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1	General Public Comment (items under the purview of the Board of Supervisors that are not on the agenda)	Victor Rameriz	Bay Point	Good morning Supervisors, My name is Victor Rameriz and am a resident of Bay Point and am a member of the community group ACCE. I am writing because I am concerned about an outbreak of coronavirus in our county's jails. Local jails were not built to allow for social distancing. We must release incarcerated people now to ensure our community's safety including those that work their. That is why I am calling on you, Sheriff and District Attorney to immediately release the elderly, juveniles and those within six months of the end of their sentence.
2	General Public Comment (items under the purview of the Board of Supervisors that are not on the agenda)	Alvaro Gomez	Concord	My name is Alvaro and I am a resident of Gómez and a member of the community group ACCE. I am writing because I am concerned about an outbreak of coronavirus in our county's jails. Local jails were not built to allow for social distancing. We must release incarcerated people now to ensure our community's safety. That's why I am calling on you, the Sheriff and the District Attorney to immediately release the elderly, juveniles and those within six months of the end of their sentence.
3	General Public Comment (items under the purview of the Board of Supervisors that are not on the agenda)	Bernardino Juarez	Concord	My name is Bernardino Juarez and I am a resident of Concord and a member of a community group ACCE. I am writing because I am concerned about outbreaks of coronavirus in our county jails. Local jails were not built to allow for social distancing. We must release incarcerated people now to ensure our community's safety. That's why I am calling on you. the Sheriff and District Attorney to immediately release the elderly, juveniles and those within six months of their sentence.
4	General Public Comment (items under the purview of the Board of Supervisors that are not on the agenda)	Blanca Retano	Richmond	My name is Blanca Retano and I am a resident of Richmond and a member of the community group ACCE. I am writing because I am concerned about an outbreak of coronavirus in our county's jails. Local jails were not built to allow for social distancing. We must release incarcerated people now to ensure our community's safety. That's why I am calling on you, the Sheriff and the District Attorney to immediately release the elderly, juveniles and those within six months of the end of their sentence.
5	General Public Comment (items under the purview of the Board of Supervisors that are not on the agenda)	Cristina Lorenzana	Richmond	My name is Cristina Lorenzana and I am a resident of Richmond and a member of the community group ACCE. I am writing because I am concerned about an outbreak of coronavirus in our county's jails. Local jails were not built to allow for social distancing. We must release incarcerated people now to ensure our community's safety. That's why I am calling on you, the Sheriff and the District Attorney to immediately release the elderly, juveniles and those within six months of the end of their sentence.

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6	General Public Comment (items under the purview of the Board of Supervisors that are not on the agenda)	Dajenya Shoshanna Kafele	Richmond	My name is Dajenya Kafele and I am a resident of East Richmond. I am writing because I am concerned about an outbreak of coronavirus in our county's jails, which will also be spread to others if prisoners become infected before they are released. Local jails were not built to allow for social distancing. We must release many incarcerated people now to ensure our community's safety. That's why I am calling on you, the Sheriff and the District Attorney to immediately release all those who do not pose a real and present danger to our community.
7	General Public Comment (items under the purview of the Board of Supervisors that are not on the agenda)	Edith Pastrano	Richmond	My name is Edith Pastrano and I am a resident of Richmond and a member of the community group ACCE (Alliance of Californians for Community Empowerment). I am writing because I am concerned about an outbreak of corona-virus in our county's jails. Local jails were not built to allow for social distancing. We must release incarcerated people now to ensure our community's safety. That's why I am calling on you, the Sheriff and the District Attorney to immediately release the elderly, juveniles and those within six months of the end of their sentence. Thank you!
8	General Public Comment (items under the purview of the Board of Supervisors that are not on the agenda)	Eric Sanchez	Bay Point	<p>My name is Eric Sanchez and I am a resident of Bay Point and a member of the community group ACCE. I am writing because I am concerned about an outbreak of coronavirus in our county's jails. Local jails were not built to allow for social distancing. We must release incarcerated people now to ensure our community's safety. That's why I am calling on you, the Sheriff and the District Attorney to immediately release the elderly, juveniles and those within six months of the end of their sentence.</p> <p>Additionally, I am in support of the release of non-violent offenders and those that are close to their existing release date. If federal or state funds can be appropriated to support the education, job skill development for this population, then I can see a pathway for success for re-entry to the populous.</p> <p>Sincerely, Eric Sanchez</p>

