

ATTACHMENT 2A

To: Domestic Violence Council
From: Tanya Beat, Staff Liaison
Subject: Resolution to make findings allowing continued remote meetings under Brown Act

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution finding that, as a result of the continuing COVID-19 pandemic state of emergency declared by Governor Newsom, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees.

BACKGROUND:

On June 11, 2021, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-08-21, which rescinded his prior Executive Order N-29-20 and set a date of October 1, 2021 for public agencies to transition back to public meetings held in full compliance with the Brown Act. The original Executive Order provided that all provisions of the Brown Act that required the physical presence of members or other personnel as a condition of participation or as a quorum for a public meeting were waived for public health reasons. If these waivers had fully sunset on October 1, 2021, legislative bodies subject to the Brown Act would have had to contend with a sudden return to full compliance with in-person meeting requirements as they existed prior to March 2020, including the requirement for full physical public access to all teleconference locations from which board members were participating.

On September 16, 2021, the Governor signed AB 361, a bill that formalizes and modifies the teleconference procedures implemented by California public agencies in response to the Governor's Executive Orders addressing Brown Act compliance during shelter-in-place periods. AB 361 allows a local agency legislative body to continue to use teleconferencing under the same basic rules as provided in the Executive Orders when certain circumstances occur or when certain findings have been made and adopted by the legislative body.

AB 361 provides that Brown Act legislative bodies must return to in-person meetings on October 1, 2021, unless they choose to continue with fully teleconferenced meetings because a specific declaration of a state or local health emergency is appropriately made. AB 361 allows legislative bodies to continue to conduct virtual meetings as long as there is a gubernatorially-proclaimed public emergency in combination with (1) local health official recommendations for social distancing or (2) adopted findings that meeting in person would present an imminent risk to health or safety of attendees. AB 361 became effective on October 1, 2021 and will sunset on January 1, 2024.

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AB 361 also requires that, if the state of emergency remains active for more than 30 days, the legislative body must make findings by majority vote every 30 days to continue using the bill's exemption to the Brown Act teleconferencing rules. The findings demonstrate the need for teleconferencing persists due to the nature of the ongoing public health emergency. Effectively, this means that legislative bodies must either agendaize a Brown Act meeting once every thirty days to make these findings, or, if a legislative body has not made such findings within the prior 30 days, the legislative body must re-adopt the initial findings if it wishes to conduct a remote meeting.

DISCUSSION:

On September 28, 2021, in the interest of public health and safety, as affected by the state of emergency caused by the spread of COVID-19, the Board of Supervisors issued a finding that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees and decided to invoke the provisions of AB 361 related to teleconferencing for Board meetings. The Board also strongly encouraged other County legislative bodies to make a similar finding and continue meeting remotely through teleconferencing.

In light of the recent surge of the Omicron variant of COVID-19, requiring large numbers of individuals to gather, and potentially travel long distances, for in-person public meetings could potentially, and unnecessarily, expose numerous people to COVID-19, compound disruptions to our economy, and undermine public health measures during the current State of Emergency.

Accordingly, we recommend that the Domestic Violence Council avail itself of the provisions of AB 361 allowing continuation of online meetings by adopting findings to the effect that conducting in-person meetings would present an imminent risk to the health or safety of attendees. A resolution to that effect and directing staff to take such other necessary or appropriate actions to implement the intent and purposes of the resolution is attached hereto.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None

RESOLUTION NO.

RESOLUTION FINDING THAT, AS A RESULT OF THE CONTINUING COVID-19 PANDEMIC STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARED BY GOVERNOR NEWSOM, MEETING IN PERSON FOR MEETINGS OF THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNCIL WOULD PRESENT IMMINENT RISKS TO THE HEALTH OR SAFETY OF ATTENDEES

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, pursuant to Government Code section 8550, *et seq.*, Governor Newsom proclaimed a state of emergency related to the COVID-19 novel coronavirus, and subsequently, the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors (“Board”) declared a local emergency related to COVID-19, and the proclamation by the Governor and declaration by the Board remain in effect; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-29-20, which suspended certain provisions in the California Open Meeting law, Government Code section 54950, *et seq.* (the “Brown Act”), related to teleconferencing by local agency legislative bodies, provided certain requirements were met and followed; and

WHEREAS, on June 11, 2021, the Governor issued Executive Order N-08-21, which extended provisions of Executive Order N-29-20 that waive otherwise-applicable Brown Act requirements related to remote/teleconference meetings by local agency legislative bodies through September 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2021, Governor Newsom signed AB 361 into law, and AB 361 provides that a local agency legislative body subject to the Brown Act may continue to meet without complying with the otherwise-applicable requirements in

the Brown Act related to remote/teleconference meetings by local agency legislative bodies, provided that a state of emergency has been declared and the legislative body determines that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees, and provided that the legislative body makes such finding at least every thirty (30) days during the term of the declared state of emergency; and

