say about Fred Finch, and I recommend it to anyone who's looking for mental health services.

Sincerely,



Tayma Martins

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LETTER SUBMITTED IN
SUPPORT OF COST OF DOING
BUSINESS INCREASE FOR
HUMAN SERVICES CONTRACTORS-
EDWIN ALMANZA

4/15/15

Hi my name is Edwin Almanza and I been with Fred Finch for two years now. Fred Finch is a great program. Before the program I was a lot worse than how I am now. I never wanted to leave the house. Fred Finch motivated me to go out go to school and persue my goals. I can go for walks in the park and I even graduated from Wigtech for electrician this year 2015. Fred Finch helped me with coping techniques when I was to feel anxious, depressed, and paranoid. They help me with my medication which I'm doing great with. Fred Finch even helped me find an apartment for my own, a big step. Every year Fred Finch has a rafting trip which all participants are welcome to go. I didn't want to go at first because of my anxiety and paranoia, but I still went. I wasn't the easiest choice, but what I learned at the end of the day was you can accomplish anything if you just give it a try. Thank you Fred Finch.

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NAME (Print)

Lee Lawrence

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Lee Lawrence D.G.
4-21-15

Statement to Contra Costa Board of Supervisors April 21, 2015

re county medical services for undocumented residents

Hello, I am Lee Lawrence, Action Chair for the League of Women Voters of Diablo Valley, representing Central and Eastern Contra Costa County. I am speaking for the League in support of medical services for undocumented residents in Contra Costa.

- . The LWVUS Health Care Position (1993) states that "a basic level of quality health care at an affordable cost that should be available to all US residents."

The LWV-US Immigration position (2008) states "all persons should receive fair treatment under the law" and "The League supports due process for all persons, including...the right to humane treatment." Access to medical care is a human right in international law (Universal Declaration of Human Rights Sect. 25). "

The League of Women Voters of California supports SB 4 (Lara-D), which would establish an exchange parallel to Covered California for the undocumented who are not eligible for the Affordable Care Act (ObamaCare), but as subsidies would currently come from the general fund, passage is uncertain.

We support the county providing access to care to ensure the health of our residents, and of our community, as it has in the past. Thank you.

William White - United Way of the Bay Area

Testimony for Contra Costa Board of Supervisors Budget Hearing

United Way of the Bay Area works to connect low-income communities with the services and supports they need to lift themselves out of poverty and achieve economic success. Focusing on issues of health, education, and financial stability, we work across seven Bay Area counties with our community partners to ensure all the region's residents have the resources they need to achieve that success.

Access to high quality and affordable health care is an essential part of this mix, allowing families and individuals to pursue happy, healthy, and productive lives. For those households struggling with a significant health problem, lack of access to quality and affordable care can further hinder their ability to make ends meet. This not only can be detrimental to the individual suffering from a health condition, but can negatively affect the families who rely on that individual's earnings to get by.

That is why we need to enact smart policies and programs that ensure all residents have access to affordable health coverage. **United Way of the Bay Area strongly urges the Board of Supervisors to support and allocate resources to implement the Contra Costa CARES program as it provides a countywide solution to increasing access to healthcare for all County Residents.**

~~It must be difficult for you to hear this~~

Honorable Supervisors:

~~I stand in solidarity w/ those who have expressed concern for the residents~~

~~Today's~~

~~I am here speaking in support of C.C. Cares.~~

My name is Jasmine Tarkoff and I live in Lafayette. I too am a member of

Temple Isaiah of Lafayette and the co-convener of the Multi-faith

ACTION Coalition.

My parents were immigrants to the United States from India and

Germany. They had the good fortune to practice medicine for over 30

years in the US. Even as a young girl, I often witnessed my parents

providing free medical care to the less fortunate. I wondered about

those who didn't know people like my parents who were doctors and

willing to help others in need? How ~~did~~ ^{would} they get the critical care ~~these~~ ^{they} deserve?

~~in WCC~~
~~I hope health care can be expanded in WCC.~~

Every person has a right to basic human needs – food, shelter and health

care. I fear for those who are sick and cannot afford to seek medical

attention. We are talking about individuals who are earning less than

\$16,000 per year. This is the disturbing plight of many undocumented in

our county. They are often the most vulnerable - disconnected from

services, lacking community and deficient of any kind of support system

that raises us up when we have fallen.

My colleague has shared some of the statistics on why this economically

in our best interest to provide health care to all. But, I stand before you

today asserting that we have a moral obligation to care for all people in

our midst.

On behalf of the Multi-faith ACTION Coalition, I strongly urge you to

support Contra Costa CARES and allocate the resources necessary to

implement this program as a way to provide a countywide solution to

make health care accessible to all of our residents.

Jasmine Tarkoff - MultiFaith
Action
Coalition

Pat Reyes - MultiFaith Action Coalition

We stand in solidarity
with ~~the~~ ^{all} ~~colega~~ ^{colleagues} who spoke today
about OMC. But today I am
here to talk about
CARES

My name is Pat Reyes and I live in San Ramon. I am here today representing the Multi-faith ACTION Coalition and our Health Task Force. Our coalition is made up of hundreds of clergy and faith leaders from over 50 faith institutions representing over 26,000 congregants in Contra Costa County who are working together to address the root causes of poverty through advocacy and public policy change.

Our Health Task Force is composed of physicians, a former senior level hospital administrator, a therapist and public health action researchers who look at healthcare issues with a faith focus and believe that access to quality and safe health services is a basic human right.

