



Agenda

MEASURE X COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD

May 12, 2021

9:00 A.M.

1025 Escobar St., Martinez

Mariana Moore, Chair
BK Williams, Vice Chair

Agenda Items:

Items may be taken out of order based on the business of the day and preference of the Committee

- Present:** Chair Mariana Moore; Vice Chair BK Williams; Edith Pastrano; Kathryn Chiverton; Jim Cervantes; Odessa LeFrancois; David Cruise; Sharon Quezada Jenkins; Michelle Stewart; Ali Saidi; Jerry Short; Kimberly Aceves-Iniquez; Ruth Fernandez; Debbie Toth; Sandra Wall; Susun Kim; Cathy Hanville; Gigi Crowder; Geneveva Calloway; Melissa Stafford Jones; Diana Honig; Lindy Lavender; Steven Bliss
- Absent:** Dr. Michelle Hernandez; Sandro Trujillo; Pello Walker; Peter Benson
- Staff Present:** Lisa Driscoll, County Finance Director; Enid Mendoza, Senior Deputy County Administrator; Sonia Bustamante, BOS District I; Jill Ray, BOS District II; Chris Wikler, BOS District IV; Melissa Klawuhn, Assistant Sheriff; Tracy Murray, Director, Contra Costa Aging & Adult Services; Nathan Johnson, Veterans Services Officer
- Attendees:** Caitlin Sly, Executive Director of Meals on Wheels; Nicole Howell, Executive Director, Ombudsman Svcs; Myrtle Braxton, Chair, Richmond Commission-Aging

1. Roll Call

Staff provide instruction for access to English live transcription (automated closed captioning) and live simultaneous Spanish interpretation and then conducted roll call. The alternate for the absent District IV Supervisorial Seat was not present. There were 72 participants.

2. Public comment on any item under the jurisdiction of the Committee and not on this agenda (speakers may be limited to three minutes).

Public Comments was made by Carly Magnus.

Attachments:

Public Comments received May 7, 2021

3. Staff recommends MXCAB receive the Record of Action for the May 5, 2021 meeting.

The Record of action was accepted as presented.

Attachments:

Record of Action MXCAB 5-5-21

Public Comments received 5-3-2021

4. RECEIVE presentations:

- Aging & Adult Services - Tracy Murray, Director, Contra Costa Aging & Adult Services
- Community Based Organization Presenters:
 - Caitlin Sly, Executive Director of Meals on Wheels Diablo Region
 - Nicole Howell, Executive Director, Ombudsman Services of Contra Costa, Solano, and Alameda Counties
- Resident Speaker - Myrtle Braxton, Chair, Richmond Commission on Aging
- Veterans Services - Nathan Johnson, Veterans Service Officer, Contra Costa Veterans Services

Mariana Moore introduced the topics for discussion. Tracy Murray, Director, Contra Costa Aging & Adult Services presented a PowerPoint on aging and adult services. The next speaker was Caitlin Sly, Executive Director of Meals on Wheels Diablo Region, followed by Nicole Howell, Executive Director, Ombudsman Services of Contra Costa, Solano, and Alameda Counties, and finally resident Speaker Myrtle Braxton, Chair, Richmond Commission on Aging. The final presentation on Veterans Services was provided by Nathan Johnson, Veterans Service Officer, Contra Costa Veterans Services. After the presentations members of the MXCAB and public made comments and asked questions.

Bill Pelter provided the following information on CDC and AARP:

Here's the links to the CDC [information](#) on disability and the AARP [Home Alone Revisited](#) report on Caregiving I referenced in my comments tonight. Given the staggering disparities in health and human services COVID has revealed in our County an Aging and Disability Resource Connection is ideal to address the challenges many older adults, people with disabilities, and family members experience when trying to learn about and access long-term services and supports. Our ADRC will help Contra Costa residents connect to county and community-based services with the added benefit of assisting them through any eligibility process. Thereby increasing equity and access for all.

Debbie Toth provided the following information on Ombudsman Services:

Ombudsman Services of Contra Costa Solano and Sacramento
2255 Contra Costa Blvd Ste. 204
Pleasant Hill, CA 94523
[\(925\)685-2070](tel:(925)685-2070)
(925)685-2049 - Fax

What is an Ombudsman (this from the California Department of Aging website)?

Long-Term Care Ombudsman representatives assist residents in long-term care facilities with issues related to day-to-day care, health, safety, and personal preferences. Problems can include, but are not limited to:

- Violation of residents' rights or dignity
- Physical, verbal, mental, or financial abuse
- Poor quality of care
- Dietary concerns
- Medical care, therapy, and rehabilitation issues
- Medicare and Medi-Cal benefit issues
- Improper transfer or discharge of a resident
- Inappropriate use of chemical or physical restraints

Attachments:

Aging and Adult Services Presentation

Veterans Presentation

MXCAB Operating Principles (Revised 5-7-21)

5. Receive update on language equity for the Measure X Community Advisory Board.

Ali Saidi stated that the staff report covered the topic. Mariana Moore thanked the Family Justice Center for providing a Spanish translation of the MXCAB presentation panel schedule. Both the English and Spanish versions are attached for reference. No public comments were made.

Attachments:

MXCAB Presentation Schedule Flyer

Horario de Presentación

6. Continue to discuss process for finalizing priorities and recommendations to submit to the Board of Supervisors.

The Committee continued to discuss the process for finalizing priorities and recommendations to submit to the Board of Supervisors. Mariana reported that one Board of Supervisors member and another Supervisor's staff member have directed that the scope of MXCAB does not include making specific dollar amount recommendations for funding; as Measure X is a general sales tax, it is the purview of the Board of Supervisors to allocate specific funding amounts. Several members stated strongly that the MXCAB was to prepare a detailed priority list and specific corresponding funding recommendations for 95% of the anticipated revenue generated by Measure X. Members of the public offered their opinions as well. After approximately an hour the item was continued to the May 19, 2021 meeting.

Attachments:

Interim Presentation Evaluation Summary

7. The next meeting is currently scheduled for May 19, 2021

There was no change to the standing meeting date and time.

8. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:15 PM.

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For Additional Information Contact:

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Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors

Subcommittee Report

MEASURE X COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD

2.

Meeting Date: 05/12/2021
Subject: Submitted Public Comments
Submitted For: MEASURE X Com Advisory Board,
Department: County Administrator
Referral No.: 2/2/21 D.4
Referral Name: Community Advisory Committee for Measure X
Presenter: N/A **Contact:** Lisa Driscoll (925) 655-2047

Referral History:

Public comment on any item under the jurisdiction of the Committee and not on this agenda (speakers may be limited to three minutes).

Referral Update:

Recommendation(s)/Next Step(s):

Public comment on any item under the jurisdiction of the Committee and not on this agenda (speakers may be limited to three minutes).

Attachments

Public Comments received May 7, 2021

Minutes Attachments

No file(s) attached.

MXCAB Public Comments

May 12, 2021

Bryan Scott, Chair, East County Voters for Equal Protection

Good afternoon, members of the Measure X Community Advisory Board. My comments today are to call your attention to the fact that 130,000 residents of eastern Contra Costa County were without responsive fire services for nearly 17 hours during the first three months of this year.

This means that when an emergency call came in during this time, when East Contra Costa Fire Protection District was “unavailable,” the response had to come from a neighboring agency, and a much more distant fire station or responding location.

Ten medical emergency calls came in during this “unavailable time.” It is unclear how long it took for help to arrive, but it could easily have been 15, or 20 minutes. Maybe longer.

No other fire district in the County has ANY “unavailable time.” When asked about this, Fire Chiefs said they may not be able to provide a first-response from the nearest station, but in no instance are they ever unable to respond.

Included in this Public Comment is the “**Monthly Operational Report**” published by the East Contra Costa Fire Protection District on April 14. See Pages 5, 7 and 9 for the facts.

The County Board of Supervisors put in motion the events that cause this public safety emergency when the Board consolidated three fire districts into one, in 2002. At the time, the Supervisors promised to address the funding problem.

Because they didn’t address the funding problem, East County taxpayers have died, and are continuing to die. Homes are burning down.

“Discovery Bay has lost three residents to cardiac arrest because engines were unavailable to respond,” ECCFPD Captain Gil Guerrero told the Local Agency Formation Commission in May, 2016, according to meeting minutes.

He actually detailed all three cases when he spoke to the government officials. Listen to Captain Guerrero’s testimony for yourself, beginning at 2:13:50 hrs. of the recording of the May 11, 2016 meeting. His testimony ran for about five minutes.

