



Alameda County Joins Golden State Warriors to Celebrate NBA Championship



Just days after the Golden State Warriors captured their second NBA Championship in three years, team officials stopped by the Board of Supervisors meeting to let the County team take a look at the Larry O'Brien NBA Championship Trophy and to take some pictures! Pictured are, left to right, Supervisor Richard Valle, Board President Wilma Chan, Supervisor Nate Miley, County Administrator Susan S. Muranishi, Gail Hunter, Vice President, Public Affairs and Event Management for the Warriors, Supervisor Keith Carson and Katie Smith, Event Coordinator for the Warriors.

Supervisors Approve \$3.17 Billion Alameda County Budget for FY 2017-18

On June 30, The Alameda County Board of Supervisors approved a \$3.17 billion County Budget for FY 2017-18 that closed a \$108.5 million funding gap without significant reductions in programming or staff. The spending plan allows the County to pursue robust initiatives to expand affordable housing, augment efforts to fight poverty and address other pressing community needs.

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The Final Budget supports a County workforce of 9,708 full-time employees, provides more than a half-billion dollars to support more than 300 community service providers and allows the County to make further investments in upgrading infrastructure and building its financial reserves.

The budget gap included \$40 million in new costs passed on by the State as part of Governor Brown's January plan to end a State-county cost-sharing setup to fund mandated In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) that provide home health care for the elderly and disabled. Under the State Budget signed by the Governor on June 27, that portion of Alameda County's budget gap will be closed with State General Fund revenue to be provided in the coming year as well as accelerated payment of 1991 realignment growth funds to counties to offset the initial shock of the IHSS cost shift. The plan remains a point of deep concern for Alameda County, however, because local government's share of IHSS costs will grow significantly in coming years without additional relief from Sacramento.

This year's County Budget process highlighted some positive developments, including a 7 percent increase in the County's assessment roll that is helping the County to enhance innovative programs, including:

- The County's **Open Data initiative** and resulting technology-driven efforts to address community challenges, which have resulted in tools to assist residents with CalFresh food assistance enrollment and advance efforts to protect residents from human trafficking.
- Expanded support for **affordable housing** through investment in affordable housing projects and the launch of new programs to help middle-income homebuyers and low-income renters.
- **AC Care Connect**, an integrated system of care that through partnerships with community providers and hospitals coordinates physical and mental health, substance abuse treatment and social supports for Medi-Cal recipients with poor health outcomes.

Board Reaffirms Alameda County's Climate Action Commitments

On June 27, the Board of Supervisors pledged its support for the Paris Climate Agreement in the face of the federal government's decision to withdraw from that historic accord.

The Board adopted a resolution reaffirming its commitment to reducing local greenhouse gas emissions, fostering climate resilience in Alameda County communities, and working with leaders at all levels of government to create an environmentally sustainable future.

The Board recognizes that the effects of climate change are already directly impacting County residents, including those most vulnerable, and sees climate action as essential to supporting safe and healthy communities.

"This action builds on Alameda County's long history of leadership in sustainability and climate protection efforts starting over a decade ago with our forward-thinking Vision 2016 initiative," said Supervisor Keith Carson.

In 2007 the County established a target of reducing greenhouse gas emissions 80 percent by 2050 and called on counties across the State to join us in this effort.

The County adopted climate action plans for reducing emissions from its own operations and unincorporated communities within the County. In addition, the County recently launched East Bay Community Energy to promote renewable power, received awards for having one of the greenest fleets in the nation, assisted the 552 local businesses currently California Green Business Certified, and installed 3.5 megawatts of onsite solar power systems.

County Supervisors Celebrate Program Supporting Local Veterans Through Art



County Supervisors gathered on July 11 with Veterans Art Program participants and organizers

On July 11, the Board of Supervisors honored local veterans and the Oakland Vet Center for their participation in the Veterans Art Program. Coordinated by the Alameda County Arts Commission, the innovative program brings creative expression workshops to the Oakland Vet Center to enhance an array of crucial services provided to Alameda County veterans and their families.

"I am pleased to present this commendation to the Oakland Vet Center to celebrate the artistic accomplishments of local Veterans participating in the Veterans Art Project and to honor the Oakland Vet Center's commitment to providing innovative care for our Veterans," said Wilma Chan, Board President. "This partnership project demonstrates that creativity and art are a vital part of every successful, healthy, and thriving community."

The Veterans Art Program is part of a statewide initiative for Veterans and active military funded by the California Arts Council and the National Endowment for the Arts.

Additional supporters are the Alameda County Veterans Affairs Commission and Alameda County Veterans Service Office.

The project provides veterans with opportunities to express themselves in a supportive environment, explore visual art making techniques, and engage in community building. Over the course of 10 art activities in the past year, 250 Veterans created art during counseling groups and community events. Projects included painting, drawing, textile art, and visual storytelling.

Artworks created through this program are currently on view as part of the Arts Commission's "Art in Public Spaces" program in the Lobby Gallery on the 5th Floor of the Alameda County Administration Building, 1221 Oak Street, Oakland.

Alameda County Safe Kids Day and Booster Seat Giveaway

Supervisor Scott Haggerty and AAA of Northern California hosted the 2017 Alameda County Safe Kids Day & Booster Seat Giveaway on June 10th at the Alameda County Fairgrounds.

