



**SPECIAL MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING OF THE
SAN JOSÉ CITY COUNCIL AND SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH UPDATES**

SAN JOSÉ, CALIFORNIA

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2018

A Special Joint Meeting of the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors and the City of San Jose City (City), Council, was called to order at 10:06 a.m., at San Jose City Hall, 200 E. Santa Clara Street, Rooms 118-120, San Jose, California.

Present: Councilmembers Arenas, Carrasco, Davis, Diep, Jimenez, Jones, Khamis, T. Nguyen, Peralez, Rocha; Liccardo.

Absent: - All present.

District Board Members: Supervisor Mike Wasserman; Cindy Chavez, Vice President; Supervisors Ken Yeager and Dave Cortese and President S. Joseph Simitian.

City Staff: Deputy City Manager, David Sykes; City Attorney Richard Doyle; Chief of Police Edgardo Garcia; Senior Deputy City Manager/Budget Director Jennifer Maguire; Director of Housing Jacky Morales-Ferrand; Assistant City Clerk Christina Gutierrez, CMC; Chief of Staff, Office of the City Manager, Lee Wilcox; and Deputy City Clerk, Ruth Krantz.

County/Behavioral Health Services Administration Staff: County Executive Jeffrey V. Smith; Chief Operating Officer Miguel Marquez; Director, Behavioral Health Services, Toni Tullys; Director, Office of Supportive Housing, Ky Le; Megan Doyle, Clerk, Board of Supervisors.

Documents Filed: (1) Joint memorandum from Cindy Chavez, Vice President, Board of Supervisors, Santa Clara Valley; Vice Mayor Magdalena Carrasco and Councilmember Sylvia Arenas, dated October 23, 2018, addressing sexual assault in Santa Clara Valley. (2) PowerPoint presentations: (a) Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) Overview; (b) Collaborative Courts in Santa Clara County; (c) BHSD System Overview; (d) Outreach & Mental Health Services for Homeless Persons; (e) Efforts to Reduce and Prevent Homelessness in Santa Clara County.

INTRODUCTION

Mayor Sam Liccardo and President Simitian offered opening comments.

OPENING REMARKS: COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CITY MANAGER

Jeffrey V. Smith, County Executive, introduced County Staff, and City Manager, Dave Sykes, introduced City staff.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH UPDATES

Toni Tullys, Director, Santa Clara County Behavioral Health Services Department (BHSD) opened with an overview of the BHSD System programs, noting it is the largest behavioral health plan in the Bay Area. She provided a presentation relating to outreach and mental health services for homeless persons, including crisis services. Additional discussion included Public Safety and Behavioral Health Coordination and Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT).

Mayor Sam Liccardo opened the floor for questions, and Council Members asked questions of staff regarding assessment needs.

Director of Office of Supportive Housing, Ky Le, continued the presentation with Behavioral Health and Homeless Outreach, including supportive housing considerations. Director of Housing Jacky Morales-Ferrand provided an overview of the City's homeless outreach activities.

Director of Office of Supportive Housing, Ky Le followed up with a discussion of facility-based and specialty mental health programs. She stressed a need for increased coordination, optimization and strategy development, and a continued focus on permanent housing strategies. She continued with a discussion of Adult Treatment Court and Other Specialty Courts.

Chief Garcia expressed gratitude for the County's collaboration with the City regarding assistance for the mentally ill.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING UPDATES AND COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS

The Board and Council deferred the item to the next joint City/Council meeting.

President S. Joseph Simitian provided opening comments. The status of Laura's Law was discussed, including issues regarding the public guardian system, which provides support to strengthen this program. Staff responded to questions regarding suicide prevention policies.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The floor was opened for public comment.

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PUBLIC COMMENT (CONT'D.)

Addressing a variety of topics, including the need for enhanced outreach and engagement, advocating for the mentally ill, the importance of data collection and recruitment and retention of providers, were: Lisa Baumann; Blair Beekman; Chris Moyland (for Congressman Ro Khanna); Jo Coffaro (Hospital Council); Melodi Masaniai; Mark Trout; Ron Davis and Judy Young (South Bay Progressive Alliance); Pablo Ghenis; Sparky Harlan and Amanda Clifford (Bill Wilson Center); Bob Strombert (Destination: Home); Elisa Koff-Ginsborg (BHCA); Kathy Forward (NAMI SCC); and Megan Wheeler (Law Foundation of Silicon Valley).

Cindy Chavez, Vice President, Board of Supervisors, Santa Clara Valley addressed the letter she had coauthored with Vice Mayor Carrasco, and Councilmember Arenas regarding a request for collaboration between the City and County to consider the problem of sexual assault in the community. She requested a meeting to bring to the Board budget recommendations for prevention strategies and to bring services to victims of sexual assault.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Sam Liccardo adjourned the Special Session at 12:21 p.m.

Minutes Recorded, Prepared and Respectfully Submitted by,

Toni J. Taber, CMC

City Clerk

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