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Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 12:00 PM
To: City Council (San Mateo) <CityCouncil@cityofsanmateo.org>
Subject: Letter of Support for Priority COVID-19 Testing in North Central San Mateo

To: San Mateo City Council
From: BACHAC, St. James AME Zion Church
Re: COVID 19 Testing in North Central San Mateo

Dear Mayor Goethals and City Council Members,

We are writing to urge the City Council to support our proposal to designate North Central San Mateo a priority area for COVID-19 testing. It is imperative that a targeted testing strategy focus on the population in our city that is most vulnerable: working low-wage essential jobs, limited access to cars, living in overcrowded living conditions, linguistically isolated, and struggling with food and housing insecurity.

We realize there is a testing site at the San Mateo Event Center but practically speaking, residents of the North Central neighborhood are not likely to venture to the south side of the city to be tested. Data from San Mateo County COVID Cases by City shows that as of August 13, 2020, San Mateo has 1,043 confirmed cases of COVID-19, making it second only to Redwood City with regard to positive cases.

In addition, the recent New York Times article featuring residents from North Central testified to the fact that this community is a hot-spot for the virus. We would like to see, as soon as possible, a mobile testing unit that would rotate between several locations convenient for the residents to walk to in order to be tested. It is much more likely they will avail themselves to being tested in familiar surroundings and through established and trusted service-providers such as the Macedonia Church, St. James AME Zion, Congregational Church, St. Vincent de Paul Homeless Center, and the proposed new location for the Workers' Resource Center. We are willing to assist in mobilizing the community and with logistics of testing if the Council can apply the needed pressure on the County to make this a priority.

We appreciate your consideration of our request and hope you will agree and take action to benefit not only the residents of North Central but all San Mateo.

Sincerely,

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Rev. Henry Adams, San Mateo Buddhist Temple
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In response to the recent events and protests, please read BACHAC's Open Letter to the Community on our website: www.bachac.org

BACHAC COVID-19 Resource Hub: Please go to www.bachac.org and check out resources to support the community during this challenging time. We're all in this together!

BE COUNTED! For 2020 Census Information, check out our website at www.bachac.org

From: One San Mateo <onesanmateo@onesanmateo.org>

Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 10:18 AM

To: Patrice Olds <polds@cityofsanmateo.org>; City Council (San Mateo) <CityCouncil@cityofsanmateo.org>; Joe Goethals <jgoethals@cityofsanmateo.org>; Eric Rodriguez <erodriguez@cityofsanmateo.org>; Rick Bonilla <RBonilla@cityofsanmateo.org>; Amourence Lee <alee@cityofsanmateo.org>; Diane Papan <dpapan@cityofsanmateo.org>

Subject: Looming eviction threat and the need to act

Dear Mayor Papan and Members of the San Mateo City Council,

With the San Mateo County eviction moratorium set to expire on August 31, thousands of renters are at immediate risk. Unless the moratorium is extended, a wave of evictions will begin crashing all around us, forcing families from their homes, and leaving many without a place to live.

In Santa Clara County, the Board of Supervisors is scheduled to vote on extending its moratorium on August 25. From all accounts, it will elect to do so. *This means that ours will become the only county in the Bay Area that has allowed its moratorium to expire.*

A coalition of community groups is working to persuade the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors to prevent our county moratorium from expiring on August 31. If the Supervisors do not take action to do so, however, we call upon the San Mateo City Council to enact a moratorium that protects the renters in our city from being forced from their homes. Considering the fact that community mandates related to the COVID-19 virus prevent many from returning to work, and with unemployment benefits drying up, we maintain that this is not the time to lift protections that have served to keep families in their homes.

Our homes have always been an essential source of refuge, but the COVID-19 challenge has caused them to take on new and magnified meanings. They have become workplaces, they have become our children's classrooms, and they have become a primary vehicle for maintaining safety, both for self and others. In the current context, we believe it would be unconscionable to allow huge numbers of families to be forced from their homes.

We encourage you to take action on behalf of the many San Mateo renters who are at imminent risk. Thank you in advance for your attention to our urgent and highly time-sensitive request.

Sincerely,

The One San Mateo Steering Committee

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