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9	General Public Comment (items under the purview of the Board of Supervisors that are not on the agenda)	Erika Pantoja	North Concord	My name is Erica Pantoja and I am a resident of North Concord and a member of the community group ACCE. I am writing because I am concerned about an outbreak of coronavirus in our county's jails. Local jails were not built to allow for social distancing. We must release incarcerated people now to ensure our community's safety. That's why I am calling on you, the Sheriff and the District Attorney to immediately release the elderly, juveniles and those within six months of the end of their sentence. Also, please don't forget about the detention centers in our county that house a large population of undocumented folks who are not being taken into consideration because of their status, in addition please do everything possible to make sure that our communities are safe by reducing the population inside of our county jails. Thank you!
10	General Public Comment (items under the purview of the Board of Supervisors that are not on the agenda)	Eulalia Galvan	Richmond	My name is Eulalia Galvam and I am a resident of Richmond Ca. and a member of the community group ACCE. I am writing because I am concerned about an outbreak of coronavirus in our county's jails. Local jails were not built to allow for social distancing. We must release incarcerated people now to ensure our community's safety. That's why I am calling on you, the Sheriff and the District Attorney to immediately release the elderly, juveniles and those within six months of the end of their sentence.
11	General Public Comment (items under the purview of the Board of Supervisors that are not on the agenda)	Glenda	Richmond	My name is Glenda and I am a resident of Richmond and a member of the community group ACCE. I am writing because I am concerned about an outbreak of Coronavirus in our county's jails. Local jails were not built to allow for social distancing. We must release incarcerated people now to ensure our community's safety. That's why I am calling on you, the Sheriff and the District Attorney to immediately release the elderly, juveniles and those within six months of the end of their sentence.
12	General Public Comment (items under the purview of the Board of Supervisors that are not on the agenda)	Ina Mason	North Richmond	My name is Ina Mason and I am a resident of North Richmond and a member of the community group ACCE. I am writing because I am concerned about an outbreak of corona-virus in our county's jails. Local jails were not built to allow for social distancing. We must release incarcerated people now to ensure our community's safety. That's why I am calling on you, the Sheriff and the District Attorney to immediately release the elderly, juveniles and those within six months of the end of their sentence.

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14	General Public Comment (items under the purview of the Board of Supervisors that are not on the agenda)	Juana Rangel	Pittsburg	My name is Juana Rangel and I am a resident of Pittsburg and a member of the community group ACCE. I am writing because I am concerned about an outbreak of coronavirus in our county's jails. Local jails were not built for social distancing. We must release incarcerated people to make sure our community is safe. That's why I am calling on you, the Sheriff and the District Attorney to immediately release the elderly, juveniles, and those within six months of the end of their sentence.
15	General Public Comment (items under the purview of the Board of Supervisors that are not on the agenda)	Kathy Greene	Concord	My name is Kathy Greene and I am a resident of Concord, and a member of the community group ACCE. I am writing because I am concerned about an outbreak of coronavirus in our county's jails. Local jails were not built to allow for social distancing. We must release incarcerated people now to ensure our community's safety. That's why I am calling on you, the Sheriff and the District Attorney to immediately release the elderly, juveniles and those within six months of the end of their sentence.
16	General Public Comment (items under the purview of the Board of Supervisors that are not on the agenda)	Lucia Roan	Bay Point	My name is Lucia Roan and I am a resident of Bay Point and a member of the community group ACCE. I am writing because I am concerned about an outbreak of coronavirus in our county's jails. Local jails were not built to allow for social distancing. We must release incarcerated people now to ensure our community's safety. That's why I am calling on you, the Sheriff and the District Attorney to immediately release the elderly, juveniles and those within six months of the end of their sentence.
17	General Public Comment (items under the purview of the Board of Supervisors that are not on the agenda)	Maria Esther Sanchez	Richmond	My name is Maria Esther Sanchez and I am a resident of Richmond California and a member of the community group ACCE. I am writing because I am concerned about an outbreak of coronavirus in our county's jails. Local jails were not built to allow for social distancing. We must release incarcerated people now to ensure our community's safety. That's why I am calling on you, the Sheriff and the District Attorney to immediately release the elderly, juveniles and those within six months of the end of their sentence.

