SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS
April 14, 2020 9:30 AM
Special Meeting

BY VIRTUAL TELECONFERENCE ONLY

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SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SPECIAL DISTRICTS
THE FIRE DISTRICTS
FINANCING AUTHORITY
PUBLIC AUTHORITY OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY
VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT
SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 2-3
COUNTY LIGHTING SERVICE AREA

Opening

1. Roll Call.
   President Chavez called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m. A quorum was present via teleconference, pursuant to the provisions of Executive Order N-22-20 issued on March 17, 2020 by the Governor of the State of California.

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<td>Mike Wasserman</td>
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2. Pledge of Allegiance.
   The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Issues

3. Public Comment.
   Two individuals addressed the Board.
COVID-19 Related Items for Discussion

4. Receive status report from Valley Transportation Authority.  (ID# 101110)

   Two individuals addressed the Board.

   Nuria Fernandez, General Manager/Chief Operating Officer, Valley Transportation Authority (VTA), provided information relating to the transit solutions provided by VTA in response to COVID-19 related service disruptions.

   **4 RESULT: Received**

5. Receive report from Administration relating to support services to access unemployment insurance.

   One individual addressed the Board.

   David Campos, Deputy County Executive, provided information relating to call volumes, staffing and service models, and cultural competency regarding advice hotline services managed by the Office of Labor Standards Enforcement to address labor standards violations and workplace issues, and benefit options to unemployed and underemployed workers of the County; and, noted ongoing efforts to make the advice line available in different languages.

   President Chavez requested that Administration provide an off-agenda report to the Board if additional resources are necessary to expand the languages available for the advice lines.

   **5 RESULT: Received**

6. Consider recommendations relating to Social Services Agency level of service.  (ID# 101097)

   Possible action:

   a. Receive report relating to current and expected access to medical insurance enrollment and coverage.

   b. Receive report relating to current and expected access to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (CalFresh).

   c. Receive report relating to current and expected financial and other assistance provided through the Social Services Agency.

   One individual addressed the Board.

   Robert Menicocci, Director, Social Services Agency, provided information relating to statistics, trends, and disposition regarding applications for CalFresh, Medi-Cal, and General Assistance; short and long term staffing, funding, and caseload management plans to process applications; and, statistics, partnerships, and remote operations
regarding programs and services provided by the Department of Aging and Adult Services.

At the request of Supervisor Cortese, the Board directed Administration to report to the Board on date uncertain relating to the disruption of supplemental food supply to impoverished people and individuals entering poverty due to COVID-19, including data trajectory; and, when the Board may need to consider drawing funds from the General Fund on an emergency basis to address food supply shortages.

At the request of President Chavez, the Board further directed Administration to report to the Board on date uncertain relating to the daily dashboard provided by the City of San Jose tracking food distribution program statistics.

At the request of Supervisor Ellenberg, the Board directed Administration to report to the Board on a weekly basis relating to increases in the percentage of individuals applying for nutritional programs and other forms of assistance, whether the County is maintaining pace with providing Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits to individuals through Federal and State funding, and notification if the County nears a breaking point for fund availability or faces backlogs that exceed the current number of days in response time for providing SNAP benefits to individuals.

At the request of Supervisor Ellenberg, the Board directed Administration to provide an off-agenda report to the Board on date uncertain relating to options for the County to recover expenses from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) associated with the expansion of internet infrastructure and access in underserved communities.

At the request of President Chavez, the Board directed Administration to provide an off-agenda report to the Board on date uncertain relating to oversight given and time spent by Administration to review benefit applications received through community-based organizations (CBOs) versus applications from individuals who apply for services through the Social Services Agency, and possible methods to increase the approval rate of the applications prepared by CBOs.

At the request of President Chavez, the Board directed Administration to provide an off-agenda report to the Board on date uncertain relating to whether the County is investing in Hunger at Home, the amount of funds invested in the organization, and the organization's bandwidth of service.

At the request of President Chavez, the Board directed Administration provide an off-agenda report to the Board on date uncertain relating to changes to the set standards for money available to individuals through the General Assistance Program at a local level, and whether there is an opportunity for the State to change its contributions to the program.

At the request of Supervisor Cortese, the Board directed Administration to provide an off-agenda report to the Board relating to whether an executive order from the State or County level is necessary to temporarily suspend current rules, including Request for
Proposals rules, to increase the number of food distribution centers in the County to augment the Senior Nutrition Program.

President Chavez requested that Administration report to the Board through the Health and Hospital Committee as appropriate.

6 RESULT: Received

7. Receive report relating to child care access for County essential workers and potential expansion of child care to other groups.

Two individuals addressed the Board.

Leslie Crowell, Deputy County Executive, provided information relating to contracted child care providers with services available for County essential workers, survey results regarding emergency child care needs of County essential workers, and resources regarding subsidized child care for County and non-County essential workers.

At the request of President Chavez, the Board directed Administration to contact VTA, YMCA, Healthier Kids Foundation, and other partner agencies within one week relating to employer contributions and strategies for the County and employers to share costs reimbursable by FEMA to offset child care expenses for essential workers returning to work after the Shelter in Place order; and, the capacity of partner agencies to support expansion of child care to essential workers not employed by the County.

President Chavez requested that the Board members provide recommendations to her office no later than noon on April 15, 2020 relating to COVID-19 issues to be considered at the April 21, 2020 Board meeting.

7 RESULT: Received

Closing

8. Adjourn.

President Chavez adjourned the meeting at 11:38 a.m.

ATTEST:

Megan Doyle, Clerk
Board of Supervisors