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D.5 Update on County and School District responses to COVID-19	Kati Johnson	Fairfield	<p>My name is Kati Johnson and I'm an RN speaking out on behalf of my coworkers who work in the perinatal unit at CCRMC. We are pleading with the BOS to get nurses the proper PPE so we can continue to do our jobs, protect ourselves, our families and our vulnerable patients. Standards are being lowered daily, putting healthcare workers at risk of contracting the virus because supplies are low. We are low on masks, N95's and face shields are almost non-existent! We need more PAPR's, as over the weekend a c-section was performed on PUI & no face shields were available. PAPR's had to be borrowed from other units around the hospital in order to do the surgery. Had this been an emergency, staff wouldn't have time to track down this essential PPE! Staffing and floating is another huge concern for the perinatal department as we care for the smallest patients that haven't fully developed their immune system yet. We fear floating into other units outside of our cluster could put us at risk of contracting the virus and potentially bringing that back to the vulnerable babies and our other staff. In the nursery it is impossible to stay 6ft apart from each other as the unit is very small. If one of us gets sick and it spreads throughout the staff, there is no one else to substitute or take over our jobs. Not just any nurse can resuscitate a newborn. We are asking for our CCC leadership to insure that we follow the highest standards of PPE and safety for nurses as well as our patients.</p>
D.5 Update on County and School District responses to COVID-19	Keith Brown	Oakland	<p>As a community volunteer and frequent employee in Contra Costa County, I write to request a COVID-19 response that protects public employees and public safety. Please immediately move to have public workers and their union representatives provide leadership in the response to the crisis, instead of leaving them uninformed, without PPE, and changing their working conditions without their guidance. Please adopt telecommuting and continue wages for all public workers, the backbone of our community, using the new stimulus funding. Public leaders who use this crisis to throw workers into harms way will be held accountable by our community.</p>
D.5 Update on County and School District responses to COVID-19	Susan	Pinole	<p>Contra Costa county does not want to be one of the counties that causes a spike in infections because they are</p>
D.5 Update on County and School District responses to COVID-19	Sarah A.	Vincentown	<p>County workers must be protected and have their families protected from exposure. The county refuses to allow them to work from home and this is unacceptable. Worker safety is public safety. You need to do the right thing and work with the unions to protect the public. As our elected officials, you are responsible for the safety of your constituents.</p>

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D.5 Update on County and School District responses to COVID-19	Teresa Pasquini	El Sobrante	<p>Dear Supervisors,</p> <p>Thank you to all for the strong leadership our county is taking in response to the Covid-19 crisis. I especially want to thank our front line staff across all departments. I ask that you to please ask the Sheriff to provide data on who is NOT considered appropriate for release due to safety concerns. I am especially concerned for the most seriously mentally ill inmates who are over represented in our county jails. Please encourage data collection on how many SMI inmates are forced to remain incarcerated due to a lack of a contiuum of care including, state hospital beds, IST beds, and access to community based medically necessary care upon release. Thank you!</p>
D.5 Update on County and School District responses to COVID-19	Fran Biderman	Kensington	<p>Good morning. My name is Fran Biderman and I work in Concord and am a resident of Kensington. These are incredible times and I am deeply concerned about many of our county's residents - many of whom were already struggling to make ends meet and now face grave choices between paying rent, putting food on the table, or paying for health care. Now is the time for bold leadership to support those most impacted - I encourage you to adopt a strong comprehensive eviction moratorium with a sufficient period of time to repay rents; freeze all rent increases; provide support for those who do not have sick leave or qualify for public benefits; ensure that all essential workers have the supplies needed to protect them and those they are serving; and decrease the jail population to prevent a greater spread of the virus. No one should face losing a home or getting sick or losing benefits because of a circumstance entirely out of their control. We must band together and support those most in need. I thank you for your attention and ask that you continue to meet to evaluate needs and respond accordingly on behalf of Contra Costa residents. Thank you.</p>