WHEREAS, on September 28, 2021, in the interest of public health and safety, as affected by the state of emergency caused by the spread of COVID-19, the Board issued a finding that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees, and decided to invoke the provisions of AB 361 related to teleconferencing for meetings of the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Board also strongly encouraged other County legislative bodies to make a similar finding and continue meeting remotely through teleconferencing; and

WHEREAS, in light of the recent surge of the Omicron variant of COVID-19, requiring large numbers of individuals to gather, and potentially travel long distances, for in-person public meetings could potentially, and unnecessarily, expose numerous people to COVID-19, further contribute to the ongoing surge in cases caused by the Omicron variant, compound disruptions to our economy, and undermine public health measures during the current State of Emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Domestic Violence Council has an important governmental interest in protecting the health, safety and welfare of those who participate in its meetings; and

WHEREAS, in the interest of public health and safety, as affected by the emergency caused by the spread of COVID-19, the Domestic Violence Council finds that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees, and the Domestic Violence Council will therefore invoke the provisions of AB 361 related to teleconferencing for meetings of the Domestic Violence Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED that

1. The recitals set forth above are true and correct.
2. The Domestic Violence Council finds that as a result of the proclaimed state of emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees.
3. Staff is directed to take such other necessary or appropriate actions to implement the intent and purposes of this resolution.

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COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNCIL

April 14, 2022
3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Remote Meeting via Zoom

MEETING MINUTES

Chair: Supervisor Carole Groom
 Vice-Chair: Elisa Kuhl
 Staff: Tanya Beat, staff liaison
 Christina Falla, Legislative Aide, Supervisor Groom’s Office
 Caiti Busch, Deputy County Attorney, County Attorney’s Office

Present: CEO Mike Callagy, Tanya Beat, Lisa Bergman, Sgt Jeffrey Carr, Sue Datta, Karen Ferguson, Jenny Horne, Lori Smiley-Klingler, Elisa Kuhl, Christina Falla, Rose Mukhar, John Munsey, Bob Spencer, Selina Toy-Lee, Caiti Busch, K’Lynn Weber, Stephanie Bilinski, Christine Krolik, Charles Cavalino, Penelope Stinson, Geri Archibald, Morris Maya, John Nibbelin, Lena Silberman, Ava Wang, Monroe Labouisse, Tanya Both, Marie Violet, Maria Ivonne Perez, Erin Orem, Chris Hunter, Martin Fox, Maggy Krell, Johana K. Millan
Absent: Supervisor Carole Groom, Ruben Abrica, Becky Arredondo, Noelle Bruton, Robert Foucrault, Cynthia Hunter, Nicole Reyes, David Norris

Call to Order	<i>Action</i>	Supervisor Groom
1. Roll Call		Tanya Beat
2. Adopt a resolution finding that, as a result of the continuing COVID-19 pandemic state of emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees. Attachment 2A: Memo Attachment 2B: Resolution	<i>Action</i>	Christine Krolik motions to approve; Jenny Horne seconds the motion. Approved.
3. Opportunity for Public Comment		Martin Fox
4. Action to Set Agenda & Approve Consent Agenda	<i>Action</i>	Mike Callagy motions to approve; Christine Krolik seconds the motion. Approved.
CONSENT Agenda 5. Approval of January 2022 Minutes	<i>Action</i>	
REGULAR AGENDA		
6. Prohibited Firearms Relinquishment Convening	<i>Presentation</i>	Supervisor Don Horsley: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Convening sponsored by Supervisor Horsley and Supervisor Pine’s offices.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal: to reduce the number of firearms on the streets and to generally speak to gun control. • List of people prohibited from possessing firearms or have relinquished their firearms • What can we do to enhance Red flag laws? • Rather than focus on gun control, focus on gun safety • SB 320: requires courts to order firearms relinquishment and control ammunition sales; and follow up. • End Result: Re-establishment of a Domestic Violence Firearms Compliance Unit (will be funded now by CEO) – countywide • More coordination of mental health professionals and law enforcement • Control of ghost guns • “How to” attain a domestic violence restraining order written up and needs provided to the DVC
7. Domestic Violence impact on minors in CA	<i>Presentation</i>	<p>Johana Millan, Victims Services Manager, CARE, Office of the Attorney General, State of California</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Started with Maggie Krell, Special advisor to Attorney General. • Johana Millan, El Dorado County District Attorney’s Office for almost 30 years. • Shared her lived experience as a domestic violence survivor; including the experiences of her children and the services they received. • Before looking at a Mandate on mental health, address: • Education on the importance of mental health services and to include children • Parallel to education is capacity for resources; fund the services. Ie. Warm hand off to mental health services from a forensic interviewer
8. SMC Minors Residing in DV Homes	<i>Update</i>	<p>Mike Callagy, County Executive Officer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When youth experience DV in a family and they then turn into abusers. • Spoke to state legislators about statewide bill that would mandate counseling for dv survivor children and their names would be processed with intake – sent to Victim Services. Children would then receive mental health counseling. • Process is late for this legislative session. • Plenary stage, talking more about process and how it would work. SMC would be a pilot program. • SMC would possibly be the first in the state to do this
9. Data Request Report Out	<i>Update</i>	<p>Elisa Kuhl, DVC Co-chair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data has been submitted. There may be overlap. Some information has not been provided so there are gaps. • CORA has provided outstanding data • People who are using what services, shelters. Who are they? What are the trends? The gaps? • Perhaps a goal is to continue to submit quarterly data for DVC meetings.