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18	General Public Comment (items under the purview of the Board of Supervisors that are not on the agenda)	Maria Ines Davalos	Bay Point	My name is Maria Ines Davalos and I am a resident of Bay Point CA and a member of the community group ACCE. I am writing because I am concerned about an outbreak of coronavirus in our county's jails. Local jails were not built to allow for social distancing. We must release incarcerated people now to ensure our community's safety. That's why I am calling on you, the Sheriff and the District Attorney to immediately release the elderly, juveniles and those within six months of the end of their sentence. Thank you.
19	General Public Comment (items under the purview of the Board of Supervisors that are not on the agenda)	Maria Tapia	Pittsburg	My name is Maria Tapia and I am a resident of Pittsburg and a member of a community group ACCE, I am writing because i am concerned about an outbreak of coronavirus in our county's jails. Local jails were not built to allow for social distancing. We must release incarcerated people now to ensure our community's safety. that's why I am calling on you, Sherriff and District Attorney to immediately release the elderly, jueveniles, and those within six months of the end of their sentence.
20	General Public Comment (items under the purview of the Board of Supervisors that are not on the agenda)	Pam Stello	Richmond	My name is Pam Stello and I am a resident of Richmond and a member of the community group ACCE. I am writing because I am concerned about an outbreak of coronavirus in our county's jails. Local jails were not built to allow for social distancing. We must release incarcerated people now to ensure our community's safety. That's why I am calling on you, the Sheriff and the District Attorney, to immediately release the elderly, juveniles and those within six months of the end of their sentence. Thank you. Sincerely, —Pam Stello
21	General Public Comment (items under the purview of the Board of Supervisors that are not on the agenda)	Rosa Flores	Bay Point	My name is Rosa Flores and I am a resident of Bay Point and a member of the community group ACCE. I am writing because I am concerned about an outbreak of coronavirus in our county's jails. Local jails were not built to allow for social distancing. We must release incarcerated people now to ensure our community's safety. That's why I am calling on you, the Sheriff and the District Attorney to immediately release the elderly, juveniles and those within six months of the end of their sentence.

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22	General Public Comment (items under the purview of the Board of Supervisors that are not on the agenda)	Rosa Vargas	Bay Point	My name is Rosa Vargas and I am a resident of Bay Point and a member of a community group ACCE. I am writing because I am concerned aboutb an outbreak os coronavirus in our county's jail. Local jails are not built to allow for social distancing, We must release incarcerated people now to ensure our community's safety. That's why I am calling on you, the Sheriff and District Attorney to release the elderly, juveniles and those with in six months of the end of their sentence.
23	General Public Comment (items under the purview of the Board of Supervisors that are not on the agenda)	Sharon Greenblum	Richmond	My name is sharon and I am a resident of Richmond. I am writing because I am concerned about an outbreak of coronavirus in our county's jails. Local jails were not built to allow for social distancing. We must release incarcerated people now to ensure our community's safety. That's why I am calling on you, the Sheriff and the District Attorney to immediately release the elderly, juveniles and those within six months of the end of their sentence.
24	General Public Comment (items under the purview of the Board of Supervisors that are not on the agenda)	Bakari Kafele	Richmond	Our county's jails have been known to be overcrowded for years. Close contact in a dense population is well known to be the largest vector for spreading the global pandemic disease COVID-19. An outbreak in the jails will inevitably spread to the rest of the community via guards, administrative and healthcare workers, inmate visitation, and scheduled releases. The only way to prevent this is social distancing, and unless we can build fast enough to increase capacity 10-fold within the next week, the only possible option is to release as many low-level, first time, and non-violent offenders as possible, as soon as possible. Please consider this admittedly drastic action, in this time of global crises, to help prevent a much worse outcome. Thank you

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25	D.5 Update on COVID-19	Douglas A Leich	Danville	<p>Thanks to the Board and the County's public health officials for taking leadership in protecting the community's health by activating the shelter-in-place order and allocating staff and resources to protect the health of all residents.</p> <p>The Multi-Faith ACTION Coalition joined with 18 other community organizations in a March 24 letter to call on you, the Sheriff, the District Attorney, the Chief of Probation and the Presiding Judge to protect our community and uphold our commitment to justice by taking necessary measures to reduce the number of people in our county jails and juvenile detention facilities. We are committed to a public health policy that protects those who are incarcerated in our county. Our county must step up now and implement evidence-based plans to stop the incarceration of people who do not pose an immediate, serious danger to themselves or others. Release all individuals being detained pretrial because they can't afford cash bail. Immediately make public and implement an evidence-based plan inside county detention facilities to best prevent COVID-19 transmission and provide adequate care.</p>
26	D.5 Update on COVID-19	Andres Soto	Richmond	<p>The Sheriff's failure to release people who are in the jails at risk for contracting COVID 10 is an inhumane crime against humanity. The future infections of these people is a stain on the hands of Sheriff Livingston.</p>
27	D.5 Update on COVID-19	Mariana Moore	Richmond	<p>While I appreciate the steps taken to date to release resident from incarceration and slow the intake of new residents, I am concerned that the scope and pace of action are not enough. As a family member of someone who is incarcerated, I worry every day for her health and safety. Jails were not designed for social isolation and we must do all that we can, as quickly as we can, to protect the health and safety of every resident in our county, regardless of where they live. Every human being deserves dignity, safety and live. I ask that you take substantial steps now to protect these residents as well as the staff who work closely with them. Thank you.</p>
28	General Public Comment (items under the purview of the Board of Supervisors that are not on the agenda)	Jane Courant	Richmond	<p>My name is Jane Courant, and I am a Richmond resident and member of the CC Racial Justice Coalition. I write because I am greatly concerned about the incarcerated citizens in our county's detention centers and the likelihood of the spread of Covid-19. Social distancing is impossible in jails and prisons and I urge you, the Sheriff and the District Attorney to release the elderly, juveniles and those within six months of the end of their sentence as soon as possible. The health of jail deputies and staff is also in jeopardy as is that of the public at large when they return to their families and communities. Thank you.</p>

