

# ALAMEDA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' UNINCORPORATED SERVICES COMMITTEE

Wednesday, July 28, 2021  
6:00 p.m.

Supervisor Nate Miley, Chair  
Supervisor Wilma Chan

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## Summary Minutes

### I. COVID-19 County Health Update

Aneeka Chaudhry provided updates on the data, face coverings, and vaccinations related to COVID-19. As of 07/22/21, the daily case rate is 13 per 100,000; test positivity is 5.1%; post-vaccination cases are being detected; hospitalized COVID cases is 155 and ICU is 38; and testing increased to ~6,500 per day.

She provided updates on the unincorporated areas: Eden Area MAC, Castro Valley MAC, Fairview MAC, Sunol, and the remainder of the County. Case counts increased in the last 14 days compared to the previous four weeks.

The CDC is recommended face coverings for fully vaccinated people in indoor public setting if there is substantial or high transmission. Universal masking is recommended in schools, regardless of transmission levels. The California Department of Public Health recommended face coverings for fully vaccinated people indoor public setting; masks are required for all unvaccinated person; and for all persons in certain congregate settings.

California released a statewide policy that required employees in the following settings to show proof of vaccination or agree to mask/PPE and be tested at least weekly: state employees; homeless shelters, retirement homes, jails/prisons; healthcare settings (hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, clinics, doctor's offices); and congregate and healthcare settings.

She reviewed percentages of those who received one dose; those who are fully vaccinated; the vaccination rates by race/ethnicity; vaccination rates by age group and race; and vaccination rate by census tract. The County is moving away from the large vaccination sites and offering mobile pop-up sites. There are several stationary vaccination sites; mobile/pop-up vaccination sites; vaccination sites are in the unincorporated areas; and there is a service to provide at-home vaccinations.

This item was informational only and required no Committee action.

### II. Rental Assistance Program

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Michelle Starratt provided an update on the Emergency Rental Assistance Program. The Federal Emergency Rental Assistance is available for tenants and landlords receive funding to allow them to pay their back rent. The Rental Assistance was funded by two separate Acts: the first was in December 2020 and the second in March 2021, which provided over \$46 billion.

The Housing & Community Development Department has an Eviction Moratorium that was set by the Board of Supervisors; will be in effect 60 days after the Public Health Emergency is declared; and will extend beyond the State Eviction moratorium.

The Rental Assistance Program can be accessed through [www.ac-housingsecure.org](http://www.ac-housingsecure.org). Tenants are eligible if their combined household income is not more than 80% of the Area Median Income; are a resident tenant in Alameda County; and experienced financial hardship due to COVID-19.

Tenants may apply online through the website. Questions may be directed to 2-1-1. Downloadable applications are available by calling 2-1-1 and staff will either mail a paper application with instructions to submit it or start an online application on the tenant's behalf. The website has the tenant checklist and the necessary documents tenants will need to apply for Rental Assistance.

Funds will pay for up to 12 months of back owed rent; up to 12 months of back owed utility payments; and up to three months of future rent. Applications are processed based on priority. Once selected, the Housing Secure Program Partner will contact the applicant to finalize the application and submit for payment.

The County received almost 4,400 applications; 631 applications were approved; the County awarded over \$9.3 million; and the average award per household was \$14,849. The amounts awarded serves every jurisdiction within the County. In unincorporated Hayward and unincorporated San Leandro 425 applications were submitted, 56 applications were awarded totaling more than \$782,000.

### **III. Public Art Project Update**

Rachel Osajima provided information on the Alameda County Arts Commission, which is based on the belief that art and creativity are an essential part of every successful and thriving community. The program areas are art advocacy; art education; arts funding; and public art.

The Art Commission issued a press release for Public Art Call for Artists for upcoming public art opportunities. Opportunities for artists are listed on the Art Commission website at <https://acgov.org/arts>.

She reviewed the projects that are currently in development: Hesperian Boulevard Corridor Improvement Project; Lorenzo Theater temporary printed mural; E. 14<sup>th</sup> Street; Cherryland Community Center; and the streetlight banner pole program.

The Art Commission will feature the East Bay Heritage Quilters Exhibition at the County Administration Building beginning in September 2021.

This item was informational only and required no Committee action.

### **IV. Presentation on Smoke-Free Ordinance for Multi-Unit Residences in the Unincorporated Area**

Paul Cummings and Leslie Zellers presented information on the proposed ordinance to prohibit smoking in and around multi-unit residences in the unincorporated areas of Alameda County. Information was provided on the requirements, implementation, enforcement, and tenant protections related to the ordinance.

Supervisor Miley suggested presenting the information to the Sunol Citizens' Advisory Council, Fairview MAC, Eden Area MAC, and the East County Board of Zoning Adjustors. He expressed several concerns: the definition of "multi-family units"; the Planning Director's role as the enforcer of the ordinance since this ordinance is unrelated to land use; and the collection of fines if tenants do not pay the fines. Unpaid fines will result in liens against the property and the landlords do not have authority to enforce the ordinance since the County is prohibiting evictions. The inclusion of vaping

and cannabis in the definition of “smoking” is a good idea. He asked about the cost/funding for the implementation of this ordinance.

Supervisor Chan asked who is responsible in a congregate living facility where a landlord is not involved (i.e., condominium) and can a “smoke-free” provision be written into the lease.

Paul Cumming replied that Public Health Department will take step to provide education about the ordinance with the intent to resolve the situation before fines are imposed. The Public Health Department considered requiring landlords to include a “smoke-free” provision in the lease agreement but decided against it because of their concern around evictions. In a congregate living facility, the owner of the unit will be responsible for the fees.

This item was informational only and required no Committee action.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Tyler Dragon commented on the vacant parcel located at 20857 Foothill Boulevard at the junction of Castro Valley, Cherryland, and Ashland. The communities believe that the parcel will go to a public auction. The community is requesting that the County purchase the parcel from Caltrans through the public auction to use the property as a gateway parcel.

Randy W. thanked Supervisor Chan for supporting the open space at the former Skywest Golf Course.

## **ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned to September 22, 2021.

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