<p>10. Committee Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Domestic Violence Awareness Committee • Legal Process Committee • Policy & Legislation Committee 	<p><i>Update</i></p>	<p>DVAC: presented by Lori Smiley-Klingler</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus on tabling events • February Teen Dating – tabling at high schools • 2022 Theme: prevention, education and outreach to teens and their families. • Speaker Series through Mary McGrath (with schools). Healthy dating, healthy relationships, digital safety • Viewing of The Mask You Live In (toxic masculinity) • DV Awareness art project • Cappuccino High School has a youth group that does training on sexual assault so may collaborate with them <p>Legal Process: presented by Elisa Kuhl</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal: ensure that bench has solid training on DV issues • Training on topics such as high lethality, strangulation, tech and online abuse • Asked Judicial Council to fund training and have been turned down (no more funds) • Will write up formal request to fund training for judicial officers. • SB 320 discussion • Update to judicial bench card, approved. <p>Policy & Legislation: presented by Tanya Beat</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Now referred to as Policy Committee & will discuss with group • CLO Connie Juarez-Diroll will provide a presentation on the County Legislative Process for the next meeting in May • Will invite the entire DVC to that meeting. • Bob Spencer: local medical association working on resolution for gun violence & dv as a public health issue; align it with medical professionals
<p>11. Announcements</p> <p>a. July 21 – DV Council Meeting</p> <p>b. Other</p>	<p><i>Update</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Victim Rights week is April 25-29. Wear denim on April 25 • Vacancy for 2 Member-at-Large • Vacancy for one nonprofit
<p>Adjournment</p>		<p>Elisa Kuhl</p>

Public records that relate to any item on the open session agenda for a regular Domestic Violence Council meeting are available for public inspection. Those records that are distributed less than 72 hours prior to the meeting are available for public inspection at the same time they are distributed to all members, or a majority of the members of the Commission. Those public records are available for public inspection at the Human Resources office located at 455 County Center, 5th floor, Redwood City, CA 94063 by appointment. The documents are also available to be sent electronically by emailing tbeat@smcgov.org or calling 650-363-4467.

IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE AND THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, auxiliary aids and services for this meeting will be provided upon request when given three days’ notice. Please call 650-363-4467 (voice) or email tbeat@smcgov.org.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE (CY20)

1,723

Number of DV cases referred to the DA's Office for criminal charges

- Number of DV cases criminally charged 770

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2,050

Number of DV related calls to law enforcement

- Without weapons 1,738
- With weapons 312
- Strangulation/suffocation 153

02

138

Batterer Intervention Graduates

- Participants 179

03

11

Number of DV related deaths

- DV Homicide 4
- DV Murder/Suicide 3
- DV Suicide 4

04

DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION (duplicated)

SEX

Suspect/Defendant (2021)

- 1,412 Male
- 444 Female
- 0 Other
- 0 Unknown/Unreported

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AGE

Suspect/Defendant (2021)

- 0-17: 0
- 18-24: 237
- 25-59: 1,541
- 60+: 99
- Unreported: 0

02

ETHNICITY

Suspect/Defendant (2021)

- Asian: 156
- Black: 215
- Hispanic: 860
- Pacific Islander: 40
- White: 446
- Other: 123
- Unknown: 6

03

DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION (duplicated)

SEX

Survivor/Victim (FY20-21)

- 560 Male
- 1,848 Female
- 4 Other
- 1 Transgender
- 112 Unknown/Unreported
- Av. Adult Age for CORA = 38
- Av. Child Age for CORA = 7

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AGE

Survivor/Victim (FY20-21)

- 0-17: 371
- 18-24: 405
- 25-59: 1,527
- 60+: 99
- Unreported: 123

02

ETHNICITY

Survivor/Victim (FY20-21)

- Asian: 207
- Black: 143
- Hispanic: 1,213
- Pacific Islander: 50
- White: 520
- Other: 111
- Unknown: 208

03

SURVIVORS ACCESSING SERVICES (FY21)