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D.5 Update on County and School District responses to COVID-19	Yesenia Martinez	Stockton	<p>Hello, I am an Eligibility Worker III for E.H.S.D WFS and because I am immunocompromised, my Doctor has put me off work from 3/19/20-4/16/20. I am capable to work from home if the county would provide me the equipment but this hasn't even been offered to me. Other private sector employers are offering this to protect their employees. Why can't I have that as well? I don't want to apply for SDI and receive only a portion of my regular pay. I can't afford not to have my regular pay as my husband is also off work as his usual business has slowed down from this Covid-19. Please help!</p>

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D.5 Update on County and School District responses to COVID-19	Angela Spruill		<p>I am a member of Local 2700. I work for Health Services and am considered an emergency service worker. I would like to advocate for Personal Protective Equipment PPE for employees here in the office. I would like to work from home but I know they need me here. While I'm not immunocompromised, I do have three children that I come home to every day. I would also like to encourage the board to stand by wage replacement past April 6 so the workers won't be forced to make that choice whether to come into work or use their accruals, which they may be low on. I have a son with special needs that I have FMLA for. All of my accruals go to caring for him when I have to miss work. I don't want to face the choice of staying home sick and possibly not getting paid and not being able to pay my rent or buy food or coming into work so that I can continue to do those things. I would like to advocate for a moratorium on evictions and mortgage payments during the emergency order as well. I'm committed to serving the public during these dire times because it's the right thing to do. The right thing for the county to do is to protect it's workers and that's through PPE, wage replacement, having work from home options, and protecting us from losing our homes. Thank you</p>

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D.5 Update on County and School District responses to COVID-19			I am an intake employee that has been conducting interviews via telephonic signature and other varies ways such as adobe sign. With that being said, i have voiced my concerns about lack of PPE, extra cleaning and overall lack of extra cleanliness precautions to make me as an essential worker , feel safer about coming so work. I am being told I cannot work telephonically nut am not being offered anything for putting myself and family at risk, while others are at home getting same pay. I am doing extra apps a day, answering phones calls constantly and screening over 10 BCW apps personally each day. Our public clearly needs us and I need to feel safe or supported to help. Thank you for listening
D.5 Update on County and School District responses to COVID-19		Hercules	I am Ashamed to admit that I work for Contra Costa County. A county which time and time again has proven to My peers and I that we are not valued as employees. We are the Only county in the Bay Area that hasn't put a working COVID-19 program in place for its employees. Our director put out a blanket statement then we are all considered essential employees as we are part of the EHSD. While other counties have allowed all the employees to go home with full pay paying those who come in to work overtime and or time off in the future. How can the board consider taking a recess itself and do video conferencing while it is expects its employees to work in the front lines without any protection. Once again shame on Contra Costa County, where the Board of supervisors only cares about itself.

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D.5 Update on County and School District responses to COVID-19	Shawna Vaquera	Antioch	<p>I am currently employed an an Eligibility Worker at the MCSC East on Cavallo Road. As an essential worker I have been reporting to work as requested. There has been no PPE at this location. The hand sanitizer expired over a year ago and there is less than a half inch from the bottom left on both bottles provided. My work location is closing as of 4/1/2020. I still do not know where I will be working. This morning my Supervisor told me she signed me up for a training at 10:30. When I arrived there is no disinfectant provided and we are expected to log into these training computers. I left as there were too many people in the training room and no PPE provided. What is the plan??? Where is our PPE? I signed up for work from home and was denied. Now I feel because I declined to go to training I will be removed from the possibility of getting work from home in the future. Please tell me what I can do to protect myself</p>
D.5 Update on County and School District responses to COVID-19	Sophia	Oakley	<p>I beg the BOS to actively do whatever possible to keep EHSD employees who are still reporting to work as safe as possible, that includes thorough cleaning of the offices each day/night, provide sanitizer, masks, etc. I am a single mother of two school aged children and two elderly parents with several medical conditions who are my primary childcare. I risk their health every time I walk out of my home to come to work, and that terrifies me. I want to continue to come to work and service my community, but I want to know that there are protective measures being taken. This is just the tip of the iceberg of what I have dealt with as an EHSD employee, and with this pandemic I have seen how unprepared we are. Please help me and my family stay safe and healthy, so I can continue to serve my community!</p>

