



Public Works Agency and ITD Collaborate on El Niño Videos, Win National Award

The Public Technology Institute (PTI) recently recognized Alameda County's Public Works Agency and Information Technology Department (ITD) for their collaboration on the series of El Niño educational videos. The two departments were recognized for the use of technology to solve specific problems, improve community services and internal operations, and reduce costs.

The video series was created in late 2015 to advise residents on how best to prepare for anticipated heavy storms this winter due to El Niño. Videos also contained useful information about how to stay safe during heavy storms.



John Medlock Jr., Deputy Director of the Alameda County Public Works Agency, appearing in one of the award-winning El Niño videos

The videos included two series:

- "Did you know ...?" provided information about the importance of obeying road closure signs and barricades, and tips to prevent flooding in front of your home. Additional topics included little known facts, i.e., traveling on a major transportation corridor is safer than a rural road during heavy downpours because there is less potential for falling trees, debris, and mudslides.
- "What should you do if ...?" videos provided useful information for individuals encountering storm-related hazards such as mudslides, downed powerlines and standing water.

"The video series on Public Works Agency's storm website was an effective tool in informing Alameda County residents to prepare for the wet winter," said Daniel Woldesenbet, Alameda County Public Works Agency Director.

To see the El Niño videos, go to: <http://bit.ly/1SVxDof>

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Undersheriff Rich Lucia Honored by California Sheriff's Association

Congratulations to Alameda County Undersheriff Rich Lucia for receiving the first annual John Sully Award from The California State Sheriff's Association. This prestigious award recognizes the top undersheriff in California whose outstanding work improves community relations through innovative ideas, programs and relationships with the public. John Sully was the Undersheriff of Sonoma County and was admired for his ability to bring people together. He passed away last year after a long battle with cancer.

A trusted and dedicated leader, John Sully believed in cooperation over confrontation. Undersheriff Lucia embodies many of these traits and Alameda County is proud to have him as a leader in our organization and community. "I am truly honored to receive this award in the name of John Sully and I will continue the spirit of cooperation in all that we do," Lucia said. Lucia's award came with a \$5,000 scholarship, which will be presented to a young person in Alameda County to further their education and continue the spirit of public service that John Sully embodied.



Undersheriff Rich Lucia (left) with his wife, Lisa, and Alameda County Sheriff Gregory Ahern

Take Survey and Help Shape Future of Alameda County Library

Alameda County Library is developing a master facilities plan to shape the future of its library services and facilities over the next 10-20 years. The Library invites everyone to take its Community Survey and provide input on the library services and facilities you desire. It only takes 5 minutes to complete the survey, which can be found at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ACLlibrary>. The Library values your opinion. Share the survey link with your colleagues and communities you serve. For additional information about how you can participate in shaping the future of Alameda County Library, visit: www.aclibrary.org.

Poll Workers Needed for June 7 Presidential Primary Election

Alameda County needs poll workers to help with the June 7, 2016, Presidential Primary Election.

Poll workers earn between \$130 and \$195 for their service. Alameda County is particularly interested in hiring Bilingual Poll Workers, who can earn extra money for their service. Bilingual Poll Workers must be fluent in:

- English/Chinese
- English/Hindi
- English/Japanese
- English/Khmer
- English/Korean
- English/Spanish
- English/Tagalog
- English/Vietnamese

Registered voters can serve as poll workers. Lawful Permanent Residents (green card holders) can also serve as bilingual poll workers at designated polling places. All poll workers must attend a mandatory training class prior to Election Day.

High school students, ages 16 and older, are also eligible to work as poll workers through Alameda County's Student Poll Worker Program. Students must be in good academic standing, receive permission from school faculty and attend a mandatory training prior to Election Day. Visit our website at <http://www.acgov.org/rov/pollworkers/index.htm> for more information and to fill out an application, or contact the Registrar of Voters office at (510) 272-6971.

Nominations Being Accepted for Alameda County Arts Leadership Awards

Alameda County residents are invited to submit nominations for the 2016 Alameda County Arts Leadership Awards. Through this annual program, the Alameda County Arts Commission recognizes five individuals for their outstanding achievements and contributions impacting the arts community and the residents of Alameda County. One winner will be chosen from each of Alameda County's five supervisors' districts. Nominations should be submitted at www.acgov.org/arts/awards by **Friday, May 20**. The Alameda County Arts Commission will review the nominations in July. Award recipients will be recognized in late September or early October in conjunction with the County's celebration of California Arts Day and National Arts and Humanities Month. For more information, contact the Arts Commission at artscommission@acgov.org, call (510) 208-9646 or visit www.acgov.org/arts/awards.

CAO's Corner

By Susan S. Muranishi
County Administrator

At the April 18 meeting of the Board of Supervisors' Budget Workgroup (BWG), it was announced that Alameda County's budget gap for the coming fiscal year is \$72.2 million. While an improved economy is having a positive effect on our finances by boosting our limited share of sales- and property-tax revenues, demand for the safety-net services the County provides remains stubbornly high. This point was underscored by State Controller Betty Yee, speaking as a guest at the April 26 BWG meeting, who lamented the fact that California continues to have the country's highest poverty rate. Yee said counties like ours bear the brunt of this problem, but she noted that the likelihood of an economic downturn within the next three years makes it necessary for the State to remain cautious about spending. The State's fiscal discipline limits opportunities to restore funding to important County-administered programs that were cut deeply during the Great Recession. My office is working closely with County department heads to identify potential cost savings and additional revenues to help prepare a balanced Alameda County Budget for FY 2016-17 that maintains our key funding priorities while keeping County government on sound financial footing.

Town Hall Meetings on Proposed Countywide Housing Bond

The Alameda County Board of Supervisors will be holding public meetings throughout the County in May to raise awareness and discuss the potential details of a proposed November ballot measure that would ask voters to approve a General Obligation Bond to address problems associated with skyrocketing housing costs in the region – such as resident displacement and homelessness. Many working families now spend 50% or more of their income on housing, but State and federal funding for affordable housing has decreased.

As currently proposed, the General Obligation Bond would generate \$500 million Countywide to create affordable rental housing for low-income families, homeless people, seniors, veterans and people with disabilities and to help middle-income homebuyers purchase their first homes without having to leave Alameda County. The eight Town Hall meetings will be held to raise awareness and gather feedback in each of the five supervisors' districts. The meetings will be:

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| Monday, May 9, 5:30 to 7 pm Asian Health Services 818 Webster Street, 3rd Floor, Oakland | Thursday, May 12, 6 to 7:30 pm Union City Hall Council Chambers 34009 Alvarado-Niles Rd, Union City | Thursday, May 18 6 to 7:30 pm San Leandro Senior Community Center 13909 E. 14th Street, San Leandro | Tuesday, May 24, 6 to 7:30 pm Dublin City Hall Council Chambers 100 Civic Plaza, Dublin |
| Tuesday, May 10, 6:30 to 8 pm Eden United Church of Christ 21455 Birch Street, Cherryland | Friday, May 13, 2016, 8:30 to 10 am East Oakland Senior Center 9255 Edes Ave, Oakland | Monday, May 23, 6 to 8 pm North Berkeley Senior Center 1901 Hearst St., Berkeley | Thursday, May 26, 6:30 to 8:30 pm St. Benedict Catholic Church 2245 82nd Ave, Oakland |

In addition to the Town Hall meetings, more information is available at www.acgov.org/board/housingbond.htm.

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