11,334

Number of survivors who accessed victim services

01

2,275

Number of survivors who received info/assistance with Victims Rights

02

2,500

Criminal justice assistance/support provided

03

25

Number of individuals provided legal representation

- 83 court appearances

04

490

Number of individuals who received therapy

- 357 adults
- 133 children

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SURVIVORS ACCESSING SERVICES (FY21)

1,723

Number of individuals who received therapy

- 357 adults
- 133 children

34

Keller Center Medical Exams: DV

02

51

Keller Center Medical Exams: Strangulation

- IPV: 31
- Sexual Assault: 19
- Physical Assault: 1

03

HOUSING/SHELTER (FY21)

158

Number of shelter beds

- 71 adults, 87 children
- Number of shelter bed nights provided 1,245

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114

Number of hotel beds provided

- Number of hotel bed nights provided 1,084

02

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Number of individuals turned away for shelter beds

03

63

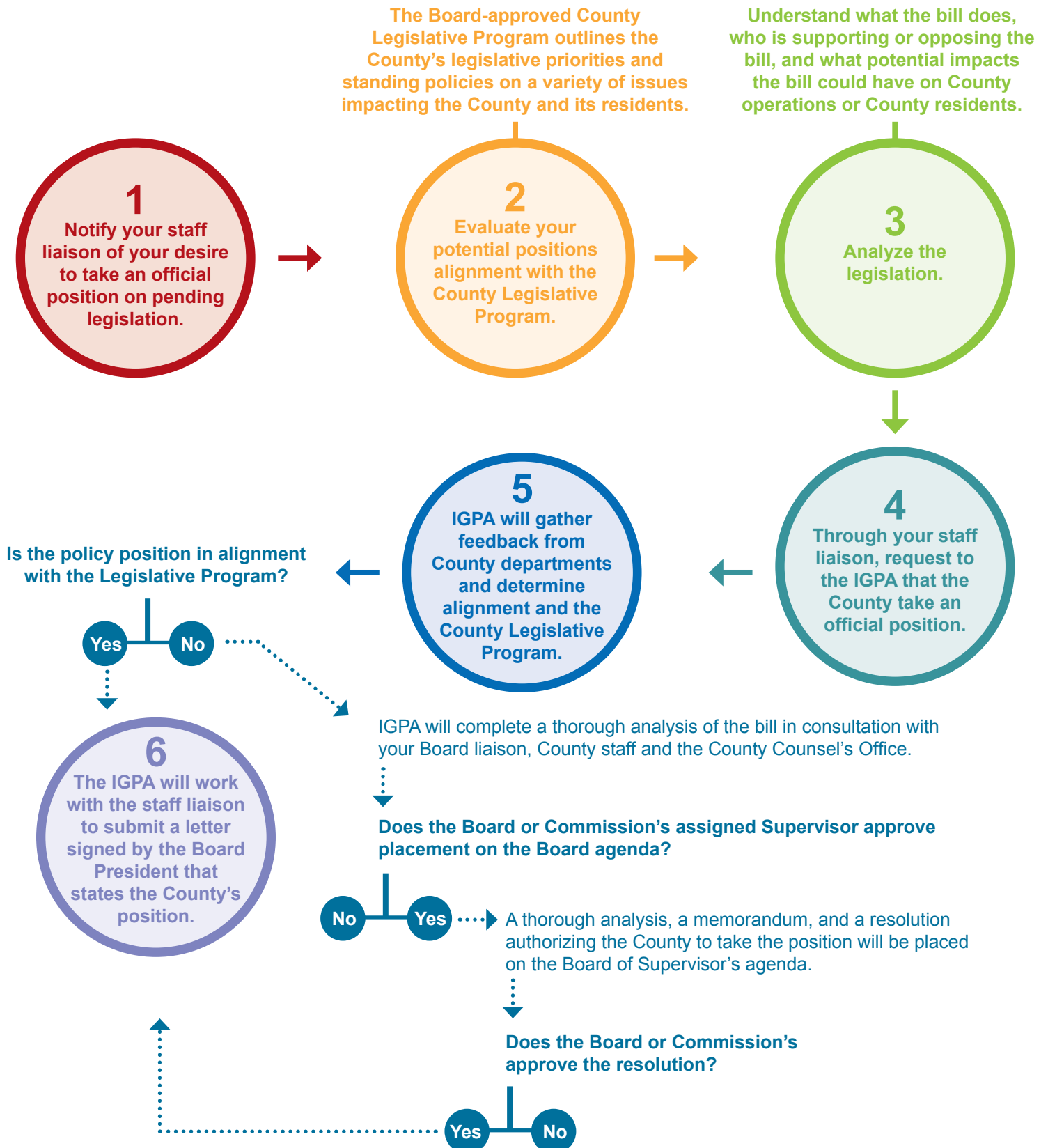
HoHs Accessing CES

- Single adults: 45
- Family/with children: 18

- *CY2020*

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How to Take a Position on Pending Legislation



San Mateo County Boards and Commissions Legislative Engagement Policy

In order to facilitate consistent and coordinated legislative advocacy on behalf of the County of San Mateo, all County Board and Commission members are expected to follow the Legislative Coordination and Advocacy Policy.



