

# REQUEST TO SPEAK FORM

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DATE: 2/11/2020

AGENDA ITEM NO. 17

For Issue

Against Issue

Neutral

\* Written comments for the record only

NAME (OPTIONAL): RANDY SCHNEIDEN Decline to State

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ORGANIZATION (OPTIONAL): Special Olympics

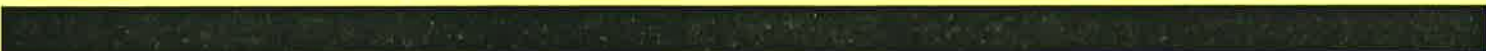
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ADDRESS (OPTIONAL): 1350 BLEWETT AVE. SAN JOSE 95125

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SPORTS HAS BEEN IMPORTANT TO ME AND MY FAMILY  
BOTH FOR SELF-ESTEEM + LIFE PRINCIPALS. THOSE WHO  
PARTICIPATE IN SPECIAL OLYMPICS HAVE LESS ACCESS  
TO THE VENUES I HAVE HAD AND THE POTENTIAL FOR



REWARDS EVEN GREATER DUE TO THEIR CHALLENGES.

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NAME (OPTIONAL): Cameron Ahmedian Decline to State

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ORGANIZATION (OPTIONAL): Special Olympics

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ADDRESS (OPTIONAL): \_\_\_\_\_

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I am a staff member here and have personally  
witnessed the transforming and inclusive impact  
of our growing schools program here in the  
County and am thankful for the support of the County.

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NAME (OPTIONAL): Andres Foster Decline to State

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ORGANIZATION (OPTIONAL): SONC - special olympics of Northern California

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ADDRESS (OPTIONAL): 5347 Dent Ave, Apt 9, San Jose, CA 95118

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I am active in special olympics. I love special olympics.  
Please support special olympics.

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NAME (OPTIONAL): Leslie Foster      Decline to State

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ORGANIZATION (OPTIONAL): SOMC - special olympics

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ADDRESS (OPTIONAL): 3351 Nesta Drive, San Jose, CA 95118

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Special olympics is a marvelous program.  
Please support special olympics.

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NAME (OPTIONAL): Melanie Kakalec Decline to State

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ORGANIZATION (OPTIONAL): Special Olympics

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ADDRESS (OPTIONAL): 6035 Fernglan Dr., San Jose, CA 95123

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2/11/2020

Dear Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors,

My name is Melanie Kakalec and I have been a volunteer coach with Special Olympics for over 17 years. I'm fortunate to work with Special Olympics athletes throughout the year, involving basketball, track & field, volleyball, softball, soccer, and flag football.

Special Olympics programs provide valuable opportunities and services to individuals with intellectual disabilities. They provide the opportunity for athletes to be included and accepted for their abilities, rather than their disabilities.

I have seen first-hand how athletes involved in Special Olympics have increased their confidence and self-esteem, allowing them to excel in other areas of their lives. Many hold jobs and are involved in community service activities.

The unified sports and schools programs also play a huge part in providing an opportunity for those in the community to work together with individuals with intellectual disabilities. Working together on a team helps to break down barriers and provides an environment for acceptance and inclusion. These bonds often provide the foundation for embracing our similarities, rather than our differences, in the community as a whole.

Thank you for considering ongoing funding for the vital programs and services that Special Olympics Northern California Schools and Community Sports programs provide.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Melanie Kakalec".

Melanie Kakalec  
Special Olympics Coach