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29	D.5 Update on COVID-19	Allison Becwar	Pittsburg	<p>As the CEO of Lincoln, a non-profit serving youth and families impacted by poverty and trauma throughout Contra Costa and Alameda Counties, I wanted to thank the Board of Supervisors for their leadership in advancing payments to Community Based Organizations, like Lincoln, for the month of April. This has been a lifeline for us to continue our operations as the need for essential mental health services has only increased during this pandemic. However, not knowing what the future holds for funding in May and June, many CBO's will be forced at best to initiate layoffs, at worst close their doors, meaning the most vulnerable families will not be served. I urge the Board of Supervisors to take a similar approach to Alameda County, that just this morning approved advance payments to all CBO's through the end of June. Let me be clear, there is no additional cost or budget impact to the county to make this decision. For a detailed solution, please refer to the Human Services Alliance's proposal. Thank you for your consideration and swift action.</p>
30	General Public Comment (items under the purview of the Board of Supervisors that are not on the agenda)	Susanna Marshland	Kensington	<p>As the Regional Vice President of Fred Finch Youth and Family Services, a non-profit serving youth, young adults, and their families in several Bay Area Counties, I wanted to thank the Board for their leadership in advancing payments to Community Based Organizations, like ourselves, for the month of April. This has enabled us to stabilize cash flow, retain staff, and continue much-needed services to the many residents of our county who have been impacted by COVID-19 and benefit from the essential mental health services we provide. However, not knowing whether our costs will continue to be covered for the remainder of the year will place many CBO's in a position of having to at best initiate layoffs, at worst close their doors, meaning the most vulnerable among us will not be served. I urge the Board of Supervisors to take a similar approach to Alameda County, that just this morning approved advance payments to all CBO's through the end of June. Some assurance that costs will be covered, even as we pursue non-county funds to stabilize operations, would provide much-needed security that our staff in turn can offer to those we serve. To be clear, there is no additional cost or budget impact to the county to make this decision. For a detailed solution, please refer to the Human Services Alliance's proposal. Thank you for your consideration and swift action.</p>

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31	D.5 Update on COVID-19	Pete Bennett	Walnut Creek	<p>During the coronavirus shut down you also ordered bathrooms closed all over the county it is turning into a big problem for the homeless so big that I am seeing things that you don't want to talk about that you don't want to say happens you treat the homeless with such disdain and then you allow Trinity Center to ban people who end up getting killed in Walnut Creek and around the county</p> <p>I am homeless today for incidents such as Bennett vs Collins former Danville building inspector murdered in Santa Clara County yes I talked to investigators and I've called the Contra Costa Bart that was controlled by Candace Anderson husband Philip Anderson who is well aware of my truck exploding in 2004 he's well aware that my Mormon relatives have been killed and he knows all about the building inspector assault that left me with a dislocated shoulder you've left me limping he told you took my kids evicted me and now people are beating me up with the intent of murder get real.</p> <p>The last thing is the roadblock at the County Council has to end as attorney Sharon Anderson, judge peter Spinetta slammed a settlement in Bennett v Southern Pacific now owns Altaranch.com which is copiously close to land owned by SP chairman Anschutz</p> <p>More details Cnetscandal.com</p> <p>#pgewitness</p> <p>Pay your debts to pete bennett who has lost in connection to ling list of witness murders. Fix my computers brojen by the cypress security gaurd.</p>