Five hundred vehicle booster seats and 500 bicycle helmets were given away at the event to underscore the effective precautions parents can take to prevent serious injuries to children in traffic accidents.

"It's truly an honor to be able to bring a program of this magnitude to the residents of Alameda County," Supervisor Haggerty said, adding that the event gave him "peace of mind in knowing that 500 children are riding safe on our roadways."

Education and installation of the donated car seats were provided by AAA certified safety seat technicians.

In addition to the booster seat and helmet giveaways, the event featured interactive safety fair involving more than 20 local agencies, live entertainment and a free barbeque lunch provided by Dublin and Fremont Chevrolet.

This event was made possible through sponsorship and donations from AAA of Northern California, Alameda County, Dublin Chevrolet, Fremont Chevrolet, Sutter Health Eden Medical Center, AEG-Oakland, Alameda County Fairgrounds and Bayco Vending.



Supervisor Scott Haggerty (right) joined a local family at Alameda County Safe Kids Day & Safety Seat Giveaway.

Alameda County a Big Winner in 2017 National Awards Program

Alameda County won **8 Achievement Awards from the National Association of Counties (NACo)** in its annual awards program highlighting breakthroughs and accomplishments of counties across America.

One of the winning Alameda County programs, which helps women rebuild their lives following crises such as domestic violence and sexual assault, was also named one of NACo's **100 Best Innovations in County Government** for 2017.

The program, known as **STEP-UP**, provides personal, professional and financial skills to women traumatized by violence, as well as women who have been diverted from the criminal justice system after an allegation of public assistance fraud.

Alameda County's seven other Achievement Award winners were:

- **MAP1193** – Stop Human Trafficking, a mobile application developed by the District Attorney's Office and Information Technology Department to educate businesses and mobilize community support for efforts to report suspected cases of human trafficking.
- **Public Works Surveyor Documents Sharing Website**, an online tool that makes parcel maps, survey records and other documents available online.
- **Online Filing of Assessment Appeals**, a new online system that lets residents and business owners appeal property assessments performed by the County. The process saves staff time and allows appellants to track their appeals online.
- **Elections Results Viewer**, an online map that provides precinct-by-precinct election results in real time.
- **The Criminal Justice Operational Database Management System**, a centralized web-based repository of important criminal justice information that is accessible by the County's major criminal justice partners.
- **Automated Employee Onboarding System**, a new online application that streamlines the process of hiring new Alameda County employees.
- **A Strategic Plan for Office Paper**, a comprehensive countywide effort in which County departments together reduced paper use by 23 percent in five years.



Bright Ideas - A Feature Focusing on Innovation

Program Empowering Women Named One of 100 Best Innovations in County Government

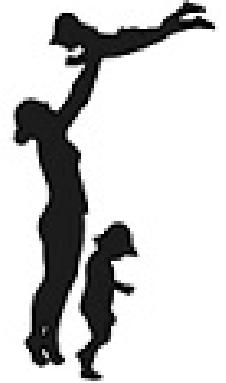
An Alameda County program that empowers women to rebuild their lives following crises such as domestic violence and sexual assault has been named one of the 100 Best Innovations in County Government for 2017.

The program known as STEP-UP (Survivor Training and Empowerment – Utilizing your Potential) was named one of the “100 Brilliant Ideas at Work” by the National Association of Counties (NACo) in a new awards program championed as examples to all 3,069 counties in the United States.

Provided out of the Alameda County Family Justice Center in Oakland, STEP-UP is a training and empowerment program for women who are survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault, as well as women diverted from the criminal justice system after an allegation of public assistance fraud.

The program, offered in English and Spanish, helps women with personal, professional and financial skills to help them break the cycle of violence and poverty. It also includes detailed job development sessions that serve as pathways to paid employment.

For more information about STEP-UP, call the Alameda County Family Justice Center at (510) 267-8800.



Alameda County Appoints New Director of Human Resource Services

After conducting a nationwide search, the Board of Supervisors announced today the appointment of Joseph Angelo to the Human Resource Services Director position effective July 3, 2017. He replaces Interim Director Kathy Mount who last month announced her resignation effective June 30, 2017 to accept a position at the Alameda County Employees Retirement Association (ACERA).

Mr. Angelo is an experienced human resource professional, having served as the Human Resources Director for the City of San Jose since 2014 and formerly for the City of San Antonio, Texas from 2012 to 2014.

While at the City of San Jose, Joe was responsible for a full suite of HR services, including benefits, wellness, compensation, recruitment, civil service, worker's compensation, safety, health services, training, and performance management for a workforce of approximately 7,000 employees.

As the Human Resource Services Director for the City of San Antonio, Joe was responsible for benefits, wellness, compensation, employee engagement, risk management, workers' compensation, union/employee relations, retiree relations, general liability, municipal integrity, recruitment, and safety for over 11,000 employees.

Joe has bachelor's degrees from both Drexel University and the University of Pennsylvania. He also has a MPA from Harvard University and a MBA from the University of Miami in Florida.



Board of Supervisors President Wilma Chan stated that “the County extends its sincere thanks to Kathy Mount for her service and a warm welcome to Joe as he assumes this key executive leadership position.”

A new Oakland resident, Joe stated that he is looking forward to this new opportunity with Alameda County, which he finds to be a “dynamic, innovative, results-oriented, people-focused, and fiscally sound organization that is second to none.”