Access to critical healthcare services like preventative care can help people stay healthy and avoid more costly treatments later on. Conversely, lack of insurance prevents people from getting the health care services they need and results in lost productivity. In 2009, lack of insurance cost the California economy between \$18.3 and \$36.7 billion in lost productivity (Center for American Progress, 2009). Unfortunately there is a segment of our residents who do not have access to these critical services. The UC Berkeley Labor Center reports that between 67,000 and 85,000 Contra Costa County residents will remain uninsured by 2019.

The mission of Contra Costa Health Services, as stated in the budget document, is to care for and improve the health of ALL people in Contra Costa County, with special attention to those who are most vulnerable to health problems. For low-income and uninsured residents of Contra Costa, CCHS is THE safety net, providing medical services not available to them elsewhere.

We strongly urge you to support Contra Costa CARES and allocate the resources necessary to implement this program as a way to provide a countywide solution to make health care accessible to all of our residents.

Advocates and Communities Taking Initiative for Our Neighbors

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NAME (Print)

Debbie Toth

To ensure your name is announced correctly, you may include phonetic spelling.

Address:

4910 Golf Club Road

City:

PH

Phone:

682-6330

I am speaking for: ☐ Myself

☒ Organization:

RSNC

I wish to speak on Agenda Item #

41

Date:

4/21/15

My comments will be:

☐ General

☐ For

☐ Against

☒ I wish to speak on the subject of:

Community-based
providers of county
services

☒ I do not want to speak but would like to
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I really wanted to speak, but I have to leave. I would like to see opportunity for public comment ahead of such a long presentation in the future.

We, RSNC, are a local nonprofit, providing services to CC residents since 1949. Our county contracts preceed my employment at RSNC. I've been here 13 years. We lost 2 through 2009 state budget cuts + have one remaining. It pays us \$9.00 per hour, capped at \$23,000/year. It costs us \$1,000 per month to offer this grant to CC residents. We have to fundraise to offset the deficit our county contract creates. Sustainable? Not. Nobody else will provide this service + we can't continue.

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Though we are a mission based/driven agency,
we are also a business.

I am available at any time to discuss the
details w/ staff or members of the BOS

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NAME (Print) Gloria Rios

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Address: 1121 Victory Lane

City: Concord

Phone: (925) 451-2752

I am speaking for: ☐ Myself

☒ Organization: ACCE

I wish to speak on Agenda Item # D4

Date: 4/21/15

My comments will be: ☐ General
☒ For
☐ Against

☐ I wish to speak on the subject of:

Contra Costa
AKES program

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My husband & I currently do not have
Health Coverage. We need access to Health
Care for all. Recently my husband had a
Sharp Stomach pain & I rushed him to our
local clinic. They have no urgent/emergency
care & turned us away. We went to a local vto care
bus & they saw how my husband couldn't stand
up from the sharp pain & sent us straight
to the local Emergency room. It was his
appendix & had surgery within 2 hrs. Now we
were sent home & are worried for the huge Bill we will be receiving. If we had coverage
we could have gone straight to the emergency w/out having to

waste hours trying to see who could help us. Luckily
we made it in time but if my husband would have
waited like he wanted to it could have been worse. That's
why I urge you to support the Contra Costa CARES program.

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NAME (Print)

Grisel Reyes

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Address: 2213 Buchanan Rd Suite 103

City: Antioch CA 94509

Phone: 925 757 5303

I am speaking for: ☐ Myself

☒ Organization: Brighter Beginnings

I wish to speak on Agenda Item # D4

Date: 4/21/15

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☐ Against

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On behalf of Brighter Beginnings non-profit
we know the high need since a large
number of our patient panel is
undocumented and giving these patients an
opportunity for health care insurance
not only benefits them but also the insurance
and health care providers. Increasing the insurance
and health care providers. Increasing the health
and wealth of our community.

Esperanza →

Estoy aquí por que necesitamos acceso a
cuidado médico para todos sin importar el estatus
migratorio en el Condado de Contra Costa

Acceso a cuidado médico es importante para
mi porque ayuda a prevenir altos costos
de cuidado médico

Proveyendo cuidado médico ahorra dinero
en el costo a visitar de emergencias innecesarias
que son de \$969.00 dls. y una de cheque
rutinario es de \$145.00 dls.

- Personalmente hace un año tuve un dolor
en el estómago y tardaron mucho en
atenderme y tengo miedo de volver a tener
una situación igual por eso

Urjo a los supervisores que apoyen
al programa Contra Costa Cares.

May 12th

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Name (PRINT): PATRICIA Aguilar
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Address: 86 Anchor Dr

City: Bay Point CA

Phone: 925-597-1383

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☒ Organization: ACCE

I wish to speak on Agenda Item #: D4

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6. The Chair may limit the time allocated to speakers so that all may be heard.

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① We need to have Medical cover
for any body, does not matter
they legal status.

② to prevent epidemic disease
in our public.

③ to control and prevent
diabetes, cancer, and medical
problems to prevent. Kids to be sick

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NAME (Print) Teresa

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Address: _____

City: Concord

Phone: _____

I am speaking for: ☒ Myself

☒ Organization: ALCE

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Date: 5/21/15

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I would like to see that the
Contra Costa CARES program be
approved for immigrants. Since me &
my family have not been able to
see a doctor since we do not have the
funds to pay to see a doctor. We are
experiencing high risk diseases because we
have not had health insurance & did not get
regular check ups. My sister now
has a high risk ~~of~~ cancer that would have been detected
early with preventative services that would have protected us.