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D.5 Update on County and School District responses to COVID-19	Elizabeth Chambers	Antioch	I know that I have an essential job and that I am a disaster worker as well, but I'm responsible for my mother that has Parkinson's, three dogs, and maintaining my home and supplies. I have been out in public doing all I can, but the county has not provided protective equipment, all I have seen are extra wipe in my unit. I could literally kill my mother. We need directives on how to keep our family safe after being in the public and coming home to them.
D.5 Update on County and School District responses to COVID-19	Peter Masiak	SEIU 1021	I want to thank the County for allowing workers to take off without using accruals. As the shelter-in-place extends, this policy needs to extend as well. This has allowed workers in high risk groups, with children, and symptoms to stay home. If the County ends this policy, we are in danger of undoing all the work that has been done, as sick workers may be incentivized to show up to work. The majority of our workers can, and should, telecommute. The main reason more are not telecommuting is the lack of equipment. The County needs to work aggressively to secure technology to allow telework. Maximizing telework is crucial to allocating the limited PPE to frontline workers in healthcare. Finally I need to address a concern regarding the collaboration needed to rise to this moment. As the East Bay Field Director, I have held 6 meetings with the City of Oakland, and I have 3 more scheduled this week. Contra Costa County has met with our coalition once so far, and refused to let chapter officers participate. This is unacceptable. We are the frontline workers dealing with this pandemic. We need regular meetings, and we need to have our questions answered promptly. Regardless, I was optimistic about our meeting Thursday, until I saw the item in the consent calendar to create a low-paid, non-union, temp worker pool without meeting with labor. This is not collaborative. I ask that the Board reject this item. If the County wishes to discuss an emergency worker program, we meet Thursday.

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D.5 Update on County and School District responses to COVID-19	Lauren Babb		In times of crisis, our community comes together and shows up for one another. I urge the leadership of this county to do the same and enact a county-wide emergency moratorium on all evictions for renters and small businesses. Enact an immediate moratorium on all rent increases across the county for renters and small businesses for at least the next 60 days or for the duration of this crisis, and establish an emergency fund to provide up to three months of rental assistance for individuals who are experiencing economic distress.
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D.5 Update on County and School District responses to COVID-19	Joe Greaves	Oakland	<p>My name is Joe Greaves, Executive Director of the Alameda-Contra Costa Medical Association, representing over 5,000 East Bay physicians. We want to commend Ms. Roth, Dr. Farnitano and the entire CCHS Team for their tremendous leadership in responding to this crisis. We are very fortunate to have such great public health leaders serving our community. We also want to encourage the CCHS to establish better lines of communication between the County's planning efforts and the broader provider community. Responding to this challenge will take coordination among the entire provider community, it is not just a hospital issue or a problem for the County to address by itself. We need to work together. ACCMA is looking forward to working out better coordinating processes with the County as soon as possible.</p>

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D.5 Update on County and School District responses to COVID-19	Gloria Bruce	Oakland	<p>On behalf of East Bay Housing Organizations (EBHO), I urge you to adopt the five recommendations in the letter signed by 65 organizations. EBHO's membership includes residents of Contra Costa County involved in affordable housing work, faith-based organizations and services; we also represent mission-driven providers of affordable housing with many properties and residents in the County. These housing providers are supportive of tenant protections. In fact, several housing organizations have already adopted internal policies to freeze rents and hold off on unnecessary evictions- but a strong County-wide policy will help to clarify rights for tenants and for property owners, especially small and non-profit property owners who want to do the right thing. Affordable housing residents in Contra Costa are as diverse as the County itself, representing workers, families, seniors, veterans, people with disabilities, people who were formerly homeless, and many others. All of them need protection from housing instability, and many of them who work for lower wages or are self-employed will need financial assistance. To be an inclusive and resilient county that can overcome this epidemic, we need urgency and coordinated action by our leaders. Please support financial assistance, decreasing the jail population, protection for front line works and tenant protections, and please meet again next week to determine how best to provide these supports. Thank you for your consideration.</p>

