



Comisión de Asuntos Latinos del Condado de Santa Cruz

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Aviso de Reunión Pública y Orden del Día

FECHA: Miércoles 5 de febrero de 2025
HORA: 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM
UBICACIÓN: United Way del Condado de Santa Cruz
4450 Capitola Road, Ste 106, Capitola, CA 95010

**** Como cortesía a los afectados, tenga la amabilidad de asistir a la reunión sin fragancia ni humo. ****

1. Llamada al Orden/Llamado de Lista/Revisión de Agenda
2. Aprobar *Acta del 4 de diciembre de 2024*
3. Comentario Público
Cualquier persona podrá dirigirse a la Comisión por un período que no excederá de tres minutos sobre un asunto dentro de la competencia de la Comisión.
4. Nuevos Asuntos/ Asuntos en curso/Elementos de Acción:
 - 4.1. Informe del Oficial de Equidad En Salud Del Condado de Santa Cruz: Lun Wang (*Oficial De Equidad En Salud*)
 - 4.2. Defensa de los Derechos De Inmigración Para La Nueva Administración Federal
 - 4.3. Actualización de la Planificación De La Exposición del Muro de Arte de la Herencia Hispana de 2025
5. Informes de Distritos/Ciudades de Comisionados
 - 5.1. Distrito 1
 - 5.2. Distrito 2
 - 5.3. Distrito 3
 - 5.4. Distrito 4
 - 5.5. Distrito 5
 - 5.6. Ciudad de Santa Cruz
 - 5.7. Ciudad de Watsonville
6. Informe del Personal
7. Aplazamiento

Próxima reunión programada para las 6:00 p. m. del miércoles 2 de abril de 2025

El Condado de Santa Cruz no discrimina por motivos de discapacidad y a ninguna persona se le negarán los beneficios de sus servicios, programas o actividades por motivo de una discapacidad. Si necesita ayuda para participar en la reunión, comuníquese al (831) 454-2772 o TTY/TDD: 711 al menos 72 horas antes de la reunión para hacer los arreglos



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Minutas de la Reunión

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HORA: 6:00PM
UBICACIÓN: United Way Del Condado de Santa Cruz, 4450 Capitola Road, Ste 106, Capitola, CA 95010
PRESENTE: Yadira Flores-Martínez (*1er Distrito*), Oscar Sánchez (*2do Distrito*), Kassandra Flores (*3er Distrito*) · Cesar De Santos (*4to Distrito*), Micaela López (*Ciudad de Watsonville*), Bibianna Rocha (*Ciudad de Watsonville*)
EXCUSADA: Rebecca Hernández (*Ciudad de Santa Cruz*)
AUSENTE: Leo Gómez (*Distrito 5*)
PERSONAL: Kaite McGrew (*Gerente de Comisiones*)
INVITADOS: Paz Padilla (*Directora de Programas e Impacto de la Junta de Acción Comunitaria*), Hannah Rogers (*Directora de Desarrollo de la Junta de Acción Comunitaria*) y 2 miembros del público estuvieron presentes.

1. Llamada al Orden/Llamado de Lista/Revisión de Agenda

Reunión convocada a las 6:02 PM.

La Comisión dio la bienvenida a las nuevas Comisionadas Kassandra Flores (3er Distrito) y Bibianna Rocha (Ciudad de Watsonville).

2. Aprobar Acta del 2 de octubre de 2024

Moción para aprobar las actas tal como están redactadas.

Moción/Segunda: Flores Martínez/López

La moción fue aprobada por unanimidad.

3. Comentario Público

4. Asuntos Nuevos/Elementos de Acción

4.1. Informe de la Junta de Acción Comunitaria (CAB)

Padilla y Rogers compartieron actualizaciones clave sobre el trabajo en curso de CAB y los logros recientes, enfatizando la mayor representación Latina y Zapoteca en la organización y el liderazgo de la Junta, el fortalecimiento de las conexiones con la comunidad de trabajadores agrícolas y la expansión de las comunicaciones bilingües. Las principales iniciativas incluyen programas de larga duración como asistencia para el alquiler y servicios para jóvenes sin hogar, junto con nuevos proyectos como un refugio planificado con casas pequeñas y seguridad las 24 horas, los 7 días de la semana. También destacaron las cuatro áreas de enfoque de CAB: prevención de la falta de vivienda, desarrollo y empleo juvenil, el Centro de recursos de Davenport y los esfuerzos de respuesta a la crisis. Los logros notables incluyen la distribución de \$14 millones en ayuda pandémica, el 60% de los cuales apoyaron a personas indocumentadas, y un compromiso con la programación receptiva guiada por encuestas bienales de comunidades de bajos ingresos.

CAB continúa abogando por los derechos de los inmigrantes a través de foros como un evento reciente sobre inmigración en Watsonville High School, donde ofrece consultas legales y educación sobre "Conozca sus derechos". Como única filial de Unidos US en la Costa Central, CAB

se enfoca en la equidad y el desarrollo del liderazgo, al mismo tiempo que mantiene programas como Luna y Sol para jóvenes y servicios integrales para jornaleros para promover la estabilidad laboral. Las celebraciones de su 60.º aniversario incluyen un carnaval comunitario en mayo y una exhibición de celebración en octubre. La organización agradece el apoyo a través de patrocinios, referencias y comentarios, al tiempo que mantiene su compromiso de evolucionar con las necesidades de las comunidades a las que sirve.