You can find it by clicking here: <https://www.contracostalafco.org/meetings-and-public-hearings/meeting-archive-2016/> Scroll down to the May 11, 2016 meeting, and then click and scroll forward to the 2:13:50 hrs. point in the recording.

It is up to this Advisory Board to recommend that the Supervisors dedicate 15% of the proceeds of Measure X to now address this public safety emergency. Lives are at stake.

Thank you.

Appendix: ECCFPD Operational Report for March, 2021

East Contra Costa Fire Protection District

Meeting Date: April 14th, 2021

Subject/Title: Receive Operational Update for March 2021

Submitted by: Ross Macumber, Battalion Chief

RECOMMENDATION FOR ACTION

Receive operational update March 2021.

SUBJECT BACKGROUND

This report summarizes District activities for the month of March 2021.

Calls for service:

There were a total of 650 service calls in the month of March, with an average response time of 8:33 minutes. In the month of February the District ran 591 calls with an average response time of 8:39 minutes. In the calendar year of 2020, the District ran 7639 calls for service with an average response time of 8:29 compared to calendar year of 2019, where the District ran 7679 calls for service with an average response time of 8:19.

Calls for Service						
Service Area	2021 March			2020 Calendar Year		
	Calls	Ave Resp Time	90% Resp Time	Calls	Ave Resp Time	90% Resp Time
Brentwood West	181	8:04	11:00	1854	7:55	10:40
Brentwood East	146	7:41	10:17	1723	7:37	11:07
Discovery Bay / Bryon	78	10:58	14:49	956	9:43	15:41
Oakley	175	7:39	10:30	2147	7:15	9:52
Knightsen	31	9:00	11:40	354	9:49	13:11
Bethel Island	26	14:27	18:00	388	14:16	17:42
Marsh Creek / Morgan Ter.	13	10:24	15:51	217	10:48	15:09
Total	650	8:33	12:30	7639	8:29	12:52

Engine Company Roll Outs				
Engine Company Roll Outs	March	% of Total	2020	% of Total
52 - ECCFPD	334	42%	3591	38%
53 -ECCFPD	277	34%	3454	37%
59 - ECCFPD	134	17%	1628	17%
16 - CAL Fire	20	2%	233	2%
Auto Aid Received	39	5%	483	5%
Mutual Aid Received	0	0%	13	0%
Total	804	100%	9402	100%

Looking at the response times by Areas:

- **Brentwood West** had 181 calls in the month of March with an average response time of 8:04 minutes. In February there were a total of 142 calls with an average response time of 8:00 minutes. In the calendar year of 2020 the area had 1854 calls for service with an average response time of 7:55.
- **Brentwood East** had 146 calls in the month of March with an average response time of 7:41 minutes. In February there were a total of 146 calls with an average response time of 7:26 minutes. In the calendar year of 2020 the area had 1723 calls for service with an average response time of 7:37.
- **Discovery Bay/ Byron** had 78 calls in the month of March with an average response time of 10:58 minutes. In February there were a total of 75 calls with an average response time of 11:02 minutes. In the calendar year of 2020 the area had 956 calls for service with an average response time of 9:43.
- **Oakley** had 175 calls in the month of March with an average response time of 7:39 minutes. In the month of February there were a total of 158 calls with an average response time of 7:27 minutes. In the calendar year of 2020 the area had 2147 calls for service with an average response time of 7:15.
- **Knightesen** had 31 calls in month of March with an average response time of 9:00 minutes. In the month of February there were a total of 15 calls with an average response time of 9:12 minutes. In the calendar year of 2020 the area had 354 calls for service with an average response time of 9:49.
- **Bethel Island** had 26 calls in the month of March with an average response time of 14:27 minutes. In the month February of there were 38 calls with an average response time of 15:33 minutes. In the calendar year of 2020 the area had 388 calls for service with an average response time of 14:16.
- **Marsh Creek/Morgan Territory** had 13 calls in the month of March with an average response time of 10:24 minutes. In the month of February there were a total of 17 calls with an average response time of 9:29 minutes. In the calendar year of 2020 the area had 217 calls for service with an average response time of 10:48.

Auto aid:

In the month of March, the District received auto aid from Contra Costa County Fire 39 times, with them sending 61 engines, of which 27 arrived on scene. The District sent auto aid to Contra Costa County Fire 32 times providing them with 40 engines, of which 17 arrived on scene. During the month of February, Contra Costa County Fire came into the District 39 times with 49 engines, arriving on scene 16 times and we responded into Contra Costa County Fire 28 times with 38 engines with 15 arriving on scene.

<i>Automatic Aid with Contra Costa County Fire 2021</i>	<i>CCCFPD</i>	<i>ECCFPD</i>
<i>Month</i>	<i>Incidents/Assigned/Arrived</i>	<i>Incidents/Assigned/Arrived</i>
January	40/53/18	25/30/10
February	39/49/16	28/38/15
March	39/61/27	32/40/17
April		
May		
June		
July		
August		
September		
October		
November		
December		
<i>Total</i>		

*In 2020, the District received auto aid from Contra Costa County Fire **483 times with 678 engines** and the District sent auto aid to Contra Costa County Fire a total of **346 times with 439 engines**. In 2019, the District received auto aid from Contra Costa County Fire **552 times with 851 engines** and the District sent auto aid to Contra Costa County Fire a total of **352 times with 434 engines**. In 2018, the District received auto aid from Contra Costa County Fire **612 times with 1063 engines** and the District sent auto aid to Contra Costa County Fire a total of **362 times with 409 engines**.*

Major Incidents/ Reduced Responses and Mutual Aid Requests:

In the month of March, the District responded to 8 residential structure fires, 0 commercial structure fires, 4 vehicle fires, 0 large vehicle fires, 3 vegetation fires and 19 exterior fires. The District also responded to 19 vehicle accidents, with an additional 4 requiring rescue, 5 vehicle vs. pedestrian accidents, 1 motorcycle accident, and 2 bicycle accidents

Operational Personnel:

The District is currently budgeted for 47 personnel.

POSITION	AUTHORIZED	FILLED
Chief	1	1
Administration	4	4
Fire Marshal	1	1
Deputy Fire Marshal	1	0
Fire Inspectors	2	2
Fire Permit Technician	1	1
Battalion Chief	4	4
Captain	9	9
Engineer	9	9
Firefighter	15	11
TOTAL	47	42

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DATE= Date during which district had gap in coverage

TIME UNAVAILABLE = Time of day in which district had gaps in coverage

TOTAL TIME = The total time of gap in coverage

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WHO HANDLED = Which agency handled the incident

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Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors

Subcommittee Report

MEASURE X COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD

3.

Meeting Date: 05/12/2021

Subject: Record of Action for May 5, 2021 Measure X Community Advisory Board Meeting

Submitted For: FINANCE COMMITTEE,

Department: County Administrator

Referral No.: N/A

Referral Name: Record of Action

Presenter: Lisa Driscoll, County Finance Director

Contact: Lisa Driscoll (925) 655-2047

Referral History:

County Ordinance requires that each County body keep a record of its meetings. Though the record need not be verbatim, it must accurately reflect the agenda and the discussions made in the meetings.

Referral Update:

Attached for the Board's information is the Record of Action for its May 5, 2021 meeting.

Recommendation(s)/Next Step(s):

Staff recommends MXCAB receive the Record of Action for the May 5, 2021 meeting.

Fiscal Impact (if any):

No fiscal impact.

Attachments

Record of Action MXCAB 5-5-21

Public Comments received 5-3-2021

Minutes Attachments

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Absent: Sandro Trujillo; Pello Walker

Staff Lisa Driscoll, County Finance Director; Enid Mendoza, Senior Deputy County

Present: Administrator; Sonia Bustamante, BOS District I; Jill Ray, BOS District II; Mark Goodwin, BOS District III; Chris Wikler, BOS District IV; Melissa Klawuhn, Assistant Sheriff; MJ Robb, Sheriff Commander; Maureen Toms, Department of Conservation and Development

1. Introductions

There were 45 participants.

2. Roll Call

Staff conducted a roll call. All voting members were present.

3. Public comment on any item under the jurisdiction of the Committee and not on this agenda (speakers may be limited to three minutes).

Public Comments were made by Héctor Malvido, Marti Roach, and Taun Hall. The attached public Comments were received on May 3, 2021.

4. Staff recommends MXCAB receive the Record of Action for the April 28, 2021 meeting.

Record of action was accepted as presented.

5. ADOPT attached operating principles.

Mariana Moore presented the revised operating principles for the MXCAB. A motion was made to accept the revised principles with the addition of "re-entry" to item #6 - "Assumptions and commitments that inform our work together". The motion passed unanimously.