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D.5 Update on County and School District responses to COVID-19	Audrey Montana	Antioch	Please extend the stand by pay and work from home options for County Staff and do not require accruals to be used during this time of emergency. Many County staff are working from home while also caring for children or loved ones. They are dedicated workers. Requiring staff to use accruals may (in order to avoid financial disaster to their families or themselves) result in some staff having no other alternative but come to work further exacerbating the seriousness of this emergency situation.
D.5 Update on County and School District responses to COVID-19	Susan	Pinole	Please make sure the safety and wellbeing of county employees in SEIU and all employees are able to work remotely, as well as having protective gear and sanitized work areas. County employees should have laptops so that they are able to serve county residents safely
D.5 Update on County and School District responses to COVID-19	Joseph Greaves (Alameda-Contra Costa Medical Association)	Oakland	<p>The Alameda-Contra Costa Medical Association (ACCMA) understands that there is a high level of interest among East Bay cities, fire departments, and other organizations to increase availability of mobile COVID-19 testing sites in our community. As physicians, we fully recognize and deeply share your concern about the inadequacy of our current testing capacity. It has hampered our ability as medical professionals to effectively monitor and contain the COVID-19 pandemic, and it has been nothing less than a national travesty. We share the frustration and sincerely appreciate local efforts to address this gap in care.</p> <p>We also believe, however, that efforts by fire departments, cities, community-based organizations and others will be most effective when initiated in partnership with and in support of public and private health care organizations that have the experience and capacity to perform testing at an appropriate standard of care. Accordingly, we are urging local cities, fire departments, community-based organizations, and others to incorporate certain standards in any efforts to develop mobile test sites in our community. we sent a letter to East Bay Mayors on March 29, 2020 and we would request that a copy of this letter be included in the record of today's meeting.</p>

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D.5 Update on County and School District responses to COVID-19	Sarah M Thomas	MARTINEZ	<p>The response to how Covid-19 affects social workers has been slow, scary, and frustrating. We still are short on protective equipment or if it is available it is not being announced or universally distributed. I know that I signed up to be a social worker to help others but this county's slow response and lack of provisions has proven to be more stressful than the virus itself. Today I was in the community all day because nobody could figure out how to get my child tested for the virus before I could place them. This is absolutely unacceptable. I am asking that more detailed considerations be provided and the health and safety of frontline social workers and their families be considered while doing this. if I love my job and I love the people that I work with but in order to do our job effectively we must be protected.</p>

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D.5 Update on County and School District responses to COVID-19	Courtney Stief	Pleasant Hill	<p>We have not received reliable communication regarding plans to provide workers with PPE or other plans to keep workers safe. Some workers were given the opportunity to telecommute while others were told they would never be allowed to safely work from home.</p>
D.5 Update on County and School District responses to COVID-19	Anthony Gedeon	San Ramon	<p>With discussions on how to stop the spread of COVID-19 among our community, we cannot neglect those that are incarcerated in our jails. Jails are a hotbed for transmission of diseases, and if this county does not take necessary steps soon, many of our neighbors, friends, and family members that are incarcerated will face a likely uncontrollable crisis. There is already a confirmed case of the virus at West County Detention Facility, and we cannot wait any longer. I ask that this board endorses and pushes other county power players to reduce the incarcerated population by releasing all those detained pre-trial, releasing those post-conviction who have 60 or less days remaining on their sentence, and stopping any new detentions.</p>