4.2. Planificación de la Exposición De Arte en el Mes de la Herencia Hispana de 2025

La Comisión discutió la posibilidad de asociarse con el personal de la Junta de Acción Comunitaria para crear una exhibición de arte en la pared que celebre el 60.º aniversario de CAB y destaque sus logros a lo largo de los años.

Moción para discutir la asociación con el personal de CAB para crear una exhibición de arte en la pared que celebre su 60 aniversario

Moción/Segunda: De Santos/Flores

Moción aprobada por unanimidad

5. Informes de Comisionados

5.1. Informe del Distrito 1 (Flores-Martínez):

Flores-Martínez solicitó que abogemos por restablecer la comunidad de santuario en la reunión de febrero.

5.2. Informe del Distrito 2 (Sánchez):

Sánchez sugirió una discusión sobre la defensa de la comunidad inmigrante a raíz de las recientes elecciones. Flores-Martínez sugirió invitar a la Oficina del Defensor Público del Condado a que presente un informe sobre el proceso involucrado en la limpieza de antecedentes.

5.3. Informe del Distrito 3 (Flores):

Flores compartió un poco sobre su experiencia y su enfoque en la promoción de los intereses de la comunidad latina en el condado de Santa Cruz. Como Directora del programa 211 de United Way, está bien informada sobre las necesidades de los Latinos en las distintas regiones del Condado y tiene acceso a recursos adecuados para cada comunidad.

5.4. Informe del Distrito 4 (De Santos): Sin informe

5.5. Informe del Distrito 5 (Gómez): Sin informe

5.6. Informe de la Ciudad de Santa Cruz (Hernández): Sin informe

5.7. Informe de la ciudad de Watsonville (López/Rocha):

Rocha compartió un poco sobre su experiencia y su enfoque en la promoción de los intereses de la Comunidad Latina en el Condado de Santa Cruz. Como Supervisora de Recaudación De Impuestos Del Condado para las oficinas de Watsonville y Santa Cruz, Rocha se centra en la equidad, garantizando que los servicios y las comunicaciones con el público sean bilingües. Está planeando una presentación con una oficina local de bienes raíces de Watsonville para nuevos propietarios latinos sobre impuestos a la propiedad.


López informó sobre los recientes eventos del Día de los Muertos del Festival de Cine de Watsonville.

6. Informe del Personal: No hay informe

7. Aplazamiento

La reunión se levantó a las 7:24 PM.

Enviado por: Kaite McGrew, *Gerente de Comisiones*



Agencia de Servicios de Salud (HSA) del Condado de Santa Cruz

La Salud Latina/x en el Condado de Santa Cruz

Mónica Morales , Directora de HSA
Lun Wang, Oficial de Equidad en Salud de HSA

5 de febrero de 2025

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Visión y Misión de HSA

Visión: El Condado de Santa Cruz es una comunidad saludable, segura y próspera para todos.

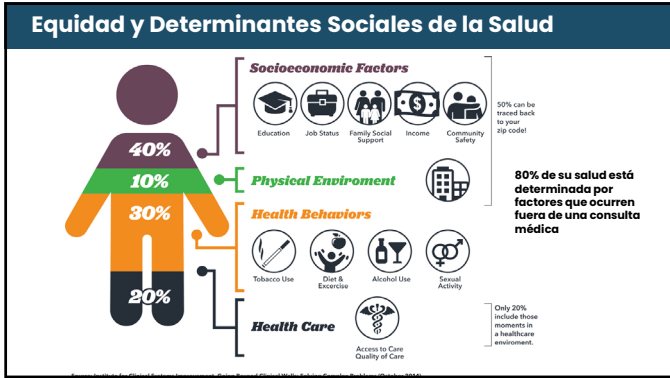
Misión: Promover y garantizar una comunidad y un ambiente saludable proporcionando educación, divulgación y servicios de salud integrales de manera inclusiva y accesible.

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Áreas de Enfoque del Plan Estratégico de HSA 2020-2025

- Mejora continua de procesos
- Equidad en los Recursos de programas
- Aumentar el acceso a la salud y el bienestar
- Desarrollo de la fuerza laboral
- Aumentar la colaboración con los socios comunitarios

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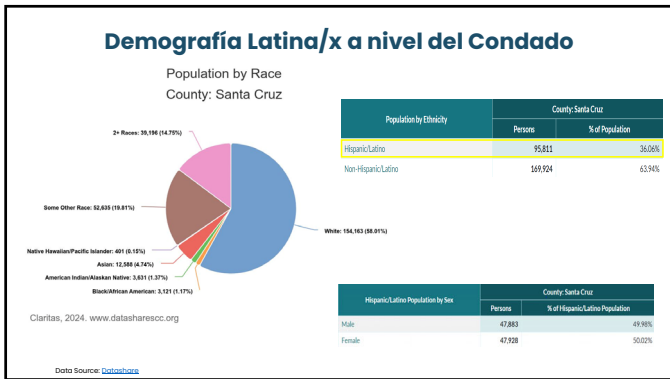


