

April 17, 2017

The Honorable Board of Supervisors Contra Costa County 651 Pine St. Martinez, CA 94553

Dear Members of the Board

The Contra Costa AFL-CIO Labor Council, representing 75 local unions and over 80,000 working families across the county, writes to request that the Board of Supervisors vote to adequately fund the Contra Costa County Office of the Public Defender for the upcoming fiscal year 2017-18. The Office of the Public Defender provides constitutionally mandated defense services to indigent individuals in Contra Costa County. Like many Public Defender's Offices across the country, the Contra Costa Public Defender's Office has heavy caseloads that are disproportionately made up of impoverished people of color.

The private attorney panel, which was designed to handle cases where the Public Defender has an ethical conflict, has repeatedly exceeded its annual budget and again requests increased funding for next fiscal year due to Public Defender cases. This increase in funding for the private attorney panel occurs when the Public Defender's Office is forced to send cases to the private attorney panel where no ethical conflict exists, because the County does not provide the necessary funding to adequately staff the deputy public defender ranks. For next fiscal year, the County Administrator's Office, or "CAO," currently proposes a 27% budget increase in funding for the private attorney panel. In contrast, the CAO has only budgeted a 7% increase for the Office of the Public Defender. This will inevitably lead to a higher number of indigent defendants represented by attorneys from the private attorney panel and not represented by deputy public defenders.

Unlike the private attorney panel, whose attorneys do not practice exclusively criminal law or practice exclusively in Contra Costa, the attorneys of the Public Defender's Office are County employees dedicated solely to the practice of indigent criminal defense here in Contra Costa County. They are diligent, dedicated and are provided with extensive in-house support, mentorship and training. The Office of the Public Defender also plays a strong role in community involvement throughout Contra Costa with its education outreach to low income families and its "Know Your Rights" and "Clean Slate" legal workshops.

The in-house resources at the Office of the Public Defender include a Social Work program, an Investigations unit, a Mental Health team, a Clean Slate/Reentry unit and a dedicated Juvenile division. The Office also has the benefit of an in-house Immigration Specialist to work closely with non-citizen clients and families to ensure their due process rights are protected, not only with regard to criminal consequences, but also with regard to the severe immigration consequences that can flow from criminal justice involvement.

Public Defender attorneys are also more efficient and economical than private attorneys from the panel. Public Defender attorneys handling misdemeanor cases handle, on average, 100 cases at a time and attorneys handling felony cases handle, on average, 35 cases at a time.

Ultimately, the true cost of the CAO's proposal to severely underfund the Public Defender's Office is born by the voiceless and powerless members of the Contra Costa community. Despite long hours and intensely stressful work, deputy public defenders dedicate their professional lives to serving indigent, and overwhelmingly minority, members of our community. They bring passion, compassion, creativity, and selfless dedication to their work because they see their role as vital and their profession as a calling. Without proper funding levels, future staffing shortages at the Public Defender's Office will deprive the most marginalized and powerless members of Contra Costa County of the legal representation due process demands at the very moment they are most vulnerable.

Sincerely,

Steve Older President Margaret Hanlon-Gradie
Executive Director

sources, as well as the source of non-renewable energy, including whether it is sourced from California. Marin Clean Energy has never done this.

As such, we are urging the Board of Supervisors to move forward in partnership with East Bay Community Energy. EBCE is the better choice for our county's workers and residents, as it has committed to adhering to the principles of a "worker friendly CCA," which include:

- A resource plan that will emphasize development of new renewable resources from proven developers in Contra Costa and adjacent counties, and strictly limit the use of non-renewable energy sources that are recognized under the California RPS to the amount permitted as "Qualified Renewable Resource;"
- 2. Integration of supply-side resources with programs that will help customers reduce their energy costs through improved energy efficiency and other demand-side measures. As part of its integrated resource plan, the CCA should actively pursue, promote and ultimately administer a variety of customer energy efficiency programs that can cost-effectively displace supply-side resources. The CCA shall provide work associated energy efficiency programs under a Project Labor Agreement with the local building trades council;
- 3. Any renewable generation procured after the initial startup (whether procured directly by the local CCA, in partnership with another entity or using any other method) shall be constructed under a Project Labor Agreement with the local building trades council;
- 4. Determination of whether adoption of a CCA will result in negative impacts for employees of the incumbent utility (including layoffs, work hour reductions, etc.);
- 5. Determination of whether the CCA (and its subcontractors, if any) offer wages, fringe benefits and job protections similar to those offered by the displaced utility to employees in comparable job classifications; and
- 6. A neutral position by the Agency in the event its employees wish to unionize.