6. Approve attached plan.

Mariana Moore presented the revised plan for holding a series of focused presentations and discussions. A discussion took place that included the topics of timing and MXCAB members presenting materials. The Committee made a motion to adopt the attached revised plan and not to include members in presentations. The motion passed unanimously.

7. DISCUSS language equity for the Measure X Community Advisory Board meetings and materials (Ali Saidi, Member)

Ali Saidi presented information regarding interpretation and translation services. A motion was made to request an allocation for all future meetings of the Measure X Community Advisory Board for two Spanish interpreters and Spanish translation of the agenda package. The motion passed unanimously.

8. DISCUSS process for finalizing priorities and recommendations to submit to the Board of Supervisors (Mariana Moore, Chair)

Due to lack of time, a motion was made to continue the item to the May 12, 2021 meeting. The item passed unanimously.

9. The next meeting is currently scheduled for May 12, 2021.

No change to standing meeting date and time.

10. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:25 PM.

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MXCAB Public Comments

May 5, 2021

Bryan Scott, Chair, East County Voters for Equal Protection

Good afternoon, members of the Measure X Community Advisory Board. My comments today are to call your attention to the fact that the elected representatives of 97% of Contra Costa County's residents living in the eastern 31% of the County have all endorsed a solution to the region's ongoing public safety emergency.

As members of the Measure X Community Advisory Board, you, and the Board of Supervisors, must listen and act responsibly.

The City Councils of Brentwood and Oakley, along with the Board of Directors of the Town of Discovery Bay, each unanimously passed resolutions calling on the Board of Supervisors to fund fire and emergency services in East County to a level comparable to the rest of the County.

Oakley Mayor Sue Higgins said "The Oakley City Council unanimously adopted a resolution urging the Board of Supervisors to dedicate a portion of the Measure X sales tax proceeds to fire services in East County."

Speaking as a private citizen, she said "This investment is critical to the consolidation efforts of ECCFPD (East Contra Costa Fire Protection District) and ConFire (Contra Costa County Fire Protection District). The Measure X investment and consolidation will help save lives, and should be supported by all East County residents."

Brentwood Mayor Joel Bryant said "This is desperate, this is desperate times that we're trying to take care of," to KPIX 5 News Reporter Da Lin. "Just one minute of delay can cause significant problems, even perhaps death," he said.

Discovery Bay Board of Directors Member Carolyn Graham said "I believe the motivation of the majority of the people who voted for Measure X wanted some of the monies to go towards increased fire protection funding." Speaking as a private citizen, she said "I'm looking forward to the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors making that a reality."

"The average fire protection response time in 2020 for Discovery Bay was 9:43 minutes, the time should be 4 minutes," she said. "One life lost, one home lost or damaged, is one too many. Discovery Bay citizens should have a right to the same level of fire protection that is the standard in most other areas in the County."

Oakley City Council Member Anissa Williams said "Fire protection is one of the most pressing issues for East County residents." Speaking as a private citizen she said "Our response times are woefully lacking compared to our neighboring cities, and we simply need more manpower and stations to meet these critical benchmarks."

"Fire was listed as one of the recipients for Measure X funds, and it swayed many people to tax themselves," Williams said. "We now need these funds to be released for the safety of our

communities, so that the resources of adjoining cities are not drained, should an emergency arise.”

Brentwood City Council Member Karen Rarey said in a TV news segment “We are in a crisis mode. We need to do something. We cannot continue in this mode any longer.”

County Supervisor John Gioia said “I support using Measure X funds to support East County Fire issues,” in an email dated March 5, 2021, speaking as and to a private citizen.

In a second email, dated March 9, 2021, Supervisor Gioia said “I just don’t think it’s appropriate for me to sign on to anything right now. I know your Supervisor Burgis is working on this and I do support Measure X funding for East County Fire issues.”

A service level comparable with the rest of the county would mean increasing the number of fire stations in the region from three to six. This goal was recommended by industry consultants five years ago.

Achieving this goal could be accomplished by dedicating just 15% of Measure X sales tax revenues to this purpose.

All 130,000 residents of the County’s fastest growing region have a right to expect a level of fire and emergency medical service that is comparable to the rest of the County.

The **Executed Resolutions** passed by the City Councils of Brentwood and Oakley, and the Town of Discovery Bay’s Board of Directors, are attached as an **Appendix** to this Public Comment. Thank you.

Attached: Measure X Resolutions.pdf

RESOLUTION 2021-08

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRENTWOOD
ADVOCATING FOR CONTRA COSTA COUNTY TO OBLIGATE A FIXED
PERCENTAGE OF MEASURE X FUNDS TO THE EAST CONTRA COSTA FIRE
PROTECTION DISTRICT TO FULLY OPERATE THREE ADDITIONAL FIRE STATIONS
TO ENHANCE THE DISTRICT'S FIRE SERVICE RESPONSE**

WHEREAS, the East Contra Costa Fire Protection District (ECCFPD or District) provides emergency medical response, firefighting, fire prevention, hazardous waste response, and other services relating to the protection of lives and property; and

WHEREAS, during the time ECCFPD has existed in its service area, including Brentwood, it has seen population growth, and the costs associated with ECCFPD services have exceeded increases in funding, so that ECCFPD is unable to adequately respond to the community's emergency medical and fire protection needs; and

WHEREAS, the resulting public safety emergency is well-documented, such that ECCFPD does not have sufficient funding to pay for the personnel, stations, and equipment necessary to adequately protect the community; and

WHEREAS, Brentwood and the region expect growth to continue, increasing the ECCFPD service area population to nearly 200,000 by the year 2040, which will generate even greater need and demand; and increase the pressure on the severely under-funded District; and

WHEREAS, the County Board of Supervisors submitted a half-cent sales tax measure to the voters at an election held on November 3, 2020; and

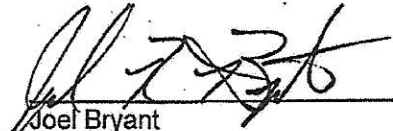
WHEREAS, as passed, the measure ("Measure X") is expected, for 20 years, to annually generate, an estimated \$81 million in new County general fund revenues that the Board of Supervisors can allocate to address a wide array of community needs; and

WHEREAS, Measure X revenues are expected to support essential County services, such as fire and emergency medical response services and other crucial safety-net services, some of which are provided directly by County agencies and some of which are provided by special-purpose agencies such as ECCFPD.

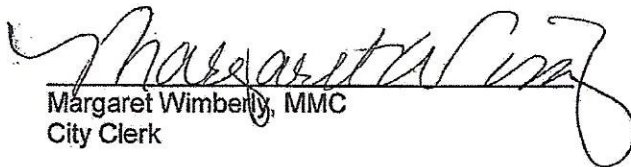
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Brentwood, does request that the County Board of Supervisors dedicate a fixed percentage of the proceeds of Measure X, sufficient to provide for three additional fire stations in the ECCFPD service area, to benefit the residents of Brentwood and East Contra Costa County.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Brentwood at a regular meeting held on the 26th day of January 2021 by the following vote:

AYES: Bryant, Mendoza, Meyer, Rarey, Rodriguez
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
RECUSE: None



Joel Bryant
Mayor

ATTEST:


Margaret Wimberly, MMC
City Clerk

I, Margaret Wimberly, City Clerk of the City of Brentwood, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original on file in the City Clerk's Office.

2/4/2021
Dated


#02: Margaret Wimberly, MMC, City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 12-21

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OAKLEY ADVOCATING FOR CONTRA COSTA COUNTY TO OBLIGATE A FIXED PERCENTAGE OF MEASURE X FUNDS TO THE EAST CONTRA COSTA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT TO FULLY OPERATE THREE ADDITIONAL FIRE STATIONS TO ENHANCE THE DISTRICT'S FIRE SERVICE RESPONSE

WHEREAS, the East Contra Costa Fire Protection District (ECCFPD or District) provides emergency medical response, firefighting, fire prevention, hazardous waste response, and other services relating to the protection of lives and property; and

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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Oakley, does request that the County Board of Supervisors dedicate a fixed percentage of the proceeds of Measure X, sufficient to provide for three additional fire stations in the ECCFPD service area, to benefit the residents of Oakley and East Contra Costa County.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 9th day of February, 2021 by the following vote:


AYES: Fuller, Higgins, Meadows, Pope, Williams

NOES:

ABSTENTION:

ABSENT:

ATTEST:



Libby Vreonis, City Clerk

APPROVED:



Sue Higgins, Mayor

2/17/2021
Date



**TOWN OF DISCOVERY BAY
COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT**

RESOLUTION 2021-01

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE TOWN OF DISCOVERY BAY,
A CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT,
ADVOCATING FOR CONTRA COSTA COUNTY TO OBLIGATE
A FIXED PERCENTAGE OF MEASURE X FUNDS TO THE EAST
CONTRA COSTA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT TO FULLY OPERATE
THREE ADDITIONAL FIRE STATIONS TO ENHANCE THE DISTRICT'S
FIRE SERVICE RESPONSE**

WHEREAS, the East Contra Costa Fire Protection District ("ECCFPD") provides emergency medical response, firefighting, fire prevention, hazardous waste response, and other services relating to the protection of lives and property; and

WHEREAS, during the time ECCFPD has existed in its service area, including the Town of Discovery Bay, it has seen population growth, and the costs associated with ECCFPD services have exceeded increases in funding, so that ECCFPD is unable to adequately respond to the community's emergency medical and fire protection needs; and

WHEREAS, the resulting public safety emergency is well-documented, such that ECCFPD does not have sufficient funding to pay for the personnel, stations, and equipment necessary to adequately protect the community; and

WHEREAS, Discovery Bay and the region expect growth to continue, increasing the ECCFPD service area population to nearly 200,000 by the year 2040, which will generate even greater need and demand; and increase the pressure on the severely under-funded ECCFPD District; and

WHEREAS, the County Board of Supervisors submitted a half-cent sales tax measure to the voters at an election held on November 3, 2020; and

WHEREAS, as passed, the measure ("Measure X") is expected, for 20 years, to annually generate, an estimated \$81 million in new County general fund revenues that the Board of Supervisors can allocate to address a wide array of community needs; and

WHEREAS, Measure X revenues are expected to support essential County services, such as fire and emergency medical response services and other crucial safety-net services, some of which are provided directly by County agencies and some of which are provided by special-purpose agencies such as ECCFPD.


NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TOWN OF DISCOVERY BAY COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Request that the County Board of Supervisors dedicate a fixed percentage of the proceeds of Measure X, sufficient to provide for three additional fire stations in the ECCFPD service area, to benefit the residents of Discovery Bay and East Contra Costa County.

SECTION 2. That this action is effective immediately.

SECTION 3. The Board Secretary shall certify the adoption of this Resolution.


PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 3rd DAY OF FEBRUARY 2021.



Bryon Gutow
Board President

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the Board of Directors of the Town of Discovery Bay Community Services District at a regularly scheduled meeting, held on February 3, 2021 by the following vote of the Board:

AYES: 5
NOES: 0
ABSENT: 0
ABSTAIN: 0



Michael R. Davies
Board Secretary



Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors

Subcommittee Report

MEASURE X COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD

4.

Meeting Date: 05/12/2021
Subject: Focussed Presentation and Discussion - Seniors, Disabled People, and Veterans
Submitted For: MEASURE X Com Advisory Board,
Department: County Administrator
Referral No.: 2/2/21 D.4
Referral Name: Community Advisory Committee for Measure X
Presenter: Mariana Moore **Contact:** Lisa Driscoll (925) 655-2047

Referral History:

Plan for series of focussed presentations and discussion was established by the Measure X Community Advisory Board.

Referral Update:

Attached are presentations regarding seniors, disabled people, and veterans.

Recommendation(s)/Next Step(s):

RECEIVE presentations:

- Aging & Adult Services - Tracy Murray, Director, Contra Costa Aging & Adult Services
- Community Based Organization Presenters:
 - Caitlin Sly, Executive Director of Meals on Wheels Diablo Region
 - Nicole Howell, Executive Director, Ombudsman Services of Contra Costa, Solano, and Alameda Counties
- Resident Speaker - Myrtle Braxton, Chair, Richmond Commission on Aging
- Veterans Services - Nathan Johnson, Veterans Service Officer, Contra Costa Veterans Services

Attachments

Aging and Adult Services Presentation

Veterans Presentation

MXCAB Operating Principles (Revised 5-7-21)

Minutes Attachments

No file(s) attached.



Measure X: Enhancing Services to Older Adults and Adults with Disabilities



AGING & ADULT SERVICES BUREAU

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY EMPLOYMENT & HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

REPORT TO MEASURE X COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD | MAY 12, 2021

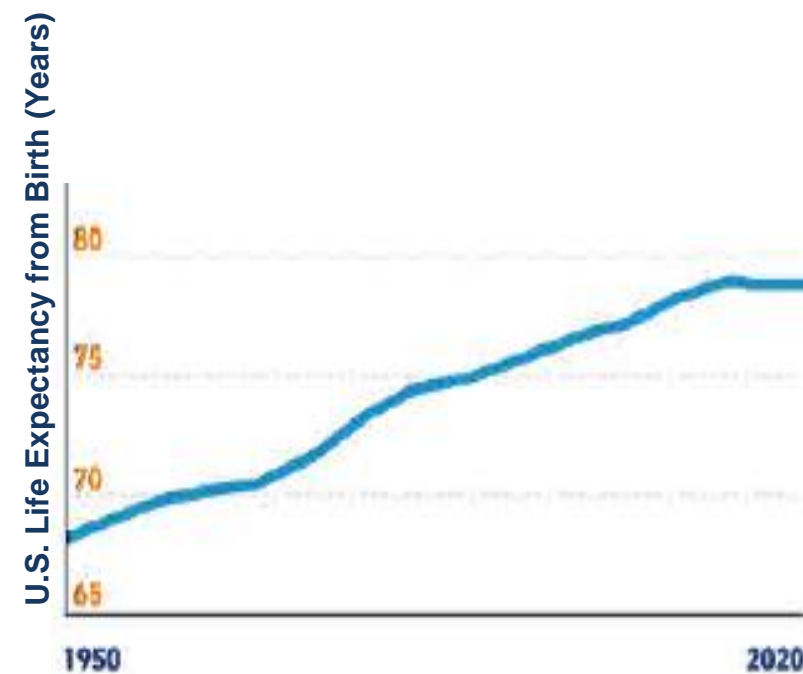


EHSD partners with the community to deliver quality services to ensure access to resources that support, protect, and empower individuals and families to achieve self-sufficiency.



California Demographics on Aging

Californians are living longer than ever before



At 81.9 years, California has the second highest average life expectancy in the nation.



Number of Californians age 60+ by year

By 2030 adults 60 and over will make up 30% of California's population.