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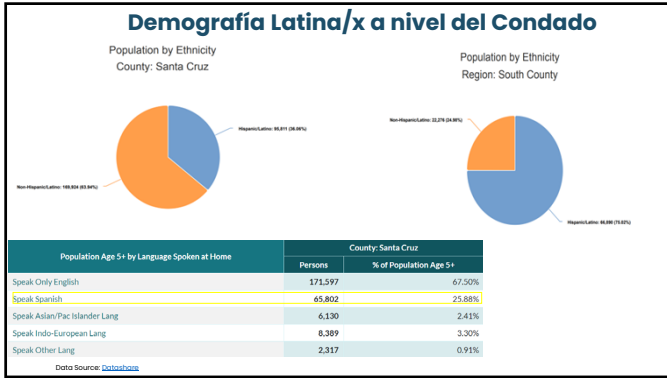
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Población Latina/x en comparación con la población No-Latina/x en el Condado de Santa Cruz

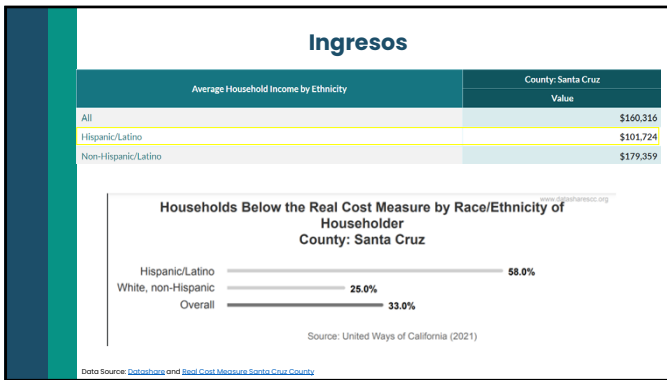
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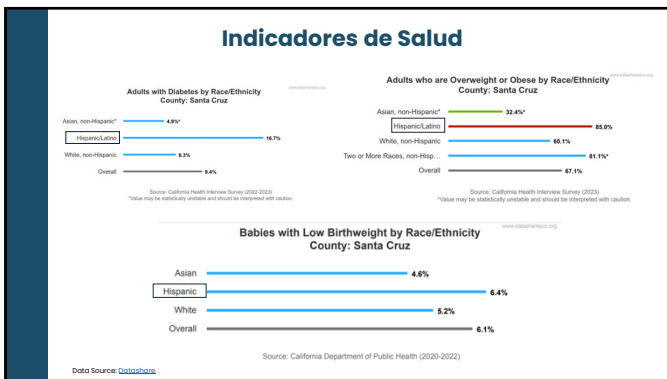
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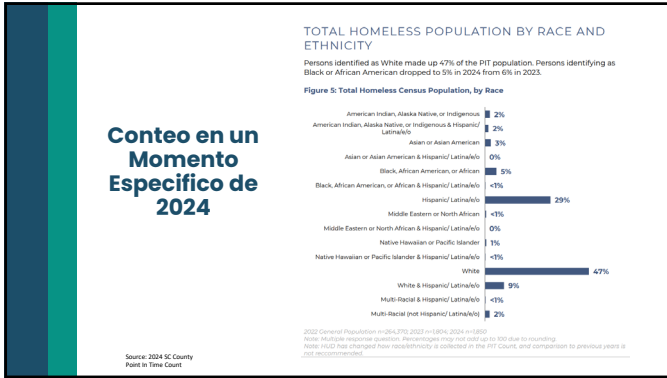
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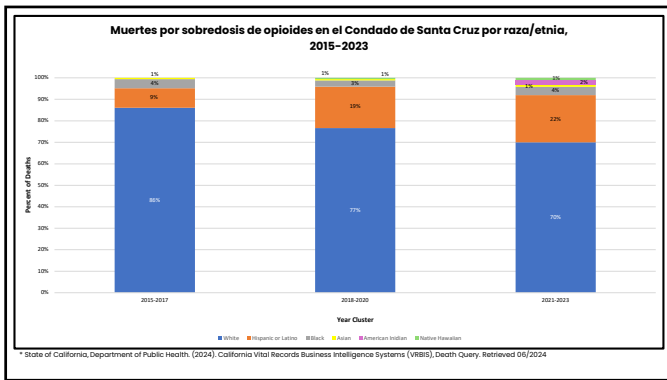
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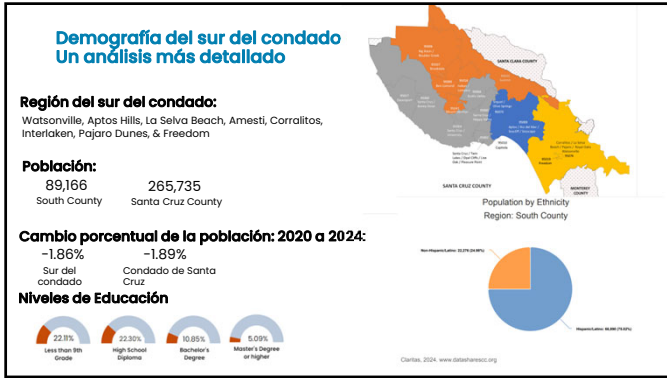
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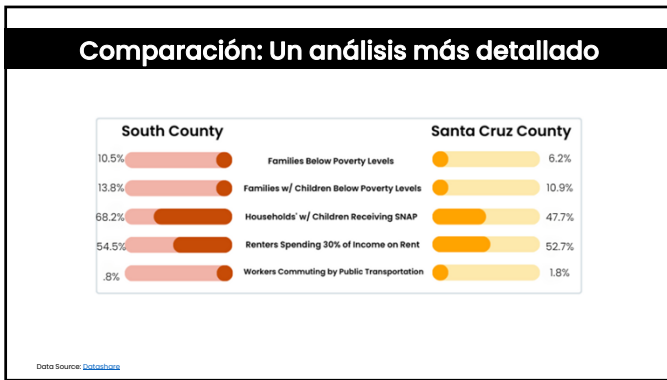
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Comparación de Salud e Indicadores de Bienestar