The working people of Contra Costa deserve transparency, fairness and good, clean-energy jobs, and Marin Clean Energy has a proven track record of failing Californians on all three fronts. We urge the Board of Supervisors to support our community by choosing EBCE.

Sincerely,

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Contra Costa AFL-CIO Labor Council



Draft Proposal for Funding: Contra Costa County Immigrant Legal and Education Partnership

I. Summary of Request

Given the anti-immigrant rhetoric and stated detention and deportation policies of President Trump, we are requesting that the County of Contra Costa join us in an immediate showing of solidarity in support of immigrant communities and families. Our group of legal services and community based organizations are coming together to provide critical legal and support services to Contra Costa families facing the immediate threat of separation due to deportation. We will serve all immigrants and families throughout Contra Costa County to provide services to protect those impacted by Executive Orders and/or additional actions or policies that infringe on due process rights, divide communities, increase the use of detention, and/or result in the disparate treatment of individuals based on factors that include nationality, religion, country of origin, and sexual orientation.

Together, this diverse group of organizations requests that the County of Contra Costa contribute to help us reach a total budget of \$1,002,750 annually for rapid response coordination, a rapid response hotline, community responders, know your rights education, family preparedness planning, and legal services. A detailed budget is provided in Section V below. If Contra Costa County makes an investment in these critically needed services, several local and regional foundations that currently support immigration legal and educational services in the East Bay are prepared to consider additional matching investments in this Contra Costa Immigrant Legal and Education Partnership.

II. Overview of Need

More than ever, immigrants will need experienced and qualified attorneys to ensure that immigrants and their families in Contra Costa County receive due process given the expected surge of deportation and detention. In addition, we simultaneously need resources to create a meaningful rapid response network to make sure the community is aware of their rights and can access counsel as soon as they are detained by ICE. A report by the Stanford Law School Immigrants' Rights Clinic, on behalf of the Northern California Collaborative for Immigrant Justice (NCCIJ) explains the already dire need for removal defense representation in the Bay Area. The report found that over 50% of the represented detained individuals had lived in the United States for over a decade; 77% were separated from family members as a result of their detention (approximately half of them were separated from children); and 65% had been gainfully employed prior to their detention. Research shows that the removal of these (often) primary breadwinners from the family unit pushes families toward the brink of poverty and homelessness, and can leave U.S. citizen children without parents to care for them. Public health insurance programs, foster care services, and other city and county social assistance programs suffer increased costs as a consequence.iv In addition to the deleterious economic impacts of losing a family member to detention, studies have found that children whose parents

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The Coordinator will also work with the legal service providers and develop presentations to be conducted weekly at schools, places of worship, health clinics, and other trusted community locations. In addition to critical education regarding legal rights, during these presentations the Know Your Rights ("KYR") coordinator will provide Contra Costa residents with the hotline information and guidance on individual family emergency planning.

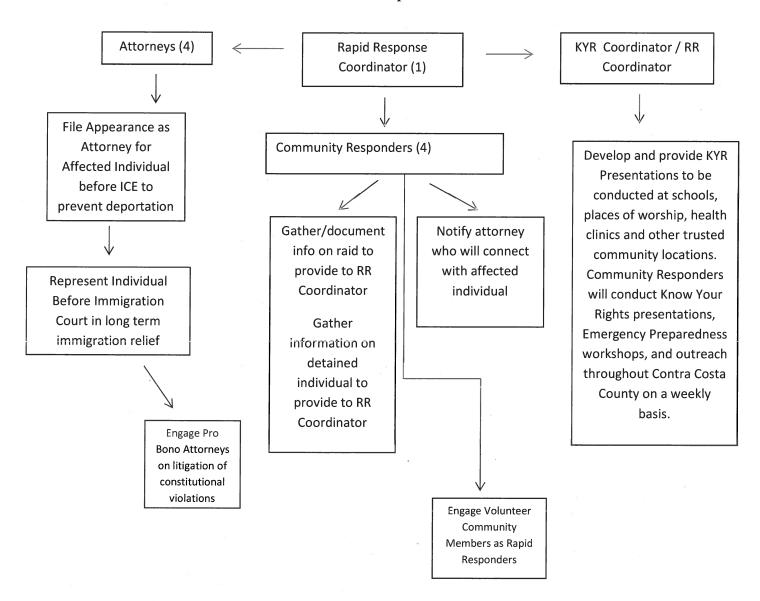
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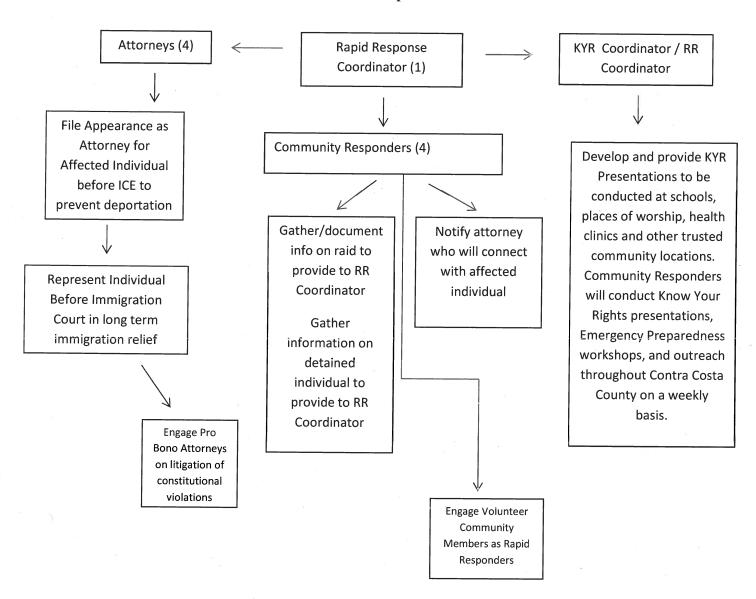
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Sign your Organization in Support of a Contra Costa County Immigrant Legal and Education Partnership!

