



MINUTES

Meeting of the
Scotts Valley City Council
In-Person and Remote Access
Date: May 3, 2023
Time: 6:00 PM

CONTACT INFORMATION	MEETING LOCATION	POSTING
City of Scotts Valley 1 Civic Center Drive Scotts Valley, CA 95066 (831) 440-5600	City Council Chambers 1 Civic Center Drive Scotts Valley, CA 95066 and Zoom Video Conference	The agenda was posted at City Hall, the SV Public Works Building, the SV Senior Center and on the Internet at www.scottsvalley.gov

CALL TO ORDER 6:00 PM

The City Council meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE and MOMENT OF SILENCE

ROLL CALL

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Jack Dilles, Mayor
Randy Johnson, Vice Mayor
Donna Lind, Council Member
Derek Timm, Council Member
Allan Timms, Council Member

CITY STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mali LaGoe, City Manager
Kirsten Powell, City Attorney
Cathie Simonovich, City Clerk
Lauren Lambert, Deputy City Clerk

SPECIAL SET MATTER(S)

Mayor's proclamation declaring May 6, 2023 Multicultural Fair Day

RDM Robinson gave a brief history of the Multicultural Fair Day and introduced this year's events.

Mayor Dilles read the proclamation and public comments in support of the event were received from Christina McQueen and Ameer Sawhney.

Date:

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CM Lind attended a meeting of the Criminal Justice Council where a study is underway regarding behavior health resources. This year's study relates to the courts and probation.

CM Lind, along with CM Timm, CM Timms and Mayor Dilles, attended the grand opening for Ambient Photonics. It is exciting to have this company in Scotts Valley as they plan to hire up to 120 additional employees.

CM Lind represented the City for National Crime Victim's Week and attended the related March of Solidarity.

CM Lind attended the Scotts Valley Educational Foundation's Casino Night fundraiser.

CM Lind is working on the Fourth of July Parade in collaboration with the Public Works Department and the Recreation Division. The airplane flyover has been confirmed, and more information on this event will be forthcoming.

CM Timms attended a meeting of the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO). He reported that the service and sphere review for Watsonville is going well. He also reported that the Scotts Valley Water District's sphere annexation of 177 parcels into the District's service area and/or sphere of influence is in the objection period, and residents have until June 2, 2023 to file a written petition if they object to the annexation.

CM Timms attended the Economic Development Subcommittee meeting and reported that the group is pleased to welcome RDM Robinson to this subcommittee. They discussed branding for the City of Scotts Valley, as well as business outreach for the purpose of determining needs and issues that local businesses may be experiencing.

CM Timms attended the City Manager's Management Team meeting for a Question-and-Answer period with the Managers.

Mayor Dilles attended a meeting of the Arts Commission and was happy to see that all Commission vacancies have been filled. He was pleased at the positive energy and great discussions.

Mayor Dilles attended the League of California Cities City Leader's Summit where he met with our Assemblymember Gail Pellerin, along with her staff, to pass along various items of concern for the City of Scotts Valley. He also participated in a large press conference and attended several valuable sessions.

Mayor Dilles was interviewed by Robert Aldana from MyScottsValley about housing challenges, and this interview can be viewed on Facebook.

Date:

Mayor Dilles, along with Vice Mayor Johnson, attended the first Budget Subcommittee meeting, and he thanked staff for their hard work in preparing for this meeting.

Mayor Dilles presented a proclamation at the National Agricultural Day Spring Luncheon.

Mayor Dilles attended a United Way celebration where Scotts Valley resident and owner of Togo's, Greg Wimp, received an award as a community supporter and for his leadership.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Staffing updates: Vitani Harrison completed the Police Academy last month and was sworn in on May 1, 2023. He will be completing his field work for the next five months. The Police Department is almost fully staffed. Our new Maintenance Division Manager is Matt Spencer-Cooke and he comes with a lot of experience from the private sector, including facility maintenance oversight, working in both agriculture and manufacturing. The City also welcomes Freddy Avalos who is the new Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator.

Road projects: The maintenance crew has been patching the potholes at the Mt. Hermon offramp when it has been safe for them to do so. This is a temporary fix as the City is working to hire a contractor to implement permanent repairs that will need coordination with CalTrans due to nighttime work. The Bean Creek Road rehabilitation project (from Bluebonnet to the first Monteville entrance) is also moving forward, and will improve bike, pedestrian, and automobile safety. This project is currently in the bidding phase.