Salud e indicadores de bienestar	Sur del Condado	Condado de Santa Cruz
Adultos sin seguro médico (2022)	19.0%	6.8%
Niños y adolescentes con asma (2019-2020)	14.9%	7.0%
Adultos con Diabetes (2022)	13.2%	9.4%
Adultos con días de mala salud mental (2022)	18.6%	16.9%
Niños (2-11) que tienen sobrepeso (2017-2018)	21.2%	19.8%

Data Source: [Datapointer](#)

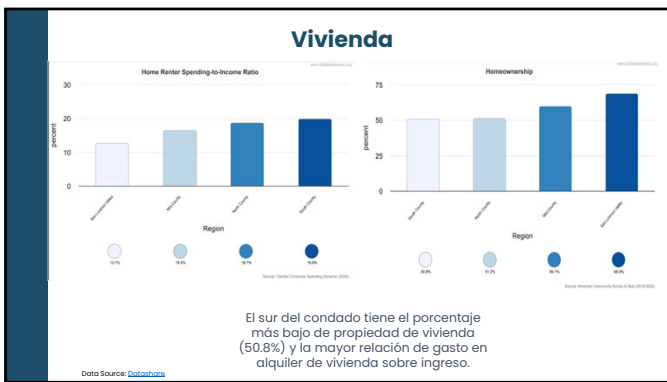
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Educación

Population 25+ by Educational Attainment	Region: South County		County: Santa Cruz	
	Persons	% of Population Age 25+	Persons	% of Population Age 25+
Less than 9th Grade	12,925	22.11%	14,117	7.48%
Some High School, No Diploma	5,450	9.32%	8,650	4.58%
High School Grad	13,039	22.30%	29,106	15.42%
Some College, No Degree	11,955	20.45%	40,193	21.29%
Associate Degree	4,458	7.62%	16,077	8.52%
Bachelor's Degree	5,951	10.18%	45,065	23.88%
Master's Degree	2,974	5.09%	22,856	12.11%
Professional Degree	887	1.52%	6,239	3.31%
Doctorate Degree	821	1.40%	6,450	3.42%

Data Source: [Datashare](#)

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Conteo en un Momento Específico de 2024

JURISDICTION	UNSHeltered		SHeltered		TOTAL		23-24 NET CHANGE
	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	
Total Incorporated	1,118	1,061	378	365	1,496	1,426	-5%
City of Capitola	23	50	0	0	23	50	117%
City of Santa Cruz	749	384	279	275	1,028	659	-36%
City of Scotts Valley	24	44	0	0	24	44	83%
City of Watsonville	332	583	99	90	421	673	60%
Total Unincorporated/Confidential Scattered Site*	249	302	0	0	249	302	21%
Total County Office of Education	59	122	0	0	59	122	107%
Total	1,426	1,485	378	365	1,804	1,850	3%

De 2023 a 2024, La población sin hogar de Watsonville aumentó en un 60%

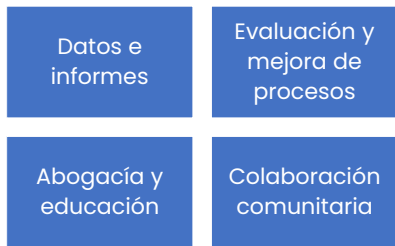
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Oportunidades Actuales

- Abogar por políticas locales que promueven la movilidad económica y la oportunidad.
- Abogar por aumentar el inventario de viviendas con ingresos muy bajos, especialmente para el sur del condado y el acceso a la vivienda para los inmigrantes indocumentados.
- Abogar por un aumento de fondos flexibles para servicios de salud culturalmente responsivos, especialmente para los servicios de salud mental y abuso de sustancias.
- Monitorear los impactos de la Administración Federal y participar en esfuerzos para apoyar a los inmigrantes en nuestra comunidad.

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Lo que estamos haciendo



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Recursos

Santacruzcountyca.gov/sanctuary – Esta página web contiene recursos clave para apoyar a los residentes que están preocupados por su capacidad de acceder a servicios de atención médica críticos o de la red de seguridad social para apoyar su salud general, su bienestar y su capacidad de prosperar.


[Sanctuary](#)

SusDerechos.info es un sitio diseñado para proporcionar a las comunidades inmigrantes en la región de los tres condados de Monterey, San Benito, y Santa Cruz con información confiable y actualizada sobre sus derechos en este país.

