

# **Monterey County**

*Monterey County Government Center  
Board of Supervisors Chambers  
168 W. Alisal St., 1st Floor  
Salinas, CA 93901*



## **Meeting Minutes - Draft**

**Friday, January 29, 2021**

**10:00 AM**

**Special Meeting - Legislative Workshop**

## **Board of Supervisors**

*Chair Supervisor Wendy Root Askew - District 4*

*Vice Chair Supervisor Mary L. Adams - District 5*

*Supervisor Luis A. Alejo - District 1*

*Supervisor John M. Phillips - District 2*

*Supervisor Chris Lopez - District 3*

**10:00 A.M. - Called to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Supervisor Wendy Root Askew.

**Roll Called**

Present: 5 - Supervisor Wendy Root Askew appeared in person and Supervisor Chris Lopez, Supervisor John M. Phillips, Supervisor Mary L. Adams, Supervisor Luis A. Alejo appeared via video conference

**Staff Present**

Charles McKee, County Administrative Officer, appeared, via Zoom, with Les Girard, County Counsel and Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board who appeared in person.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Charles McKee, County Administrative Officer.

**Announcement of Interpreter**

Jocelyn Martinez, Spanish Interpreter, in person, and announced Spanish interpreter services for public comments.

Laura Porras and Lilia Guzman, via Zoom, provided simultaneous Spanish interpretation services for the entirety of the meeting on the Spanish Zoom channel.

**Additions and Corrections by Clerk**

There were no additions and corrections for today's agenda.

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

Chair Supervisor Wendy Root Askew welcomed all to the Legislative Workshop. She acknowledged and introduced the elected officials:

Congressman Jimmy Panetta  
Senator Anna Caballero  
Senator John Laird  
Assemblymember Mark Stone  
Assemblymember Robert Rivas  
Zac Vaden, Field Representative with the Office of Senator Dianne Feinstein; and a Representative from the Office of Senator Alex Padilla

She thanked the legislators for their time and attention to issues important to Monterey County and passed the facilitation of the workshop to Supervisor Luis A. Alejo as Chair of the Board's Legislative Committee to introduce the County's legislative team and go over the agenda and meeting objectives.

**2. Review of Agenda and Objectives**

Supervisor Luis A. Alejo, Chair of the Legislative Committee reviewed the objectives of the agenda.

**3. County Priority Presentations**

**a. COVID-19**

Presented by Charles McKee, County Administrative Officer and Elsa Jimenez, Director of Health

**b. Housing and Homelessness**

Presented by Lori Medina, Director of Social Services and Melanie Beretti, Housing & Special Programs Services Manager

**c. Closing the Digital Divide**

Presented by Eric Chatham, Director of Information Technology

**d. Disaster Preparedness, Response and Resiliency**

Presented by Gerry Malais, Emergency Services Manager

**4. Remarks by Monterey County’s Legislative Delegation Regarding 2021 Priorities that Relate to Monterey County (5 minutes each)**

Supervisor Luis A. Alejo facilitated remarks by the following:

Senator Anna Caballero;  
Senator John Laird;  
Assemblymember Mark Stone;  
Assemblymember Robert Rivas;  
Daniel Chen, Deputy State Director from Senator Alex Padilla's office; and  
Congressman Jimmy Panetta

**5. Remarks by Monterey County Board of Supervisors Regarding 2021 Priorities (5 minutes each)**

Comments made by the Board:

Supervisor Luis A. Alejo;  
Supervisor John M. Phillips;  
Supervisor Chris Lopez;  
Supervisor Wendy Root Askew; and  
Supervisor Mary L. Adams

**6. Roundtable Discussion**

Brief roundtable discussions had.

**7. Public Comment**

Open for public comment; Kevin Dayton, Antonette Goroch, Sameer Bakhar, Wes White, K. Lobo, Janine (last name inaudible), and Erin Peck, all via Zoom, commented.

**8. Board Direction to Staff**

Provided throughout the meeting.

**9. Adjourned**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:26 p.m. by Chair Supervisor Wendy Root Askew.

**APPROVED:**

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**WENDY ROOT ASKEW, CHAIR  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**ATTEST:**

**BY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**VALERIE RALPH  
CLERK OF THE BOARD  
APPROVED ON** \_\_\_\_\_