Strategic Plan update: The 3rd quarter update of the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Strategic Plan has been completed and posted to the City's website. This update describes the work that the staff has completed from January 2023 through March 2023 and reflects items on track, items completed, and items experiencing challenges. Additionally, the Management Team also spent a significant amount of time reviewing the Council's goals for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 and strategizing the implementation of these goals over the next fiscal year.

Budget Subcommittee: City Manager LaGoe thanked Mayor Dilles and Vice Mayor Johnson for the time they spent at the Budget Subcommittee meeting and in preparation for the meeting. This is a huge time commitment, and it is much appreciated. The budget will be presented to the full Council on June 7, 2023 for review and input.

PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

Written public comment received on 05-01-2023, after the publication of the agenda, is attached.

Date:

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA WITH NO ALTERATIONS

M/S: Lind/Timm

To approve the Consent Agenda.

Carried 5/0 (AYES: Dilles, Johnson, Lind, Timm, Timms)

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve meeting minutes of 04-19-2023
- B. Approve check registers dated 04-20-2023 and 04-27-2023

APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA WITH NO ALTERATIONS

M/S: Lind/Timm

To approve the Regular Agenda.

Carried 5/0 (AYES: Dilles, Johnson, Lind, Timm, Timms)

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Consider request to display the Pride flag to commemorate Pride Month from June 1st to June 30th, 2023

City Manager LaGoe introduced this item and responded to questions from Council. This item was requested as a future agenda item by CM Timm on March 15, 2023. Public comments in support of flying the Pride flag from June 1st to June 30th, 2023 were received from Darshana Croskrey, Mahina Hoey, Sarah Mozelle, Ashley Perlitch and Eliza Ballantyne.

M/S: Timms/Timm

To approve displaying the Pride flag to commemorate Pride Month from June 1st to June 30th, 2023.

Carried 5/0 (AYES: Dilles, Johnson, Lind, Timm, Timms)

2. Future Council agenda items
 - None.



SANTA CRUZ COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY

May 1, 2023

Scotts Valley City Council
1 Civic Center Drive
Scotts Valley, CA 95066

Re: Amicus curiae brief filed in *Grant Park Neighborhood Association Advocates et al. v. Department of Public Health et al.*

Dear Scotts Valley City Council:

The Democratic Party and the Santa Cruz County Democratic Central Committee (SCCDCC) stand up for science, health equity and access to health care. On those grounds, we are writing to request you formally withdraw your support for the amicus curiae brief regarding case number [C095659](#)¹ *Grant Park Neighborhood Association Advocates et al. v. Department of Public Health et al.* in the 3rd District Court of Appeal.

In February of 2021, The SCCDCC passed a resolution (Attachment A) citing the overwhelming evidence from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the scientific community that Syringe Service Programs (SSPs) reduce overdose deaths, disease transmission, needle litter and costs for local governments. The resolution called out the strong community benefits of SSPs administered under the California Department of Health Guidelines. Both the County and non-profit led local SSPs are administered under these guidelines.

In December 2021, the California Superior Court dismissed a lawsuit filed against California Department of Public Health and the Harm Reduction Coalition of Santa Cruz County by a small group of community members alleging California Environmental Quality Act violations. Among other issues cited by the court, they found the lawsuit was moot due to recent legislative action([AB1344](#)²) that exempts California SSPs from CEQA review.

As Democrats we strongly advocate for maximum public involvement and transparency in governance. We question any government action, including submitting legal documents on a topic of high public interest, without robust public noticing and opportunities for public input. The amicus curiae brief recently submitted was voted on in closed session excluding the public from the process.

The SCCDCC is disappointed by both the process and your decision in this matter. We request you formally withdraw your support of the amicus curiae brief. We are happy to help arrange for local experts to present at your meetings to discuss the strong scientifically supported

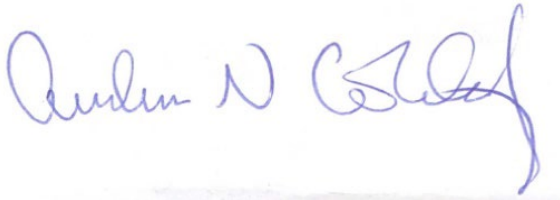
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² https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB1344

community benefits of SSPs. Santa Cruz County has developed a notable model of a County administered SSP working closely with the non-profit Harm Reduction Coalition of Santa Cruz County SSP to extend access and expand services leading to an increase in positive outcomes for patients and our communities. We encourage on-going support of this effective public-private partnership. We put our trust in practitioners and local experts like the County of Santa Cruz Public Health Officer Dr. Gail Newell who continues to support this public-private collaboration.