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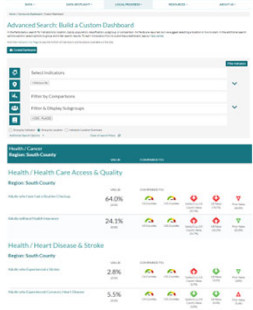
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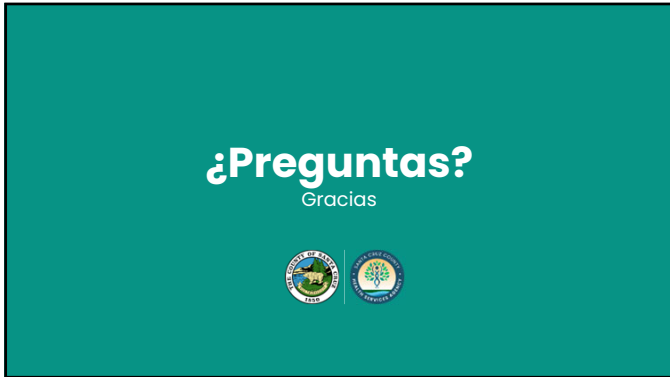
Toda la información proporcionada en esta presentación está disponible públicamente a través de la plataforma DataShare.

Este centro de información para el condado de Santa Cruz tiene los datos, tableros de datos, informes, e indicadores de bienestar de la comunidad más actualizados.

Visite: www.datasharescc.org



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Protecting and Supporting Our Community

January 2025

Changes in federal leadership may impact community members, including immigrants, LGBTQ+ populations, and people who access reproductive care. The County has a longstanding history of providing services to these groups and will respond to attacks on individual rights in partnership with local organizations.

The Board of Supervisors has established Santa Cruz County as both a Sanctuary County and a Champion of Reproductive Freedom. The Board has also opposed any Title IX changes to weaken protections for transgender, gender non-binary and gender non-confirming residents.

The County continues to actively assess programs to ensure clients are safe and are prepared to take further protective measures as needed.

At a Glance: How many served?

- ✔ **Social Services Provided FY 2023/24**
 - 85,067 people received Medi-Cal coverage
 - 41,765 people received CalFresh food assistance
 - 4,233 people received CalWORKs cash aid
 - 3,650 seniors received In Home Support Services
- ✔ **8,254 Undocumented Clients on Medi-Cal as of 12/24**
 Medical, dental, vision, mental health, family planning (a result of state's legislative Medi-Cal expansion)
- ✔ **Behavioral Health Medi-Cal Clients:**
 5,541 unduplicated clients served (1,394 youth)
 1,424 Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Clients on Medi-Cal
 - 20% of adults unhoused across BH System of Care
 - 40%+ for individuals engaged in SUD or mental health residential
 3,954 Mental Health Clients
 - Including 40% of unhoused adults



Immigrant Community

- Santa Cruz is a Sanctuary County for undocumented immigrants, re-affirmed on 12/17/2024
- County Sheriff does not comply with ICE detainers and does not ask victims/witnesses about their immigration status
- Under SB 54, the County is prevented from sharing personal info with ICE
- ICE/Border Patrol may not enter non-public county spaces/clinics without a valid judicial warrant
- Our Health Services providers and Human Services staff do not share any information about an individual's immigration status or records with federal immigration authorities
- We have partnered with the Pajaro Valley Collaborative and other community-based organizations for a cohesive and robust response



LGBTQ+ Community

Santa Cruz is a Sanctuary County for trans, nonbinary & intersex people, affirmed on 6/4/2024.

Our County's Health Centers offer gender-affirming care, and our Health and Human Services Agencies partner with providers like the Diversity Center to support LGBTQ+ youth and adults with Behavioral Health needs and to prevent exploitation.



Reproductive Rights

HSA Health Centers support the reproductive health rights of our diverse community by offering comprehensive services, including reproductive health education for teens and adults, STI/HIV testing and treatment, family planning counseling, and access to contraception for individuals of all genders.

Next Steps

Leaders from the County Administrator's Office, Health Services Agency, Human Services Department, County Sheriff, Public Defender and Probation Department will meet with community leaders to strengthen partnerships and build support and resources. We will be monitoring for potential threats, including:

- Evidence of local ICE activity
- Federal funding cuts due to local sanctuary policies
- Public charge rule changes
- Policies to limit gender expression/identity
- Limits on access to reproductive care/contraception
- Changes to protections based on sexual orientation



Protegiendo y Apoyando a Nuestra Comunidad

enero 2025

Los cambios en el liderazgo federal pueden afectar a los miembros de la comunidad, incluidos los inmigrantes, las poblaciones LGBTQ+ y las personas que acceden a la atención reproductiva. El Condado tiene una larga trayectoria brindando servicios a estos grupos y, en asociación con organizaciones locales, responderá a ataques a los derechos individuales.

La Junta de Supervisores ha establecido al Condado de Santa Cruz como un Condado Santuario y Campeón de la Libertad Reproductiva. La Junta también se ha opuesto a cualquier cambio en el Título IX que debilite las protecciones para los residentes transgénero, no binarios y que no confirman su género.

El Condado continúa evaluando sus programas activamente para garantizar que los clientes estén seguros y preparados para tomar medidas de protección adicionales según sea necesario.