2010

6,136,048



2030

10,762,937



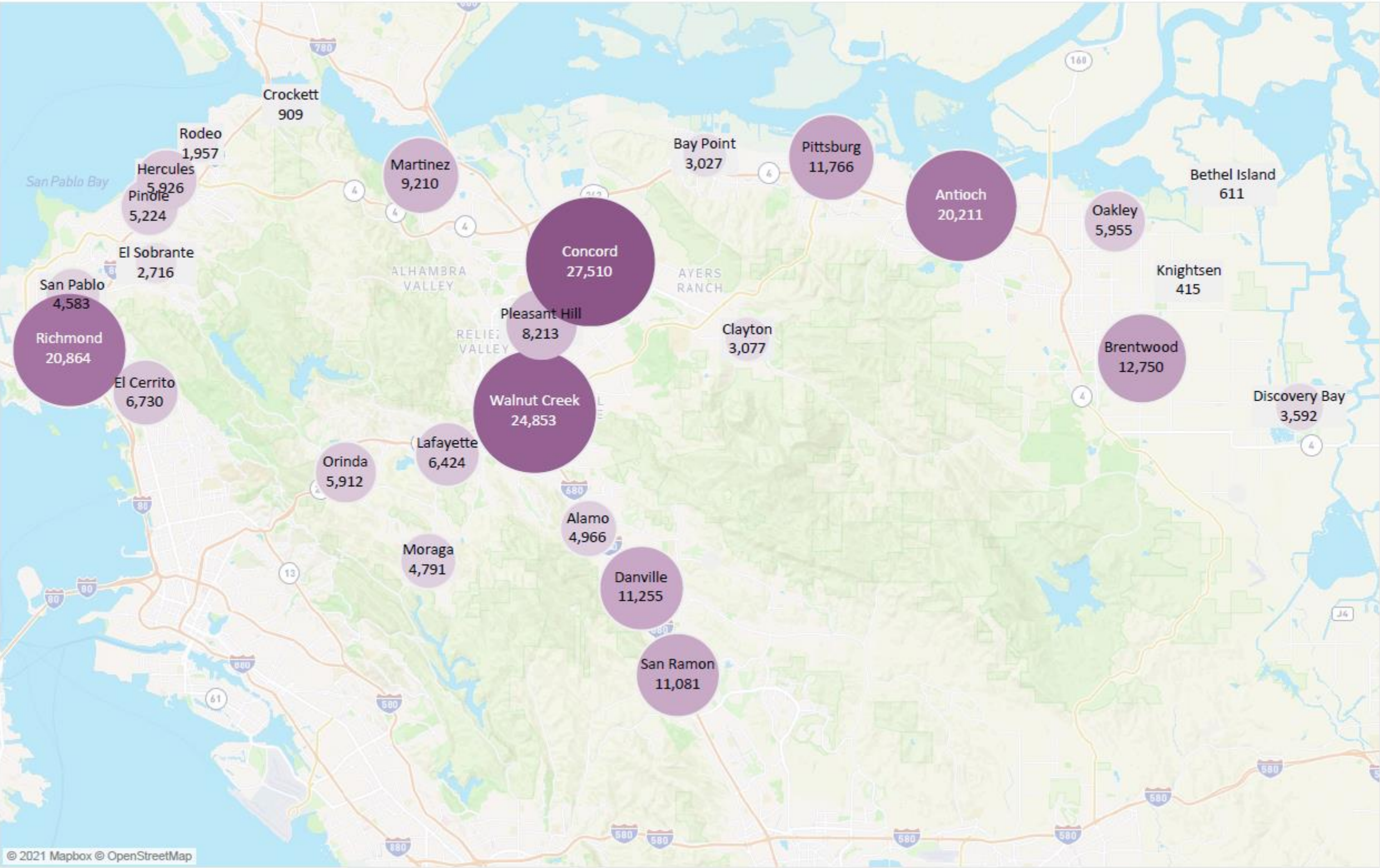
2060

13,640,002



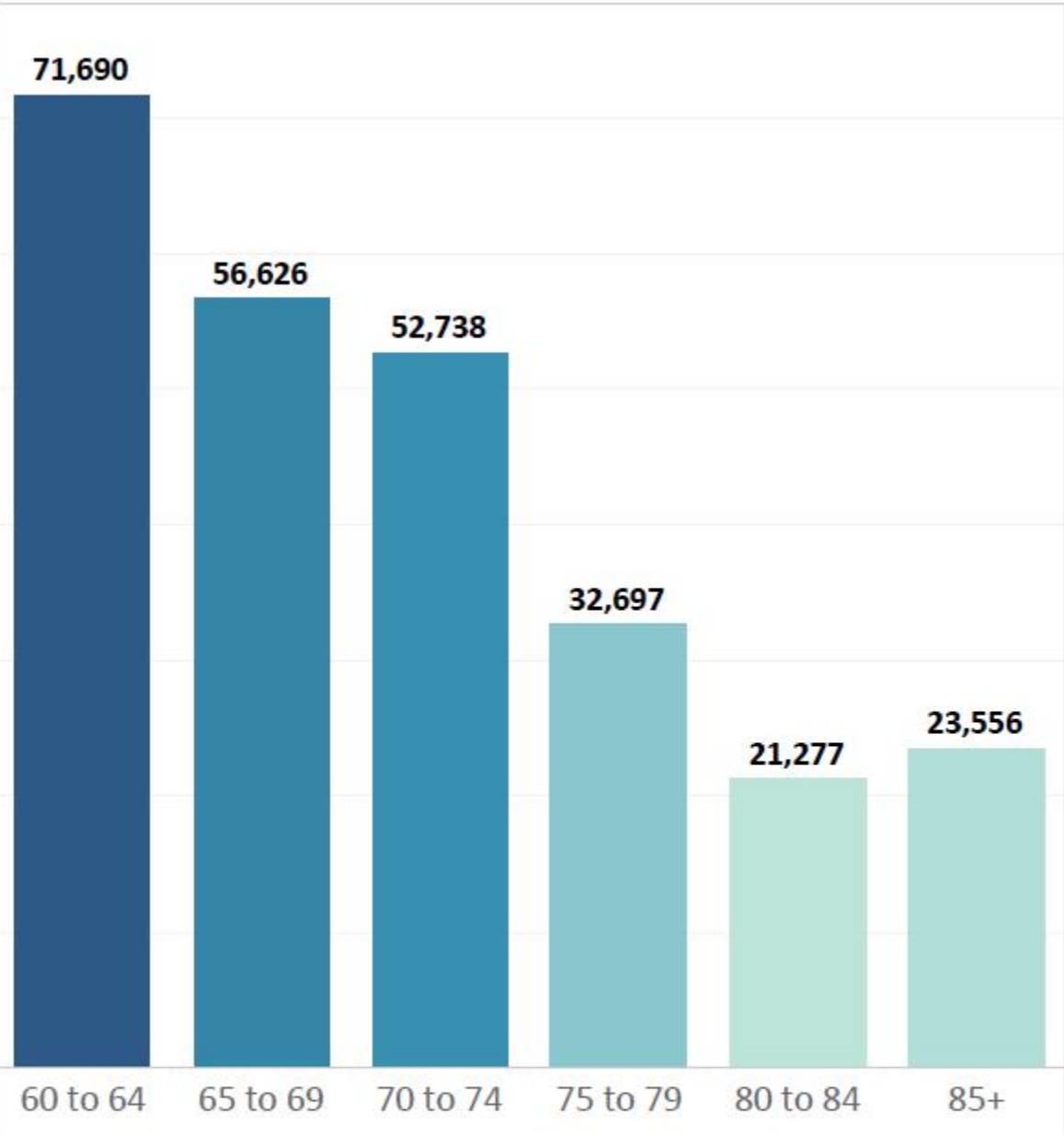
Snapshot of Older Adult Demographics in Contra Costa County

Geographic Location of 60+ in Contra Costa County



Source for Contra Costa population data is the US Census 2019 ACS 5-Year Estimates.

Age Group Distribution

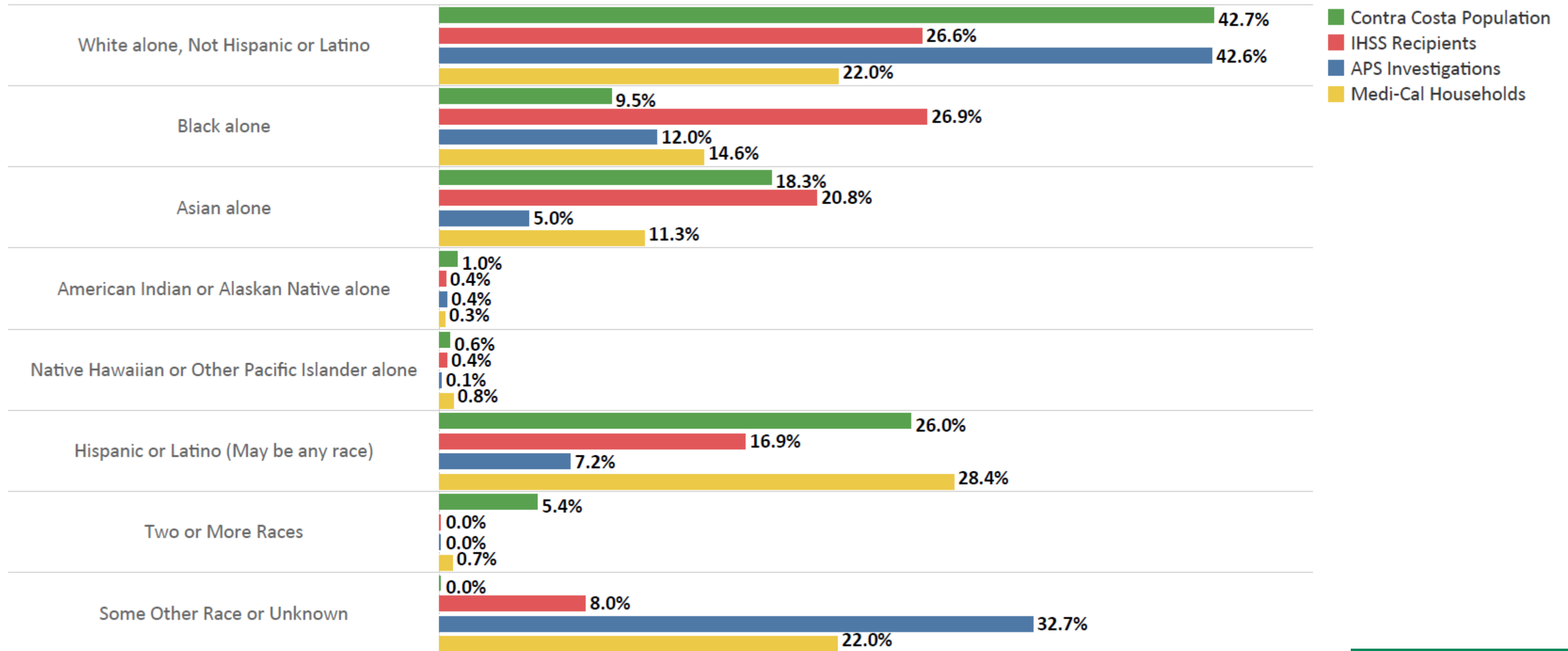


Longevity

Number of Contra Costa 60+ in 2017	231,404
Number of Contra Costa 60+ in 2033 (Projected)	262,657

Client Demographics

**Race / Ethnicity of IHSS Recipients, APS Investigations, and Medi-Cal Households
vs. Contra Costa County Population**



4,079 Adult Protective Services investigations in Contra Costa County between 07/12/2020 to 04/30/2021, 12,095 active IHSS recipients in Contra Costa County as of 03/2021, and 132,956 active Medi-Cal households as of 08/20/2020. *Note: 365 IHSS recipients in the "Asian or Pacific Islander" category are grouped together with "Asian alone".* Source for Contra Costa IHSS data is the CDSS IHSS Data Dashboard. Source for Contra Costa APS data is the Safe Measures database. Source for Contra Costa Medi-Cal data is CalWIN. Source for Contra Costa population data is the US Census 2019 ACS 1-Year Estimates.