This partnership would bring an immigration rapid response hotline, know your rights education, family preparedness planning, and immigration legal representation to Contra Costa County! Santa Clara, San Francisco, Alameda, San Mateo, and Los Angeles counties have all established similar "rapid response network" programs.

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We need your support by signing on to this letter to ensure that the Board of Supervisors allocate funds to support this important initiative.

We will serve all immigrants and families throughout Contra Costa County to provide services to protect those impacted by Executive Orders and/or additional actions or policies that infringe on due process rights, divide communities, increase the use of detention, and/or result in the disparate treatment of individuals based on factors that include nationality, religion, country of origin, and sexual orientation.

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Please join us in supporting the establishment of this important program and in calling on our Board of Supervisors to help protect the rights of immigrants and their families in Contra Costa County.

California Immigrant Youth Justice Alliance Sandy Valenciano, Statewide Coordinator

El Cerrito Progressives Sherry Drobner, Steering Committee Member

Lamorinda Sanctuary
Lynn Hsu, Group member

Tri-Valley Progressives Kyoko Takayama, Founder

First 5 Contra Costa Sean Casey, Executive Director OFA East Bay Central Shawn Kumagai, Immigration Lead

East Bay Alliance for a Sustainable Economy Kate O'Hara, Executive Director

Advancing Justice - Asian Law Caucus Saira Hussain, Staff Attorney, Criminal Justice Reform

Faith Alliance for a Moral Economy Kristi Laughlin, Campaign Director

Contra Costa AFL-CIO Labor Council Margaret Hanlon-Gradie, Executive Director

Catholic Charities of the East Bay Christopher Martinez, Chief Program Officer

Office for Life and Justice, Diocese of Oakland Cristina Hernandez, Office Coordinator

Contra Costa Cpunty Public Defenders Association Brandon Banks, President

Interfaith Movement for Human Integrity Deborah Lee, Program Director



Excellence Through Leadership & Collaboration

April 14, 2017

The Honorable Federal Glover Chair, Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors 651 Pine Street Martinez, CA 94553

Dear Supervisor Glover:

On behalf of the Hospital Council in Northern and Central California and our Contra Costa members, I am writing in support of allocating \$500,000 in the County's FY 2017/18 budget for the Contra Costa CARES program.

If the final budget approved by the County includes this funding, then hospitals stand ready to move forward with their recommendation for governance approval to make an additional total contribution of \$500,000 for the Contra Costa CARES program, as part of our long-time commitment to improving the health of all Contra Costa residents.

The success of the CARES program is rooted in creating access to primary care, which has helped to identify patients with serious chronic conditions. Diagnosing and managing these chronic conditions is key to improving patients' health and preventing costly emergency care when conditions go undiagnosed and untreated. Data provided by three of our hospitals for the program evaluation is encouraging. Overall it indicates that avoidable and non-avoidable emergency room visits to CARES-enrolled patients decreased, as compared to the time period prior to enrollment.

We understand that the Board of Supervisors is considering and may approve an additional \$250,000 in funding for Contra Costa CARES so that it can serve an additional 1400 individuals. Should the Board approve an increase in funding, then hospitals are also willing to consider a new request to match this increased level of support.