De un vistazo: Personas atendidas

✓ Servicios Sociales Proporcionados el Año Fiscal 2023/24

- 85,067 personas recibieron cobertura de Medi-Cal
- 41,765 personas recibieron asistencia alimentaria de CalFresh
- 4,233 personas recibieron ayuda monetaria de CalWORKs
- 3,650 personas mayores recibieron servicios de apoyo en el hogar

✓ 8,254 Clientes Indocumentados con Medi-Cal a Partir de diciembre 2024

Servicios médicos, odontología, visión, salud mental, planificación familiar. (Como resultado de la expansión legislativa de Medi-Cal del estado)

✓ Clientes de Medi-Cal de Salud Mental y Tratamiento del Uso de Sustancias (BH):

- 5,541 clientes no duplicados atendidos (1,394 jóvenes)
- 1,424 Clientes con trastorno por uso de sustancias (SUD) que reciben Medi-Cal
 - 20% de adultos sin vivienda en todo el Sistema de Atención de BH
 - 40%+ para personas dedicadas a actividades residenciales SUD o de salud mental
- 3,954 Clientes de salud mental
 - Incluye un 40% de adultos sin hogar



Comunidad Inmigrante

- Santa Cruz es un Condado Santuario para inmigrantes indocumentados, reafirmado el 17 de diciembre 2024
- El Sheriff del Condado no cumple con las órdenes de detención de ICE y no pregunta a las víctimas/testigos sobre su estatus migratorio
- Según la SB 54, el Condado no puede compartir información personal con ICE
- ICE/Patrulla Fronteriza no puede ingresar a espacios/clínicas no públicas del Condado sin una orden judicial válida
- Nuestros proveedores de servicios de salud y personal de servicios humanos no comparten ninguna información sobre el estado migratorio o los registros de un individuo con las autoridades federales de inmigración
- Nos hemos asociado con Pajaro Valley Collaborative y otras organizaciones comunitarias para una respuesta unida y sólida.



Comunidad LGBTQ+

Santa Cruz es un Condado santuario para personas trans, no binarias e intersexuales, afirmado el 4-jun-2024.

Nuestros Centros de Salud ofrecen atención que afirma el género, y nuestras Agencias de Servicios Humanos y de Salud se asocian con proveedores como el Centro de Diversidad para apoyar a los jóvenes y adultos LGBTQ+ con necesidades de salud conductual y para prevenir la explotación.



Derechos Reproductivos

Nuestros Centros de Salud apoyan los derechos de salud reproductiva de nuestra diversa comunidad. Ofrecen servicios integrales, que incluyen educación sobre la salud reproductiva para adolescentes y adultos, pruebas y tratamiento infecciones de transmisión sexual y VIH, planificación familiar, y acceso a anticonceptivos para personas de todos los géneros.

Próximos Pasos

Líderes de la Oficina del Administrador del Condado, la Agencia de Servicios de Salud, el Departamento de Servicios Humanos, el Sheriff del Condado, el Defensor Público y el Departamento de Libertad Condicional se reunirán con líderes comunitarios para fortalecer asociaciones y generar apoyo y recursos. Estaremos monitoreando posibles amenazas, incluyendo:

- Evidencia de actividad local de ICE
- Recortes de fondos federales debido a las políticas locales de santuario
- Cambios en la regla de carga pública
- Políticas para limitar la expresión/identidad de género
- Límites al acceso a la atención reproductiva y anticonceptivos
- Cambios en las protecciones basadas en la orientación sexual



County of Santa Cruz Board of Supervisors

Agenda Item Submittal

From: Felipe Hernandez, Fourth District Supervisor, Justin Cummings,
Third District Supervisor
(831) 454-2200

Subject: Resolution Reaffirming Commitment to Maintaining Trust and
Safety for Local Immigrants

Meeting Date: December 17, 2024

Recommended Actions:

1. Adopt a resolution reaffirming Santa Cruz County's commitment to protect and support members of immigrant communities as a Sanctuary County and ensure that the County is actively communicating this message in a manner that effectively reaches impacted communities; and
2. Direct the County Administrative Officer, or their designee, to work with community partners to identify opportunities to strengthen resources to help protect and support immigrant communities against policies that may negatively impact the safety and wellbeing of the members of those communities.

Executive Summary

In light of the recent presidential election and threats to implement restrictive anti-immigrant policies once the incoming President assumes office in January 2025, it is important for Santa Cruz County to reaffirm its commitment to support and protect the safety and wellbeing of immigrants in our community that may become victims of these discriminatory policies. The County's immigrant community is integral to the social and economic fabric of our region. This resolution builds upon a history of leadership, including prior sanctuary resolutions and the recent public reaffirmation of support for immigrant communities on November 7, 2024.

In addition to the resolution, we are directing the County Administrative Officer, or designee, to work with community partners to strengthen resources and partnerships with organizations that help protect members of these communities that may be the target of such policies. By reaffirming our commitment to protecting and supporting our immigrant community members and making a commitment to provide resources to these individuals, we hope to ensure and maintain the trust of these members of our community with the County.

Discussion

Santa Cruz County has a long-standing history of supporting its immigrant population through policies and partnerships, including sanctuary resolutions adopted by the County and the cities of Santa Cruz and Watsonville in 2017. The County's Human Services Department, along with community organizations like the Community Action Board's Santa Cruz County Immigration Project and the Santa Cruz Welcoming Network have played pivotal roles in providing these communities with resources and advocacy.

In November 2024, 35 city and county officials, law enforcement leaders, and elected representatives from throughout the Santa Cruz region signed a letter reaffirming their commitment to protecting immigrant communities. This proposed resolution strengthens these commitments, especially in the face of heightened concerns about federal immigration enforcement policies that could undermine trust and create significant challenges for local immigrant families.