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32	General Public Comment (items under the purview of the Board of Supervisors that are not on the agenda)	David Sharples	Richmond	<p>Good Morning Supervisors, As of yesterday, April 13th, our jail population is still hovering over 700. We know that this decrease is largely due to the decrease of intakes into the jail and the new emergency bail schedule that sets bail at zero for many offenses. At this speed of reduction we will not be able to control an outbreak of COVID in our jails and subsequent community. Many people will get sick and some will die. Local jails were not built to allow for social distancing. We must release folks to ensure our communal safety.</p> <p>This is literally a matter of life and death for all of us. We continue to call upon the leadership of this county to begin immediately releasing the elderly, juveniles, and those within 6 months of the end of their sentence.</p> <p>Being sent to jail should not be a death sentence. Currently, there are 15 incarcerated people in Santa Rita's jail that are struggling with this deadly virus. We have the power here in Contra Costa to protect our folks, the incarcerated, the deputies, and the community as a whole.</p> <p>Please call upon the Sheriff and District Attorney to begin releasing the elderly, juveniles, and those within 6 months of the end of their sentence. This action will help save lives.</p>

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33	D.5 Update on COVID-19	Jessica Jollett	Antioch	<p>Good morning. My name is Jess Jollett and I am the executive director of Lift Up Contra Costa, a countywide coalition of labor, advocacy, and community groups.</p> <p>I am writing to express our continued concern with the burgeoning health crisis in our county jails. There are now 15 folks incarcerated in Santa Rita jails who have tested positive with COVID-19. We must act now to prevent a similar outbreak.</p> <p>The characteristics of a jail - close quarters, lack of health care, lack of healthy foods, influx of people coming in and out - make it a perfect setting for viral spread. None of those incarcerated in our facilities can take the precautions necessary to protect themselves. Social distancing is impossible in a jail setting.</p> <p>I am hoping we could all agree that a jail sentence should not be a death sentence. And yet, if that moral question is not enough, what happens in our county jails will simply not stay there. Sheriff staff in the county jails are susceptible to COVID-19 and will be carriers into their own homes, and communities.</p> <p>As of yesterday, the "Active Inmate Roster List" produced by the Sheriff listed roughly 700 people in custody. Please use your authority as county elected officials call upon the Sheriff and District Attorney to begin releasing the elderly, juveniles, and those within 6 months of the end of their sentence. This action will help save lives. Thank you.</p>

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34	D.5 Update on COVID-19	Dan Geiger	Richmond	<p>I am Dan Geiger, Director of the Human Services Alliance, a group of 35 human service organizations that provide 65% of the County's behavioral health services, as well as many other critical social services.</p> <p>Thank you for the April advance.</p> <p>We urge the Board to review and consider our proposal to remit the maximum cap service contracts for the months of March through June, to ensure continuity of critical safety net services.</p> <p>Our thorough research with former California county finance officers and state policy experts substantiates that this can be done simply through a rate/cost reconciliation at the end of the fiscal year which might entail raising per unit rates on fee for service contracts if service levels are less than the cap allows. The California Alliance of Child & Family Services has stated that counties are already authorized to do this, there are no additional expenditures beyond the budget, nor is there any risk to federal matching funds. Many California counties have already implemented similar strategies.</p> <p>We have not received any communication from Health Services Finance department re: any errors in our analysis, but the Chief Administrator has indicated that other issues might be involved. We urge the Board to direct the Chief Administrator, who has indicated he would like to speak with us, and Chief Financial Officer of Health Services to meet with representatives of the Alliance to resolve any confusion about this urgent matter. Thank you.</p>
35	General Public Comment (items under the purview of the Board of Supervisors that are not on the agenda)	Nancy Ybarra	San Pablo	<p>My name is Nance, I live in the city of San Pablo. I am writing because I am concerned about the Corona virus outbreak entering our county jails. Local jails were not built to allow social distancing and therefore many people locked up will contract the virus. Medical attention in county jails can be ruthless and careless because they are seen as less than human. So I urge the board and the sheriff to come together to let the folks who have not committed major crimes or are just sitting in jail waiting for a court date to wait it out at home with their loved ones.</p>

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36	D.3 Report on emergency moratoriums on evictions and rent increases	Ana Gozalez	Richmond Ca	<p>Good Morning Supervisors,</p> <p>My name is Ana Gonzalez and I am a resident of Richmond CA and a member of the community group ACCE. I am writing because I am concerned about an outbreak of coronavirus in our county's jails. Local jails were not built to allow for social distancing. We must release incarcerated people now to ensure our community's safety. That's why I am calling on you, the Sheriff and the District Attorney to immediately release the elderly, juveniles and those within six months of the end of their sentence.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>