Thank you for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Andrew N Goldenkranz". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

Andrew Goldenkranz
Chair, Santa Cruz County Democratic Central Committee

ATTACHMENT A

**Adopted Resolution of the Santa Cruz County Democratic Central Committee on
Supporting the Harm Reduction Coalition of Santa Cruz County
February 24, 2021**

WHEREAS an increasing number of Democratic leaders, including many of the recent 2020 Presidential candidates¹ support increasing funding and access to harm reduction and addiction services because there is overwhelming evidence from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention² that these services reduce overdose deaths, disease transmission, needle litter and costs for local governments;

WHEREAS the Democratic-led California State Legislature passed the California Harm Reduction Initiative which allocated \$15.2 million through the Budget Act of 2019 to increase Syringe Services Programs³ and the county “brick-and-mortar” syringe services program can not meet all the needs throughout Santa Cruz County, especially Watsonville and San Lorenzo Valley areas;

WHEREAS the HRCSCC has received a \$400,000 grant to be used over 3 years from the California Department of Public Health’s California Harm Reduction Initiative which requires them to abide by strict guidelines⁴ and accountability when administering their program which is supported by our public health officer Dr. Gail Newel, and exemplifies the compassionate approach to our fellow humans championed by the Democratic Party;

NOW THEREFORE the Santa Cruz County Democratic Central Committee hereby:

RESOLVES that Syringe Service Programs administered under the California Department of Health guidelines, including the Harm Reduction Coalition of Santa Cruz County programs and services, provide a significant positive benefit to our communities by:

- reducing overdose deaths;
- reducing county government healthcare costs by reducing substance-use related infections and viral infections like HIV and hepatitis C virus;
- serving as a bridge to healthcare and addiction recovery services;
- protecting the community and public workers by reducing the spread of infectious disease and reducing needle litter in the community without increasing criminal activity or drug use;
- having required reporting to our health officer and Health Services Agency.

¹ <https://www.vox.com/policy-and-politics/2019/9/10/20851108/opioid-epidemic-2020-democratic-presidential-candidate>

² <https://www.cdc.gov/ssp/syringe-services-programs-factsheet.html>

³ <https://shorturl.at/zGY58>

⁴ <https://californiaptc.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/OA-Guidelines-for-SEPs-opt.pdf>

Further Reading and other sources of info.

<https://www.harmreductioncoalitionofsantacruzcounty.co>

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<opt.pdf> <http://ftp.costamesaca.gov/costamesaca/planningcommission/agenda/2019/2019-07->

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<https://www.latimes.com/socal/daily-pilot/news/story/2019-10-25/court-order-all-but-bans-mobile-needle-exchange-program-in-costa-mesa-other-o-c-cities>

<https://beta.documentcloud.org/documents/20421648-cdph-petition-complaint-12-08-20pr>

<https://www.cdc.gov/ssp/syringe-services-programs-factsheet.html>

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3358593/>

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<https://harmreduction.org/blog/harm-reduction-coalition-selected-to-lead-15-2-million-california-harm->

<reduction-initiative/> <https://www.lac.org/assets/files/LAC-polling-sheet->

<combo-no-crops.pdf>

<https://www.lac.org/news/lac-2020-policy-recommendations-promoting-access-to-care-health-justice-and-equity-opportunity>

<https://www.jhsph.edu/news/news-releases/2018/public-support-for-needle-exchange-programs-safe-injection-sites-remains-low-in-US.html>

<https://www.usnews.com/news/healthiest-communities/articles/2019-01-24/opioid-crisis-harm-reduction-struggles-for-acceptance-in-us>

<https://harmreduction.org/issues/establishing-rural-programs/>

<https://www.vox.com/policy-and-politics/2019/9/10/20851108/opioid-epidemic-2020-democratic-presidential-candidate>

<https://drugpolicy.org/press-release/2020/09/syringe-access-bill-california-signed-law-governor-newsom>