The proposed resolution emphasizes the County's role as a welcoming and inclusive community, and outlines key actions to protect and support immigrant residents:

1. **Trust and Safety:** The resolution declares Santa Cruz County a place of trust and safety, prohibiting the use of County resources for federal immigration enforcement, restricting the collection of personal information unless mandated by law, and protecting client data.
2. **Supportive Policies:** It commends the Sheriff's Office for maintaining policies that separate local law enforcement from federal immigration enforcement, per the California Values Act (SB54).
3. **Community Engagement:** It directs County departments to review confidentiality policies and ensure that immigration status does not hinder access to services.
4. **Victim Support:** It reaffirms the County's commitment to supporting immigrant crime victims and witnesses through timely certification for humanitarian visas, such as the "U Visa."
5. **Integration Efforts:** The resolution encourages initiatives to foster inclusion and collaboration between immigrant communities and the broader population.
6. **Collaboration:** The County will work with stakeholders, community groups, and local organizations to respond to federal immigration enforcement policies and protect vulnerable residents, and to support agencies serving impacted communities.

Adopting this resolution reaffirms Santa Cruz County's dedication to its immigrant community during a time of uncertainty. It sends a strong message of solidarity and support, ensuring all residents feel valued and protected regardless of immigration

status. It aligns with the County's longstanding commitment to equity, diversity, and inclusion and upholds state policies like the California Values Act.

Additionally, directing staff to work with community partners on a framework to address the urgent and multifaceted needs of immigrant populations will support coordination of resources, respond to emerging challenges, advocate for equitable policies, and foster trust between the immigrant community and local government, ultimately promoting inclusivity and resilience across the County.

Together, these actions support Santa Cruz County's dedication to its immigrant community during a time of uncertainty. It also sends a strong message of solidarity and support, ensuring all residents feel valued and protected regardless of immigration status.

Financial Impact

None

Strategic Initiatives

1.B. Comprehensive Health and Safety – Community Support

1.C. Comprehensive Health and Safety - Local Justice

Submitted by:

Felipe Hernandez, Fourth District Supervisor, Justin Cummings, Third District Supervisor

Attachments:

a Resolution Reaffirming Commitment to Maintaining Trust and Safety for Immigrants



BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION NO. 279-2024

On the motion of Supervisor Koenig:

Duly seconded by Supervisor Hernandez:

The following resolution is adopted:

RESOLUTION REESTABLISHING THE COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ'S
COMMITMENT TO MAINTAINING TRUST AND SAFETY FOR
LOCAL IMMIGRANTS

WHEREAS, Santa Cruz County celebrates its long and rich history of immigrants who have shaped the local economy and emerged as leaders in agriculture, tourism, the military, education, business, healthcare, and other vital professions; and

WHEREAS, Santa Cruz County is a diverse community, with foreign-born residents comprising over 17.4% of the County's total population and undocumented immigrants significantly contributing to the workforce, particularly in the agriculture, hospitality, and construction industries; and

WHEREAS, immigrants, refugees, and other newcomers profoundly contribute to state and national economies, with foreign-born workers accounting for nearly 19.1% of the U.S. labor force in 2024, and foreign-born entrepreneurs owning over 38.6% of businesses in California as of 2019; and

WHEREAS, fostering a welcoming community is essential to creating a vibrant and inclusive Santa Cruz County, ensuring immigrants, refugees, and other newcomers have access to economic security, empowerment, civic engagement, safety, and protection from discrimination, oppression, and violence; and

WHEREAS, many Santa Cruz County residents express deep concerns about potential policies and actions by the incoming federal administration in January 2025 that will have significant negative impacts on immigrant communities; and

WHEREAS, it is critical to affirm that Santa Cruz County is a community where all residents—regardless of immigration status—are welcomed and contribute to the social and economic fabric of the community; and

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WHEREAS, the County strives to be a place of trust and safety for immigrants who live and work within the community; and

WHEREAS, a relationship of trust between California's immigrant residents and local agencies, including but not limited to law enforcement, schools, hospitals, and County services is essential to providing a safe environment and services to meet people's basic needs effectively; and

WHEREAS, that trust is undermined when local agencies are involved in immigration enforcement activities that are simply based on immigration status; and

WHEREAS, a strong community is one that values inclusion, embraces diversity, and invests in the well-being of all its residents; and

WHEREAS, Santa Cruz County serves as a model for a just and equitable society for all of its residents;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz resolves and orders that:

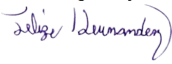
1. The County of Santa Cruz reaffirms itself as a Sanctuary County that is a welcoming community and a place of trust and safety for all immigrants regardless of immigration status.
2. Santa Cruz County resources shall not be used to enforce federal immigration law that targets individuals simply based on their immigration status, gather or disseminate information regarding the immigration status of individuals, or collect personal information unless explicitly required by Federal or State statute, regulation, or court decision.
3. The Board of Supervisors commends the Sheriff for maintaining policies that separate local law enforcement from federal immigration enforcement, avoiding participation in any immigration enforcement unless required under State law per the California Values Act (SB54), and for fostering trust with all communities served by the Sheriff's Office.
4. County departments are directed to review their confidentiality policies to ensure eligible individuals are not discouraged from seeking services or engaging with County resources based on immigration status.
5. The County reaffirms its commitment to supporting immigrant crime victims and witnesses by providing timely and fair certification of their cooperation, which is essential for obtaining humanitarian visas, such as the "U Visa."