Key Points to Remember

Do not take any action that would imply the County's support or opposition to any pending legislation, budget proposal, or other policy unless it is consistent with Board-approved positions.

All legislative engagement must be coordinated through the Intergovernmental and Public Affairs Unit (IGPA) in the County Executive's Office. Your staff liaison can facilitate conversation with this Unit.

If you appear before a legislative body to express a personal opinion, you must state for the record that you are speaking as a private citizen, and not on behalf of the County or your Board or Commission.

Resources

The Intergovernmental and Public Affairs Unit
<https://www.smcgov.org/ceo/intergovernmental-and-public-affairs>

California Legislative Information
<https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/>

The California State Senate
<https://www.senate.ca.gov/>

The California State Assembly
<https://www.assembly.ca.gov/>

The California Legislative Analyst's Office
<https://lao.ca.gov/>

United States' Senate
<https://www.senate.gov/>

United States' House of Representatives
<https://www.house.gov/>



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NEWS

Notice of Vacancy

Domestic Violence Council

President of the Board of Supervisors Don Horsley announced that applications are being accepted for appointment to the Domestic Violence Council. There are currently four (4) vacancies on the Council: two representing **Member At-Large**, one representing a **non-profit agency** who serving battered women, one representing the **San Mateo County Bar Association** who is a member of the **Private Defender Program**. Please indicate which role you are applying for when you fill out the application form.

The Council was formed to evaluate, make recommendations and initiate activities regarding: current responses of law enforcement, the judicial system, health care services and community resources; local government efforts to reduce domestic and family violence; public awareness and public education necessary to effect prevention activities; the collection of data; the adequacy of federal, state and local laws; and the need for services for those who are survivors of domestic and family violence. DVC Members also participate in one of the two sub-committees: DV Awareness or Legal Process.

DVC meetings are held quarterly on the 2nd Thursdays of the months of January, April, July and October, 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM, virtually during the COVID-19 pandemic and thereafter at 455 County Center, Room 101, in Redwood City. The deadline for applications is **Friday, September 2, 2022 at 5:00 PM**. The online application is available at the County website: <https://www.smcgov.org/bnc/vacancies> Applications can also be obtained from Sherry Golestan, Deputy Clerk of the Board, 400 County Center, Redwood City, or by calling (650) 363-4609.

For information about this committee, contact Tanya Beat, Liaison, (650) 363-4467, tbeat@smcgov.org. For information about this release, contact Sherry Golestan, Deputy Clerk of the Board, at (650) 363-4609 or sgolestan@smcgov.org.

**Domestic Violence Awareness Committee
San Mateo County Domestic Violence Council
May 13, 2022
10:30 a.m. -- 11:30 a.m.
Zoom Meeting Minutes**

Attending: Lori Smiley-Klingler (Probation), Tami Assadurian (Probation), Dr. Bonnie Renderos (Kaiser), Nicole Reyes (Bay Area Legal); David Norris (Menlo Park Police Department-Police Chief); Mary McGrath (Office of Education- mmcgrath@smcoe.org); Julie Ann Hatami (Office of Education); Julie Hatami arianasmission@gmail.com (Ariana Hatami Foundation)

1. No public comments.

Program Updates

*David Norris (Menlo Park Police Department-Police Chief)-discussed DV calls for service and STATS.

* Probation-Tami

NO BAIL probation holds now in effect.

*Probation- Lori-reviewed roster list for current members

Nicole Reyes-Chair-Bay Area Legal

Lori Smiley-Klingler-Member at large

Tami Assadurian- Probation

Theresa Dah- PSM-Probation

Dr. Bonnie Renderos- Kaiser

Cindy Hunter

Elisa Kuhl- Victims Programs Service Manager, SMCO DA's office

Kathryn Anderson- SMCO District Attorney's office

Marina- Pacifica Recourse Center

David Norris- Chief of Police, Menlo Park PD

Ruben Abrica-

Penelope Stinson

Rose- Justice at last program

Mary Mcgrath- SMCO Office of Education

Geri Archibald- Keller Center

Mariluisa Diaz-CORA

2. Agenda

Healthy Relationship Speaker Series

Objective: To reach a wider audience in schools and conduct a series around healthy relationship. DAVAC will coordinate small events focusing on the topic of healthy relationships to reach a target audience/age group/parent group while keeping in mind intersectionality. Mental health staff/therapists will be at all events to ensure support for participants.

