
From: Jim Becker <
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 1:28 PM
To: Clerk of the Board
Subject: Unable to use #2 to speak

Good afternoon Clerk of the Board.

I was trying to join the line of speakers to speak on agenda item D.7 and pressed #2 several times but was not able to get acknowledged to speak. Could you please share my comments with the Board?

My name is Jim Becker and I am the President and CEO of RCF Connects and the Richmond Community Foundation. Our foundation is proud to serve as the fiscal sponsor of the Budget Justice Coalition and with our celebrations of Juneteenth remind us, racial injustices that still exist, it is important that our county budget reflect our values of equity and justice. Our budget process is the clearest example of what we value and the priorities we choose, and right now we need to choose well.

The coalition's request is simple and RCF and I personally stand with them in support of this request:

- Establish a community-based process to develop a funded, robust Office of Racial Justice and Social Equity
- Explicitly utilize values & priorities based budgeting principles and practices
- Incorporate racial justice and equity analysis in FY 20-21 budget priorities and development
- Significantly increase the percentage of the budget for health and safety net services
- Provide meaningful opportunities for community input into budget deliberations and decision making

Foundations , like us, are also engaged in these conversations together to ensure that philanthropic dollars are allocated based on the values of equity and justice.

Thank you.

June McHuen

From: carol m <
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 6:16 PM
To: June McHuen
Subject: Re: need help getting to BOS mtg

Dear June McHuen,

Thank you for the offer to include my comments in the BOS record.

First, I am impressed with the efforts the Board of Supervisors makes so everyone can contribute to the conversation.

I have comments on two items on the June 23, 2020 BOS meeting.

Item 1 - D.5 Election presentation

I appreciate the thorough report with all the specificity.

I note everyone is operating under the same principles,
voting should be convenient and safe

Everyone, I am sure, aims to maximize the number of voters who can/will participate in
November

The Reality in which we live is that Districts have different historical voting patterns.

Supervisor Gioia pointed out voters in his District 1 habitually vote in person.

Other districts might have voters who predominantly vote by mail.

Could a solution involve some flexibility in thinking?

Could Districts with different voting profiles have different numbers of polling sites?
or is that an equity issue, despite verifiable voting habits?

I agree with Supervisor Gioia that 6 in-person voting sites are inadequate. Even with the options of ballot return by mail and the availability of a plethora of voting boxes to smooth the processing of large numbers of voters, 6 in-person sites is not a reasonable number. There are people who actually need help voting in addition to those who simply prefer voting in person. If we are serious about making voting ubiquitous, we need to make voting easy and secure. I think volunteers will rise to the challenge of staffing all the voting sites you establish.

Thank you.

Item 2 - D 7 Presentation by Budget Justice Coalition.

Thank you for putting the CCC Budget Justice Coalition on your agenda.

I was unable to stay for the full BOS meeting so missed some of this discussion.

Thank you for taking my comments.

I want to register my hope that the BOS will fully fund an Office of Racial Justice and Social Equity. The need for such an office was made apparent by the heartfelt, passionate presentation. By creating a central repository of facts and personal stories, County policies and practices can be based on experiences of all residents.

Thank you.

Respectfully,

Carol Murota
Lafayette resident

On Tue, Jun 23, 2020 at 3:18 PM Clerk of the Board <ClerkOfTheBoard@cob.cccounty.us> wrote:

If you would like to put your comments in a reply to this email, I can get your remarks added into the record.

June McHuen

Boardroom Secretary

Clerk of the Board

651 Pine St. Rm 106

Martinez CA 94553

(925) 335-1905

June.McHuen@cob.cccounty.us

From: carol m <ldvcarol@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 12:21 PM

To: Clerk of the Board <ClerkOfTheBoard@cob.cccounty.us>

Subject: need help getting to BOS mtg

Can you send me a link to get to BOS meeting? I had it and got disconnected. I also was unable to make a comment about elections.

thank you,

carol murota