34,006

Individuals served through
Area Agency on Aging (AAA)



708,745

Meals served through Senior
Nutrition Program



6,139

Individuals reached through
HICAP (Health Insurance
Counseling & Advocacy Program)



18,800

Information & Assistance
calls received



4,921

APS reports of abuse
last year



808

Active APS cases as of
March 2021



12,095

Active IHSS recipients as of
March 2021



1,666

Whole Person Care patients
served last year



485

Number of active General Assistance /
SSI Advocacy cases as of March 2021

Emerging Themes & Trends



- Growing older adult population in County and across the state has impacts across all domains and presents a social service and health imperative.
- Older adults and adults with disabilities are particularly at risk of abuse and exploitation.
- The Master Plan on Aging offers a unique opportunity to formulate policy and programs that will have an impact for decades.

Gaps

- Limited discretionary funding for older adult services creates gaps in basic services like case management and assisted transportation.
- Funding silos create barriers for services. Lessons learned from Whole Person Care, Home Safe, and Housing & Disability Advocacy Program can enhance & expand Aging safety net services.
- Isolation and ageism has profoundly negative impacts on older adults.



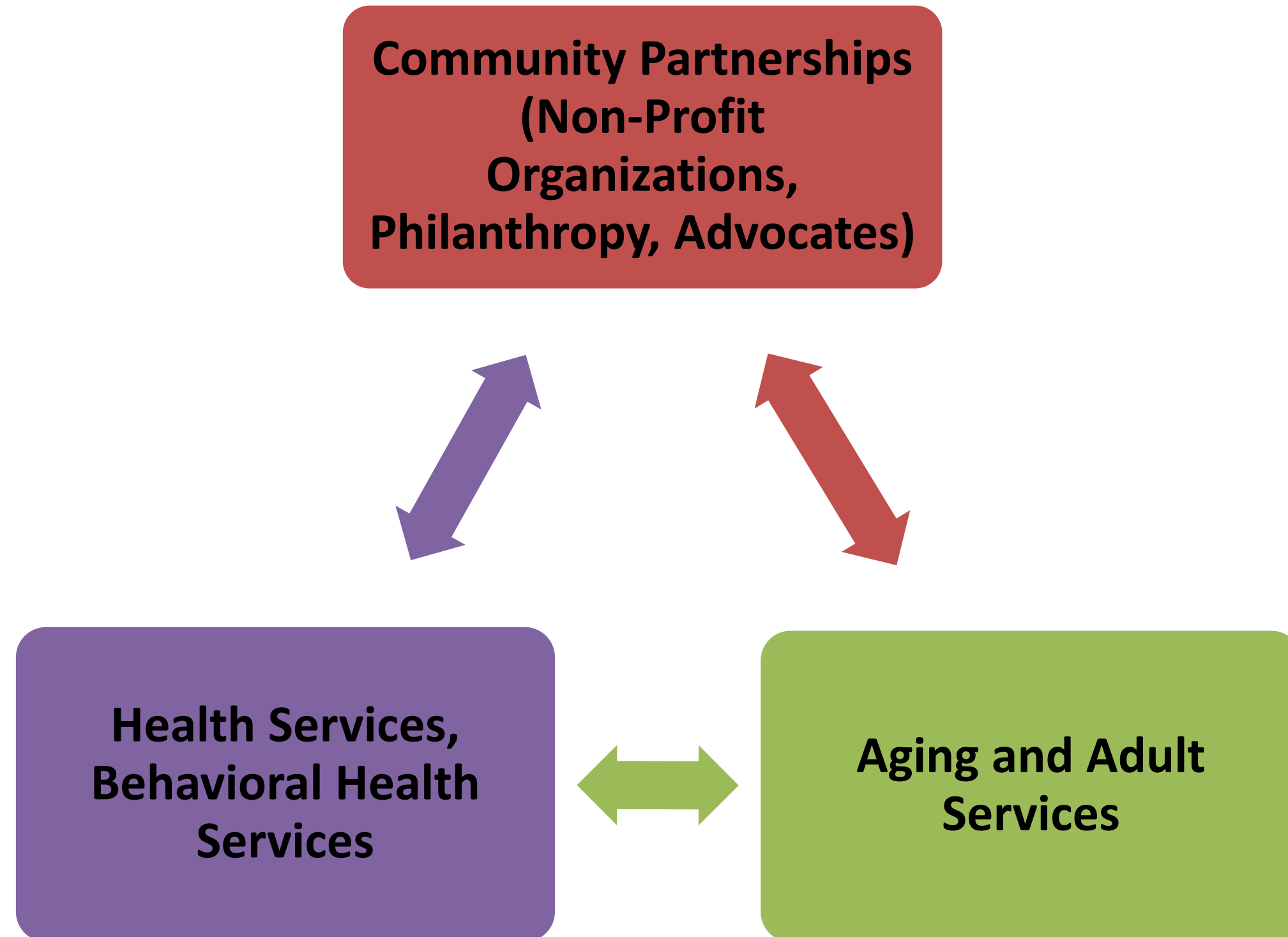
Prevention



- Adopting an inclusive, age friendly approach to programming/services.
- Expanding home and community based care.
- Strengthening supports for housing for older adults and adults with disabilities.

Intersections

Strengthening the Safety Net for Seniors, Older Adults and Adults with Disabilities



Bold Transformational Ideas



The Master Plan on Aging: In partnership with CBO's, local leaders, and advocates, AAS must embrace and shepherd a county wide adoption of Healthy Aging.



Protection from Abuse and Neglect: Increase tangible services funding to assist victims of neglect or abuse and improve coordination with medical and behavioral health services.



Move forward with the formation of an **Aging Disability Resource Connection**, which provides streamlined connections for older adults and adults with disabilities.



Pilot a flexible fund for Aging Services in order to meet emerging needs, like Case Management and Transportation/Assisted Transportation.

Profiles of Success

- Older adults and people with disabilities know where to call and are offered a seamless connection to information & services.
- Victims of abuse and neglect are offered both immediate assistance and community support.
- Our partner CBO's can respond quickly to emerging needs.



Thank You



Building Brighter Futures Together...





County Veterans Service Office



Nathan Johnson
Contra Costa County
Veterans Service Officer
(925) 313-1481

"To care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow, and his orphan," – President Abraham Lincoln



WHO WE ARE

- County Agency providing assistance to Veterans and their families at no charge.
- Helping Veterans understand, apply, and obtain their federal VA benefits.
 - Assistance with CalVet benefits as well
 - Medi-Cal Cost Avoidance
- Accredited representatives.
 - National Service Organizations (VFW, American Legion etc.)
 - (9 Veterans Service Representatives, 3 Support Staff)
- Comprehensive claims assistance “The buck stops here” “Go see these guys”.





OUR GOAL

Provide accurate & timely information and assistance to Veterans and their families.

OUR STRATEGY

- Hire, train & retain a diverse & professional team that fully serves the unique needs of Veterans.
- Targeted populations.
 1. Senior Veterans
 2. Women Veterans
 3. Student Veterans
 4. Vietnam Veterans
 5. Afghanistan & Iraq War Veterans





WHO WE SERVE

- Approximately **52,406** Veterans currently live in CoCo County.
- With families considered, estimated total of **249,624** people need our service.
- In 2019/20, we served 9,010 Veterans & family members - **783** per FTE.