Providing for the health care needs of Contra Costa's indigent population is a fundamental responsibility of the County, and Contra Costa CARES has proven to be a vital component of our local safety net. We urge you to support the additional funding for Contra Costa CARES in this budget and look for ways to make it sustainable in the future.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Rozen

Regional Vice President

cc: Supervisor Karen Mitchoff, Vice Chair

Supervisor Candace Andersen Supervisor Diane Burgis Supervisor John Gioia

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support our neighbors + friends who are being scapegoated by aggressive federal deportation actions. I want all residents to be aware of their rights. Please allocate funds to help pay for a network & services to protect our families in Contra Costa County

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To ensure your name is announced correctly, you may include phonetic spelling.	☐ I wish to speak on the subject of:
Address:	CHUPEN'S MENTAL HEALTH
City: OAKLAM CA	
Phone.	
I am speaking for: Myself Organization: HED TINGH YOUTH CENTER	I do not want to speak but would like to leave comments for the Board to consider. (Use the back of this form.)

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Begin by stating your name and your city or area of residence, and whether you are speaking for yourself or on behalf of an organization.

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Avoid repeating comments made by previous speakers.

In lieu of speaking, I wish to submit these comments:

ESPERING ON BEHALF OF FREY FINCH PONTH CENTER, A NOT FOR PROMIT COMMONITY BASED BHANDRAR HEACH FRONDER-WE COMMOND THE BONAND FOR CONSIDERING THE EXPANSION OF EPSOT SENVICES INTO AN IMPROVES SYSTEM OF CAME FOR CHILDREN YOUTH. WE ARRO APPRECIATE THE BONAND'S CONSIDERATION OF THE 390 INCREASE FOR BEHAVIONAR HEACH PROVIDERS.

WE ALLO WANT TO RAISE THE BOARD'S AMARENESS
THAT THE 3% INCREASE, ACBEIT APPRECIATION IS WELL
BELOW WHAT IS REQUIRED TO SUSTAIN PROPRAMS DUE
TO THE INCREASEN COST OF DOING BUSINESS AT WELL
AS SIGNIFICANT INCREASES IN SALARY AND
BENEVIT COSTS FOR PROPESSIONAL STAFF.

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ADDITIONARY, WE COMMEND THE BOARD FOR THE INCLEASE
IN EPSDT PUNDED BEHAVIOUR HEALTH SERVICES FOR YOUTH AND
CHILDRIGH, BUT ALSO NOTE THAT HE EXPANSION IS EMPLANISHED
FOR SPECIAL POPULATIONS (KATTE A SETTLEMENT AND THEESAMISION
OF CRISIS SERVICES) LEAVING UNMET NEED IN OTHER TYPES
OF SERVICES THAT POPULATE A COMPLETE SYSTEM OF CARE,
NAMELY UMAPAROUMS SERVICES, PLEVENTION & EARLY IMPLUENTION
SERVICES AS WELL AS SUDOL BASED MEATING I TEACTH.

I wish to speak on Agenda Item # D-2 REQUEST TO SPEAK FORM (2 minute limit) Complete this form and place it in the upright box near the speaker's podium, and wait to be called by the Chair. My comments will be: ☐ General Personal information is optional. This speaker's card will be incorporated into the public record of this meeting. NAME (Print) Chris Broalio To ensure your name is announced correctly, you may include phonetic spelling. ☐ I wish to speak on the subject of: Address: Contra Costa Cares City: El Sobrante Phone: I am speaking for: Myself I do not want to speak but would like to ☐ Organization: _____ leave comments for the Board to consider. (Use the back of this form.)

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In lieu of speaking, I wish to submit these comments:

When to comment on
on Contra Costa CARES
program. I am in support
of expanding the program.
This type of primary care
is not only a value in
itself for mood reasons but
is the best use of our scarce
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NAME (Print) JUDY BALLINGER To ensure your name is announced correctly, you may include phonetic spelling.	health care access for all I wish to speak on the subject of:
Address:	
City: EL CERRITO 94530	
Phone:	
I am speaking for: Myself Organization: Health Care For All El Cerrito Progressives	I do not want to speak but would like to leave comments for the Board to consider. (Use the back of this form.)

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In the name of a treathy community, I want health care for all. As a retired nurse, I know that uninsured people get VERY sick and need more services hospitalization that we all pay for. We also need mental health survices for all (for all our safety) and for addiction services (not in carceration) so I also speak for services, not cells. So the are the compassionate response.

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NAME (Print) Jones Grassi To ensure your name is announced correctly, you may include phonetic spelling.	☐ I wish to speak on the subject of:
Address:	
city: Richmond, 94803	
Phone:	
I am speaking for:	leave comments for the Board to consider. (Use the back of this form.)
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