We will be asking each member to submit at least 2 possible speakers to Mary McGrath for the speaker series-

Mary McGrath

Julie Hatami- Ariana Mae Hatami Foundation.

[Ariana Mae Hatami Foundation | Ariana Mae Hatami Foundation](https://arianamaehatamifoundation.org/)

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The Ariana Mae Hatami Foundation (AMHF)'s mission is to educate community members and potential victims on the signs of abuse, where to refer someone for services and how to help. In honor of Ariana, we work to prevent abuse and educate so that others can live without fear from domestic violence.

It is crucial that women in our society be advocates for themselves, empowered to break free from cycles of violence. Women should be equipped with basic resilience tools and information that allow them to safely and effectively respond to threats, recognize warning signs and how to de-escalate a hostile or violent confrontation.

We have established the Ariana Mae Hatami endowment scholarship at San Francisco State University to provide assistance in the form of scholarships to college students freeing themselves of domestic violence so that lives can be positively transformed. We will consider and vet every potential candidate with compassion, dignity and strive to achieve a mutual trust between parties

<https://messagefromariana.com/>

Homework assignment: Each member to bring 2 possible speakers for July meeting. Who is the speaker and what is the topic they will be speaking about. And...are they willing to participate, confirmed?

Healthy Relationship Awareness/Prevention Art Contest.

Contest: <>**Concept:** to have a DV awareness poster "contest". Students will design and create posters to illustrate DV prevention ideas or healthy relationships.

<>**Concept:** essay contest in the schools

Homework: Reach out to possible schools who are willing to participate.

Solicit prize donations.

Lori will complete contest flyer and send out to obtain feedback prior to July meeting.

3. DV council website:

<>Lori and Tanya are working on getting it more user friendly.

<>Mariluisa-Not for the website but inviting attendees to March 24, 2022
12:00pm-1:00pm. Cora community collaboration event.

4. Adjourn and Next Meeting

<>Next meeting July 8, 2022 at 10:30 a.m.-Nicole Host

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San Mateo County Domestic Violence Council
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Zoom Meeting Minutes**

Attending: Lori Smiley-Klingler (Probation), Tami Assadurian (Probation), Dr. Bonnie Renderos (Kaiser), Nicole Reyes (Bay Area Legal); Theresa Dah (Probation), Mariluisa Diaz (CORA)

1. No public comments.

Program Updates

BayLegal- Planning to open office to public 5 days a week starting 8/8
CORA- March against gun violence 7/14 5pm

2. Agenda

Healthy Relationship Speaker Series

Nicole to connect with MaryMcGrath
Nicole to create e-mail thread regarding proposed speakers so we can possibly group them and create events based on topic
Dates – to go beyond October

**Healthy Relationship Awareness/Prevention Art Contest.
Contest:**

Details discussed:

- Prizes? Need to send letters to possible donors/businesses
- Choosing schools – each member of DVAC has particular contacts at high schools and will contact one we have details – should be closer to mid or late August so as administrators may not be back from summer vacation yet
- Rules – just posters or are we including poems, videos, etc.?
- Flyer – Nicole has an intern creating the imagery and selecting a font for when we set the details later

3. DV council website: Spotlight system on pause but October events will be featured...

4. Adjourn and Next Meeting

<>Next meeting September 9, 2022 at 10:30 a.m.-Nicole Host

Legal Process Committee of the San Mateo County Domestic Violence Council
Meeting Minutes
April 14, 2022
11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.
Location: Zoom Video Conference

Present: Jeniffer Alcantara (Superior Court), Laura Alvarez (ADZ Law), Lisa Bergman (Superior Court/FCS), Stephanie Bilinski (Legal Aid Society of SMC), Tanya Both (Superior Court/ADR), Jeffrey Carr (SMC Sheriff), Charles Cavallino, Co-Chair (CORA), Jessica Dayton (ADZ Law), Lauren De La Rosa-Koury (BayLegal), Melissa Gibbs (CORA), Elisa Kuhl, Co-Chair (Victim Services), Sharron Lee (District Attorney), Nicole Reyes (BayLegal), Lori Smiley-Klinger (Probation), Jake Trickett (SMC Sheriff), Savannah Valdez (Rally)