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6. The Board of Supervisors encourages efforts to integrate immigrant and refugee communities and to recognize that the community is strongest when everyone feels welcomed.
7. The County supports initiatives that bring immigrants, refugees, newcomers, and the broader community together to develop policies and programs that build welcoming communities, empowering all residents to thrive and fully participate.
8. The Board commits to engaging in dialogue and collaboration with stakeholders across Santa Cruz County in response to federal immigration enforcement policies to help create and disseminate resources that will provide the highest level of support to these communities.
9. The Board commends the ongoing efforts of local institutions, organizations, and individuals working to build trust and support for the immigrant community.
10. The Clerk of the Board of Supervisors is directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to all four Santa Cruz County cities, as well as our State and Federal legislators.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz, State of California, this 17th day of December, 2024, by the following vote:

AYES: Supervisors Koenig, Friend, McPherson and Hernandez
 NOES: None
 ABSENT: Supervisor Cummings
 ABSTAIN: None

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 Felipe Hernandez
 Vice- Chair of the Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:  1/10/2025
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 Clerk of the Board

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Approved as to Form:

Signed by:

Jason M. Heath

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JASON M. HEATH (12/12/2024, 16942)
Office of the County Counsel

From: [Paul Johnston](#)
To: [Katherine McGrew](#)
Subject: Please forward to LAC: SF Immigrant Rights Commission Hearing - video
Date: Wednesday, January 15, 2025 10:36:14 AM

****CAUTION: This is an EXTERNAL email. Exercise caution. DO NOT open attachments or click links from unknown senders or unexpected email.****

Dear Katherine, please forward this information to the LAC with a sincere request that the chair consider seriously the Commission's opportunity to— and responsibility—to provide similar leadership consistent with its mandate to advise the Board of Supervisors and City Councils.

Sadly, unlike San Francisco, we have no immigrant Rights Commission. In Santa Clara County, the Human Relations Commission has been filling this role for 30 years with great impact. Here in Santa Cruz County, all we have is the LAC. Under its current mandate, that Commission could play a very productive role for our immigrant communities now if it steps up to the task.

I can assure you that if you agencize a hearing similar to that in S.F., you will have great participation and appreciation from the community and a much-needed voice in local policy.

Your February meeting is coming soon. If you do agencize this, notice requirements require that you do it soon. It would be a shame to pass this moment by with inaction.

Respectfully,
paul
(he/him)
Let's do good

----- Forwarded message -----

From: 'Dieterich, Cristy (DPH)' via SF Immigrant Forum <sfimmigrantforum@googlegroups.com>

Sent: Tuesday, January 14, 2025 4:27 PM
Subject: The SF Immigrant Rights Commission Hearing - video

On Monday, Jan 14, 2025 The San Francisco Immigrant Rights Commission held a special hearing with City and community partners to learn the new federal administration's plans for immigration policy and enforcement, how this will impact San Francisco, and what actions the City and community are taking to prepare our communities and build power, not panic.

Many valuable public comments and recommendations.

Video recording available: [San Francisco Immigrant Rights Commission Special Hearing on January 13, 2025](#)

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LATINO AFFAIRS COMMISSION 2024 ATTENDANCE REPORT

District/ Supervisor	Commissioner	Feb 2024	April 2024	June 2024	Aug 2024	Oct 2024	Dec 2024
1st District Supervisor Manu Koenig	Yadira Flores-Martinez	P	MEETING CANCELED FOR LACK OF QUORUM	P	P	P	P
2 nd District Supervisor Zach Friend	Oscar Sanchez	P		P	E	P	P
3 rd District Supervisor Justin Cummings	Kassandra Flores	-		-	-	E	P
4 th District Supervisor Felipe Hernandez	Cesar De Santos	P		P	P	P	P
5 th District Supervisor Bruce McPherson	Leo Gomez	P		P	P	P	A
City of Santa Cruz	Rebecca Hernandez	P		P	P	P	E
	Seat Vacant	-		-	-	-	-
City of Watsonville	Kristal Salcido	A		A	-	-	-
	Micela Lopez	A		E	P	P	P
Attendance:		P=Present		A=Absent	E=Excused	(-) = Not Seated	

Submitted:



Kaite McGrew
Commissions Manager

12/31/2024

Date



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Scheduled Meetings

Unless otherwise specified, regularly scheduled Latino Affairs Commission meetings are generally held as follows:

DAY: First (1st) Wednesday
MONTH: Every other month (February, April, June, August, October and December)
TIME: 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM
LOCATION: **United Way of Santa Cruz County****
4450 Capitola Road, Ste 106, Capitola, CA 95010

****Changes to the schedule**, including special meetings, changes of location, or meeting cancellations, will be listed on the website at www.scclatinoaffairs.org as soon as information becomes available.

2025 Meeting Dates		
DATE	TIME	LOCATION
February 5, 2025	6:00 – 7:30 PM	United Way
April 2, 2025	6:00 – 7:30 PM	United Way
June 4, 2025	6:00 – 7:30 PM	United Way
August 6, 2025	6:00 – 7:30 PM	United Way
October 1, 2025	6:00 – 7:30 PM	United Way
December 3, 2025	6:00 – 7:30 PM	United Way

Public Participation

- Please check the meeting agenda to learn details about how to participate in the commission meeting.
- If you need special accommodations, please call 454-2935 or TDD: 711 (California Relay Service) at least 48 hours before the meeting.