HOW MUCH WE COST

- **\$1,351,618 Total Expenditures**
11.5 FTE, 4 office locations
- **\$946,072 Net County Cost**
70% total expenditure

All figures are based on FY 2019/20 actuals



HOW MUCH WE RETURN

- \$1,108,692 In New Monthly Recurring Benefits

\$13,304,304 Annual Total

- \$10,207,779 Retroactive & Lump Sum Benefits

\$23,512,083 Total

16% Estimated Economic Return

\$3,761,933 Flow Back to County General Fund

**R.O.I.
\$17 to \$1**

All figures are based on CalVet audited totals from 2019/20



WHAT IMPACT WE REALLY HAVE

- **33-year-old mother of two children receives a life-time monetary VA benefit after her husband unexpectedly dies from a service-related disability.**
- **29-year-old Iraq War Veteran obtains a monthly monetary benefit for a service-related illness that resulted from serving near a nuclear testing facility in Iraq. His wife and three children are helped, after he dies 1 year later.**
- **72-year-old Vietnam Veteran applies for VA healthcare and is now treated by VA doctors for an illness related to his exposure to Agent Orange.**



THERE ARE GAPS

- Organizations are illegally* charging Senior Veterans in long-term care facilities for VA claims assistance
- People are fraudulently representing County Veterans Service Offices and issuing state benefits
- Our office has served only 23,309 of the 52,406 Veterans.



IF WE DON'T ACT, THIS WILL CONTINUE

Mrs. Requejo, I finished processing Elizabeth's waiver. You can now download and print her waiver from the PayPal invoice that was sent to your email earlier today (sent before this email). If you did not receive the PayPal invoice email, please click on the following link to access it:
<https://www.paypal.com/invoice/p/#VXBQ9M4G6K39G63Z>

To pay your invoice, you are **not required** to have a PayPal account to pay your bill. To use credit/debit card, scroll down your computer screen to utilize that option. Please close out your account, preferably before the close of business today.

Please note that some UC school campuses have policies in place to NOT accept fee waivers for Summer Classes. It's best that you check with the School Registrar's office first (some schools do grant exceptions).

Directions: Print fee waiver from the PayPal invoice (as many copies as you need) and submit it to your campus registrar's office and/or Veterans Office. If they ask you any questions regarding your fee waiver, answer by saying that "you are a dependent of a Veteran." ***NOTE:** Due to the COVID-19 epidemic, California campuses are no longer allowing students to submit their waivers in person. Please submit your waiver to your school registrar's office and/or Veterans Office via email and/or fax.

If you have any questions and/or run into any issues regarding your college fee waiver, feel free to write me here or speak with me directly at (323) 948-8588.

In future, when you're ready to submit another application for the waiver; either scan completed application and email it to tuition@bbmindustriesinc.com or via fax to 323-948-8585, Attention: Donald Barnard.

If you have any questions, feel free to ask me here.

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Very Respectfully,



DONALD BARNARD

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INVOICE

Invoice #: 210408001
Invoice date: Apr 8, 2021
Due date: Apr 8, 2021

Amount due:
\$520.00

Bill To:

Susan Requejo

Ship To:

Susan Requejo

Description	Amount
Tuition Consultation For Elizabeth Requejo 1560 AY2020-2021, UC Santa Barbara	\$520.00
	Subtotal \$520.00
	Total \$520.00 USD

Attachments

[Elizabeth Requejo 1560 College Fee Waiver AY2020-2021 April 8th 2021.pdf](#)

Notes

Thank You for your Business!

Terms and Conditions

Non-Refundable, All Sales are Final!



IF WE DON'T ACT, THIS WILL CONTINUE

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Senior Veterans Council (SVC) Price Structure

Pre & Post Resource Benefit Planning

Widow: \$1,300

Single & Married Veteran: \$1,700

Senior Veterans Council Agents and staff, in consultation with SVC retained appropriate professionals (including Registered Nurse, Geriatric Care Manager; Certified Medicaid Planner and Elder Law Medicaid Certified Attorney), will provide the following consultations and services for Care and Resource Planning and Qualification of Benefits.



HOW FUNDS CAN SUPPORT VETERANS

Fulltime Outreach Position

- Creates working relationship with senior care facilities
- Establishes working relationships with student Veterans on campuses
- Maintains H.S. Tuition Fee Waiver Program
- Expands viewer market for Veterans' Voices
- Increases utilization of Virtual Office
- Trains law enforcement on Veterans culture and resources





Questions?

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Measure X Community Advisory Board

Recommended speakers for issue presentations (working list)

MEETING DATE	TOPIC(S)	COUNTY PRESENTERS	RECOMMENDED COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION PRESENTERS (and source)	RECOMMENDED RESIDENT PRESENTERS (and source)
May 12	Seniors, disabled people, veterans	EHSD Aging & Adult Services, Tracy Murray Veterans Services Dept. Veterans Services - Nathan Johnson, Veterans Service Officer, Contra Costa Veterans Services	Caitlin Sly, Executive Director of Meals on Wheels Diablo Region Nicole Howell, Executive Director, Ombudsman Services of Contra Costa, Solano, and Alameda Counties (Debbie Toth)	Myrtle Braxton, Chair, Richmond Commission on Aging (Debbie Toth)
May 19	Community safety: fire protection	Contra Costa Fire and East County, Pinole Rodeo-Hercules, and Crockett-Carquinez districts		
May 26	Early childhood	EHSD Community Services Bureau/HeadStart, First 5 Contra Costa		

June 9	Youth, young adults	EHSD (Children & Family Services Bureau) Health Services (Public Health, Behavioral Health)		
June 16	Healthcare	Health Services (county hospital/clinics, EMS, Environmental Health, Hazardous Materials) Gilbert Salinas (D. Honig)	Community Clinic Consortium (A. Saidi) United Latino Voices (Genoveva Calloway) CHD Black Healthcare Navigators (M. Stuart)	
June 23	Mental and behavioral health	Health Services (Behavioral Health)	Familias Unidas (Genoveva Calloway) Putnam Clubhouse (S. Quezada Jenkins)	
June 30	Housing & homelessness	Health Services (Health, Housing & Homeless division), Dept. of Conservation & Development Housing Authority of CC	Trinity Center (S. Quezada-Jenkins)	Jo/COH member (Lindy Lavender)
July 7	Community safety: justice systems	Sheriff, District Attorney, Probation, Public Defender, Courts, Office of Reentry & Justice	CC Racial Justice Coalition (A. Saidi) Rubicon (A. Saidi) Safe Return Project (A. Saidi)	

July 14	Safety net (e.g., employment, cash aid, food security, interpersonal violence, etc.)	Employment & Human Services Dept. (CalFresh, CalWorks, Child/Adult Protective Services, Alliance to End Abuse), Child Support Services, Workforce Development Board	Equitable Economic Recovery Task Force (Lindy Lavender) Opportunity Junction (L. Lavender) Rubicon (A. Saidi) Food BAnk (M. Stuart)	
July 21	Immigration Racial equity across systems	Stand Together Contra Costa	CC Interfaith Council (S. Quezada-Jenkins) CC Immigrant Rights Alliance (A. Saidi) Contra Costa Cares (A. Saidi) CC Racial Justice Coalition (A. Saidi)	
July 28	Library, arts & culture, agriculture, environment, transportation	CC Library, Agriculture Dept., Dept. of Conservation & Development, CDC Sustainability Commission	Urban Tilth (Marti Roach) Richmond LAND (M. Roach) Climate Health Now (M. Roach) Mobility Matters (S. Quezada-Jenkins)	
August 4	Develop draft priorities & recommendations			
August 11	Finalize priorities & recommendations to submit to Board of Supervisors			

Presentation format:

- Panel of speakers (up to 5) includes county staff, community-based organizations, issue-specific experts, and residents with lived experience of the need or issue being discussed
- Each panelist has up to 10 minutes to present
- Questions/discussion with MXCAB members and alternates (20-30 min.)
- Public comment

PRESENTATION FORMAT AND PANELIST GUIDANCE

- **Guidance for service providers/issue experts** (county and community-based):
 - Each presenter will be allotted approximately 10 minutes, depending on the total number of presenters on the panel. Please adhere to the time allocation provided.
 - **Introduction:**
 - County staff: Brief explanation of county services/structure
 - Community organizations: Brief explanation of services provided,
 - **Data:** Share limited number of data points that demonstrate the core issue/needs
 - Disaggregate data by race/ethnicity whenever possible
 - Name and focus on populations that are most underserved (race/ethnicity, geographic area, ability, gender, sexual orientation, age, etc.)
 - **Trends:** What is emerging or changing, and what are the implications?