Also present: Martin Fox and Ava Wang

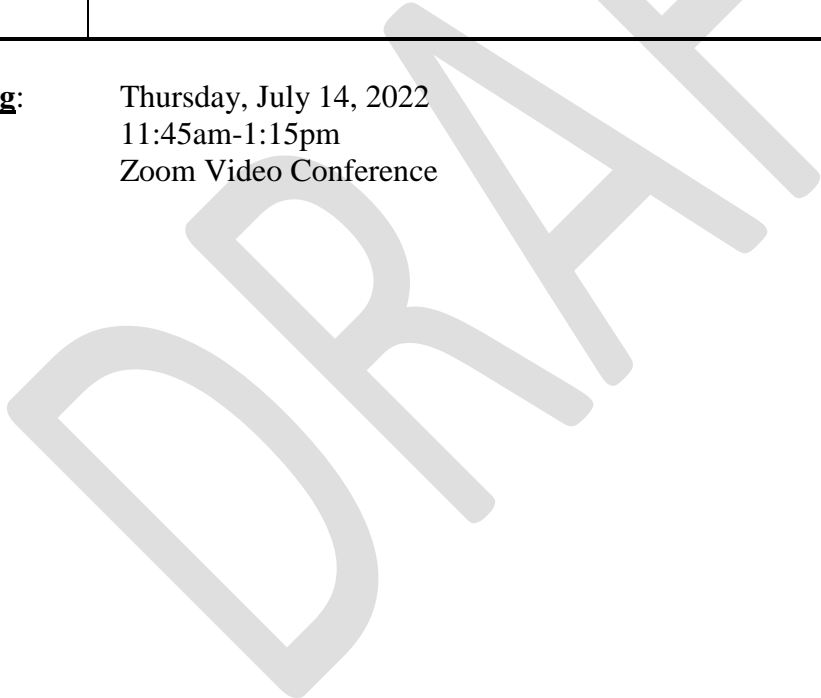
ISSUES	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Adopt/Approve Resolution Re: Teleconference Meeting	Jessica Dayton moved to adopt resolution per AB 361. Jeffrey Carr seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.	Approved
Introductions and Updates	<p><u>Court:</u> Masks are no longer required inside the court. Many hearings are going to continue to be hybrid remote and in-person.</p> <p><u>Family Court Services:</u> Currently staffed at 4 CCRCs + Supervisor. Turnaround time for DV matters is within two weeks. More recruitment is ongoing.</p> <p><u>Rally:</u> Rally resumed in-person visitation, however virtual visits are still an option. New policy for families with firearms at issue: virtual visits or in-person visits at the San Francisco location only. Rally is requiring vaccination or negative tests for anyone over 5 years old.</p> <p><u>CORA:</u> CORA has hired a third legal advocate, all three are bilingual in Spanish and English. Melissa will be out of the country and working part time in May, Charles will be the contact for urgent matters.</p> <p><u>Victim Services:</u> Brianna is no longer with the office. Paola Molina is the newest Victim Advocate joining the DV team.</p> <p><u>District Attorney:</u> Kyle Cakebread and Ryan McLaughlin have rotated out. Ryan Geisser and Maggie Buitrago are the newest DV DDAs.</p> <p><u>BALA:</u> BALA's office is open on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10am to 4pm for walk-in review and filing of completed DVTRO applications. Have pro se appointments and monthly pro bono DVRO clinics. Also have weekly brief services appointments for individuals who qualify for BayLegal's services. A lot of these slots are going unfilled. If someone plans to file DVRO, refer them to BayLegal's front desk. If someone needs advice prior to filing, have them call the legal line.</p> <p><u>LASSMC:</u> Office continues to be closed to in-person services and providing virtual services.</p> <p><u>ADZ Law:</u> Commissioner Lauren Zorfas (Ret.) has rejoined the firm and will be offering private judging and mediation services.</p>	

Review/Adopt Minutes from 1/13/22 meeting	Elisa Kuhl moved to adopt the minutes. Melissa Gibbs seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.	Approved
Carry Over Items	<p>a) DV Trainings for Judges: Discussed training options available and lack of funding available through the Judicial Council. While the committee could draft a letter encouraging the bench to participate in training opportunities already available through the Judicial Council, the committee is interested in more specific trainings specifically for the San Mateo County legal community. Adam Dodge will be presenting at the Judicial Council training conference and there will be a strangulation/lethality component as well. This training is scheduled for May and there will be a recording available.</p> <p>b) Civil Standby Protocol: Lauren De La Rosa-Koury was not sure if BayLegal had implemented the civil standby language. FLFO have implemented the language into the orders they prepare on behalf of the court.</p>	<p>Co-Chairs to bring to DVC for funding support.</p> <p>Lauren to pass on the civil standby order language for use at the RO Clinic.</p>
New Business	<p>a) SB 320: The court is in process of implementing SB 320. There will be a Firearms Review Hearing 10 days after restraining order hearing. Developing a process for the court to notify SMCSO within 24 hours and the DA within 48 hours of any non-compliance. Will also provide a notification to Rally. Lt. Jake Trickett discussed the recent Firearms Convening and efforts DOJ is making by partnering with SMC local law enforcement. The Board of Supervisors has reinstated FCU funding of \$1M to SMCSO. They anticipate it will cover 2 detectives. More information will be available in July. Clients with concerns regarding relinquishment of firearms should contact local law enforcement agency with jurisdiction to follow up.</p> <p>b) DV Bench Card: Jenny Horne presented the updates to the judicial bench card and appellate case list. The committee discussed and made recommendations for modifications as appropriate. Jenny Horne motioned to approve the bench card as drafted. Jessica Dayton seconded the motion. Passed unanimously. Melissa Gibbs moved to approve the appellate case list as amended. Jessica Dayton seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.</p>	<p>Jeniffer will distribute the bench cards to the judicial officers.</p>
Work Plan Reports	<p>a) Civil-Criminal Crossover: CORA and DAO staff met earlier this month to discuss coordination of services in cases where there is a civil and criminal crossover. CORA has funding for a pilot project providing legal representation to DV victims in criminal cases. Those with ideas/suggestions are welcome to contact Melissa. CORA/DAO will continue to meet regularly.</p> <p>b) DV Firearms Compliance Unit: No update.</p> <p>c) Judicial Bench Card: Update approved during meeting.</p>	

	<p>d) Law Enforcement DV Protocol Update: No update.</p> <p>e) Protective Orders: No issues.</p> <p>f) Allocation of Court Resources: No issues.</p> <p>g) Courtroom Safety: Discussed desire to have a deputy outside the courtroom when hearings are heard on the 4th or 6th floor due to batterers and victims being in close quarters. Sheriff's Office will do their best but staffing issues make it difficult. Clarified that protected parties can attend hearings remotely and go forward. If petitioners are being told differently that should be flagged.</p>	
Public Comment	<p>Martin Fox informed the committee that Governor Newsom announced a CARE Court program, which is anticipated to be up and running by January 1, 2023. This program would effectively repeal the LPS Act and could compel treatment for individuals with mental illness and drug addiction. SB 1338 is the bill in question and it is currently progressing through the Legislature.</p>	

Next Meeting:

Thursday, July 14, 2022
 11:45am-1:15pm
 Zoom Video Conference





2022

Barbara Hammerman Award

In 2005, the Domestic Violence Council established the Hammerman Award, ratified by the Board of Supervisors of San Mateo County, for the purpose of recognizing outstanding law enforcement officers for their contribution and service to survivors of domestic violence and their children. In 2009 the award was expanded to include professionals who provide services to victims of domestic violence.

The Hammerman Award was created in honor of the late Barbara Hammerman, a City of San Mateo Police Lieutenant, whose legacy of exemplary service and dedication to survivors of domestic violence serves as a model for the County's law enforcement community. This award is presented annually to one person for exceptional service in addressing domestic violence.

GENERAL RULES

- Nominees for the Hammerman Award may be any sworn law enforcement officer or other domestic violence service professional working in San Mateo County without regard to race, color, nationality, sexual orientation, disability, or religious or political affiliation.
- Individuals and organizations may submit nominations to the Domestic Violence Council via email at tbeat@smcgov.org.
- The official nomination form (or photocopy) must be used. Additional unsolicited information will not be considered.
- The Selection Panel will be composed of prominent members of law enforcement, the judiciary, and the domestic violence advocacy community.
- Awards may be posthumous.
- Please note whether any information contained in this nomination form concerns an individual case that is currently active in the judicial system.
- The award recipient will be announced in October during Domestic Violence Prevention Month.
- The award will be accompanied by a \$500 honorarium.

GUIDELINES FOR THE NOMINATION PROCESS

On a separate Word document, please share responses to the 3 questions listed below. Limit your response to no more than two pages total in 12-point font.

No additional information will be considered. Do not use the Nominee's name or police department on the separate typed pages, as judging is done anonymously.

1. Please describe the nominee's experience/service in the domestic violence prevention area and in law enforcement (if applicable).

For example, the nominee a.) demonstrated exemplary service to a particular victim or family impacted by domestic violence; b.) volunteers for local domestic violence agencies and/or related groups; c.) participates in domestic violence-related committee work, event planning, etc; d.) speaks regularly on domestic violence prevention and/or awareness; e.) shows initiative in bringing greater awareness about domestic violence to the community, advocates for better services, etc.

2. Please identify the nominee's major achievements in the area of domestic violence prevention and any recognition/awards.

3. What distinguishes the nominee from his/her peers and colleagues?

Submission information:

1. Deadline: Tuesday, August 23, 2022

2. Return this nomination form to: Tanya Beat, tbeat@smcgov.org (or PONY HR 121)

The information provided may be used for program and press release. To the best of my knowledge, the information is accurate, and I have noted whether any case specifically referred to in this nomination form is active in the judicial system.

Signature of the nominator

Date

NOMINATION FORM

Full Name, rank _____

Address: _____

Street

City

Zip Code

Phone: _____

Cell

Work

Email: _____

San Mateo County Agency where Nominee is employed: _____

In what capacity do you know the Nominee? _____

Name of Nominator: _____

Address: _____

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