- **Racial equity:** Which racial/ethnic populations does this issue impact disproportionately? What are the notable disparities? (Please disaggregate all presentation data by race/ethnicity where feasible.)
 - **Gaps:** What are the 2-3 most significant unmet needs in this issue area?
 - **Prevention:** What more can be done to help residents avoid being in crisis around this need/issue?
 - **Intersectional:** What are some of the important ways in which this issue connects with, impacts, and is impacted by, other community needs (e.g., transportation), particularly those listed on the schedule of presentations?
 - **Transformational ideas:** What bold experiments, big ideas, and innovative approaches (e.g., incorporating the arts), could we take to meet these key needs?
 - **Success:** What will success look like if Measure X is successful in funding in this issue/need?
- **Guidance for resident speakers:**
 - What has your experience of this need/issue/system been like? What has worked well? What hasn't?
 - What do county- and community-based service providers need to understand to make these systems work better?
 - What would you most like to see happen in this county over the coming year that would improve your well-being and opportunity to thrive?
 - What will success look like if Measure X is successful in funding needed services related to this issue?



Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors

Subcommittee Report

MEASURE X COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD

5.

Meeting Date: 05/12/2021
Subject: Language Equity
Submitted For: MEASURE X Com Advisory Board,
Department: County Administrator
Referral No.: 2/2/21 D.4
Referral Name: Community Advisory Committee for Measure X
Presenter: Ali Saidi **Contact:** Lisa Driscoll (925) 655-2047

Referral History:

The issue of language equity was placed on the May 5, 2021 agenda of the Measure X Community Advisory Board.

Referral Update:

At the meeting of May 5 meeting of the Measure X Community Advisory Board, the following questions/direction came out of the discussion:

Are their restrictions on advisory bodies regarding providing interpretation and translation services? Currently, the Brown Act does not require bodies to provide interpretation and translation services. It does require that the body provide at least twice the time allotted for public comment to a member of the public who uses an interpreter. The reason for this is to ensure that non-English speakers receive the same opportunity to address the body as English speakers. (Gov. Code, sec. 54954.3 (b) (2).)

Ab 339 (Lee) would amend Government Code section 54953 to provide “All members of the public shall be entitled to participate in open and public meetings, regardless of national origin or language ability.” It is unclear how a court would interpret the “entitlement to participate” and what this might entail.

AB 339 originally provided that instructions on joining a meeting virtually or telephonically would have to be made available to all non-English speakers in their own language on request, and “should” be published in the two most spoken languages other than English within the body’s jurisdictional boundaries. The body also would have been required to provide the agenda on request to non-English speakers in their own language, to provide interpretation on request, to have a system to process requests for interpretation services and to publicize that system online. All of these provisions have been deleted from the current version of the bill. We continue to watch this bill. For now, the MXCAB is free to select which language interpretation it wishes to provide.

What are the limitations of English Closed Captioning available for free through Zoom? English Closed Captioning is available to participants and was enabled for the last meeting. We had no requests for accommodation. Should those occur, staff can provide instruction if needed on how to use it. If the Board wishes to continue English Closed Captioning, instruction can also be provided on the weekly agenda. Note that presently, Zoom does not support uploading caption files to the video recording.

What will staff request from the Board of Supervisors? As quickly as possible with the goal of making the May 18, 2021 Board of Supervisors meeting, and at the direction of the Measure X Community Advisory Board staff will request the following: 1) funds for two live Spanish interpreters for all meetings; and 2) funds for Spanish translation of all agenda packet materials. Note that recordings of interpretation sessions will only record the original audio of the meeting or webinar, *not* the translations.

If approved by the Board of Supervisors, how quickly can services be ordered? The County has a current contract/purchase order with Continental interpreting service who can provide the real time interpretation and the written translation. They can also advise how best to do the real time interpretation via Zoom. Staff has requested quotes from Continental. The MXCAB may want to request flexibility to also or instead use a contract with one of the CBOs.

Meanwhile for the meeting of May 12, 2021, staff is working to provide live Spanish interpretation services and Spanish agenda packet translation services funded through Stand Together Contra Costa.

Recommendation(s)/Next Step(s):

Receive update on language equity for the Measure X Community Advisory Board.

Agenda Attachments

No file(s) attached.

Minutes Attachments

MXCAB Presentation Schedule Flyer

Horario de Presentación



Your Voice Matters!

Measure X Community Advisory Board seeks public input

Measure X, Contra Costa's new countywide, half-cent sales tax, is expected to raise \$112 million for the new fiscal year that begins July 1. The Measure X Community Advisory Board was formed to identify unmet community needs and recommend spending priorities to the county Board of Supervisors. The Advisory Board meets at 5:00 pm every Wednesday via Zoom:

<https://cccouny-us.zoom.us/j/81176769191>. Each meeting features a panel of presenters who have expertise in the need or issue being discussed. Panel members include county staff, community-based organizations, and residents.

Community members are welcome to provide public comment verbally after each panel presentation. Comments can also be submitted in writing to Lisa.Driscoll@cao.cccounty.us. If you submit written testimony by noon on the Friday prior to the following week's meeting, it will be included in the agenda packet that is published for Advisory Board members and the public.

Schedule of issues and needs to be discussed:

May 12	Seniors, disabled people, veterans
May 19	Community safety: Fire protection
May 26	Early childhood
June 9	School-aged youth & young adults
June 16	Healthcare
June 23	Mental health and behavioral health
June 30	Housing & homelessness
July 7	Community safety: Justice systems
July 14	Safety net (jobs, public benefits, economic security)
July 21	Immigration, racial equity across systems
July 28	Library, arts & culture, agriculture, environment, transportation
August 4	Develop draft priorities & recommendations
August 11	Finalize recommendations to submit to Board of Supervisors



¡Tu Voz es Importante!

La Junta Asesora Comunitaria de la Medida X busca la opinión del público

Se espera que la Medida X, el nuevo impuesto a las ventas de medio centavo en todo el condado de Contra Costa, recaude \$ 112 millones para el nuevo año fiscal que comienza el 1 de julio. La Junta Asesora Comunitaria de la Medida X se formó para identificar las necesidades de la comunidad no satisfechas y recomendar prioridades de gasto a la Junta de Supervisores del condado. La Junta Asesora se reúne a las 5:00 pm todos los miércoles a través de Zoom: <https://ccccounty-us.zoom.us/j/81176769191>. Cada reunión presenta un panel de presentadores que tienen experiencia en la necesidad o el tema que se está discutiendo. Los miembros del panel incluyen personal del condado, organizaciones comunitarias y residentes.

Los miembros de la comunidad son bienvenidos a proporcionar comentarios públicos verbalmente después de cada presentación del panel. Los comentarios también pueden enviarse por escrito a Lisa.Driscoll@cao.cccounty.us. Si presenta un testimonio escrito antes del mediodía del viernes anterior a la reunión de la semana siguiente, se incluirá en el paquete de la agenda que se publica para los miembros de la Junta Asesora y el público.

Calendario de temas y necesidades que serán discutidas:

12 de mayo	Personas mayores, personas discapacitadas, veteranos
19 de mayo	Seguridad comunitaria: Protección contra incendios
26 de mayo	Educación temprana
9 de junio	Jóvenes en edad escolar y adultos jóvenes
16 de junio	Cuidado de la salud
23 de junio	Salud mental y salud conductual
30 de junio	Vivienda y desamparo
7 de julio	Seguridad comunitaria: sistemas de justicia
14 de julio	Red de seguridad (empleos, beneficios públicos, seguridad económica)
21 de julio	Inmigración, equidad racial en todos los sistemas
28 de julio	Biblioteca, arte y cultura, agricultura, medio ambiente, transporte
4 de agosto	Desarrollar una lista de prioridades y recomendaciones
11 de agosto	Finalizar las recomendaciones para presentar a la Junta de Supervisores



Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors

Subcommittee Report

MEASURE X COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD

6.

Meeting Date: 05/12/2021
Subject: Process for Finalizing Priorities and Recommendations to Submit to the Board of Supervisors
Submitted For: MEASURE X Com Advisory Board,
Department: County Administrator
Referral No.: 2/2/21 D.4
Referral Name: Community Advisory Committee for Measure X
Presenter: Mariana Moore **Contact:** Lisa Driscoll (925) 655-2047

Referral History:

Item was placed on the agenda for the May 5, 2021 meeting to begin the discussion.

Referral Update:

Item was continued from the meeting of May 5, 2021. Attached is an interim Presentation Evaluation Form for use during presentations.

Recommendation(s)/Next Step(s):

Continue to discuss process for finalizing priorities and recommendations to submit to the Board of Supervisors.

Attachments

Interim Presentation Evaluation Summary

Minutes Attachments

No file(s) attached.

Measure X Community Advisory Board Interim Evaluation Summary

Score on a 1-5 Scale (5 = highest)

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