

Sarah Mayer *Public Comment - Group 1*

**From:** Bernie Federmann <berniefedermann@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 29, 2024 6:48 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** For County Supervisors Meeting of April 2nd 2024

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March 29, 2024

Dear County Supervisors,

My name is Bernie Federmann and I have had the honor of serving the Lompoc Police and Fire Departments as a Chaplain and volunteer for the past 24 years plus. This role has allowed me to ride along numerous times with both departments and witness first hand the drug crisis we have in our city and surrounding SB County areas. I have witnessed those individuals who have overdosed from Opioids, Fentanyl, Heroin and more. Seeing our first-responders administer Narcan (a true life-saving medication) is further evidence we have a drug crisis. In recent weeks, I was the officiant at a funeral service for a 37 year old who died in SB County of continuous Fentanyl use. His family and friends are devastated by this loss, but sadly he is not the only one we have and are losing.

I have been honored to be a part of the SB County Opioid Task Force since its inception and have learned much about our drug crisis. I am deeply saddened by an increase in overdose deaths of 51% in the past three years in our County and the alarming rise in fentanyl-related deaths, up by 43% during the same time period.

I have been around long enough to remember when we had SBRNET (County Wide Narcotics Enforcement Team) and in addition, cities within our County had their own Drug Enforcement teams and DARE programs in our schools. These are gone now, and we have an urgent need for additional funding and personnel to strengthen narcotics enforcement measures at a time when illicit drugs are deadlier than ever before. While I am grateful for the collaborative efforts of prevention, education and various treatments, we need to rise up and stop the drug dealers in addition to keeping any successful programs going.

Thank you for your support of these programs and your desire to see our drug crisis reduced and one day averted. I know that is your heart and desire.

I am a strong advocate for Project Opioid Santa Barbara County to amplify our advocacy efforts, including assigning settlement funds to support our efforts to eradicate illegal drugs from our County. I hope you will consider funding additional drug interdiction personnel.

Thank you for taking the time to read this email and for all you do to serve our County and its citizens.

Very Respectfully,

*Bernie Federmann*

Pastor / Chaplain Lompoc Police and Fire Departments

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## Sarah Mayer

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**From:** wscott@wsburns.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 31, 2024 5:56 PM  
**To:** Sarah Mayer  
**Subject:** RE: April 2, 2024 County Board of Supervisors' Resolution proclaiming April 2024 as Donate Life Month  
**Attachments:** Project Opioid Support.pdf

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Sarah,

Two Items, Sometimes reading the proclamation, people don't realize that [www.DoneVIDA.org](http://www.DoneVIDA.org) should be pronounced in Spanish, It is in the 2<sup>nd</sup> line of the 5<sup>th</sup> Whereas paragraph, Please let Supervisor Capps know.

*WHEREAS, California residents can sign up with the Donate Life California Donor Registry online at any time by [www.donateLIFEcalifornia.org](http://www.donateLIFEcalifornia.org) or, for Spanish-speakers, [www.doneVIDAcalifornia.org](http://www.doneVIDAcalifornia.org) or California residents can*

The other Item is attached is a letter of support for the last item on the agenda, Overdose in the County, Department agenda #5, could you forward it to the correct person?

Thanks  
Scott

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**From:** Sarah Mayer <[smayer@countyofsb.org](mailto:smayer@countyofsb.org)>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 29, 2024 2:40 PM  
**To:** wscott@wsburns.com  
**Subject:** April 2, 2024 County Board of Supervisors' Resolution proclaiming April 2024 as Donate Life Month

Hello,

You are receiving this email as a recipient of a Resolution that will be presented at the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors Hearing on Tuesday, April 2, 2024. Please take a moment to review the attached logistics for the meeting.

If you have any questions please reach out to our department at [sbcob@countyofsb.org](mailto:sbcob@countyofsb.org) or via phone at (805) 568-2240.

Note – In an effort to pronounce names correctly, please provide phonetic spelling if necessary by replying to this email.

Thank you,

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Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors

March 31, 2024

Das Williams  
Laura Capps  
Joan Hartman  
Steve Lavagnino  
Bob Nelson

Dear Supervisors,

Nationwide and in Santa Barbara County the number of overdose deaths are increasing. As much as is being done, more needs to be done to prevent them. I am chair of the Santa Barbara Sunrise Rotary committee of the Rotary Action Group- Addiction Prevention.

In a few months our first programs in Santa Barbara will start. It is a 20-year plan with School Education, Medicine & Drug Disposal, Awareness, Recovery and Treatment components.

We support all that you can do to increase funding for Project Opioid. It's approach of getting many people involved will help in Santa Barbara,

Sincerely,



W. Scott Burns  
Rotary Action Group- Addiction Prevention  
Santa Barbara Sunrise Rotary Club committee chair

**Sarah Mayer**

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**From:** Mark Infanti <mark.infanti@cityofsolvang.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 1, 2024 4:06 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Project Opioid Support request

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Being the mayor of Solvang gives me an opportunity to see not only what is happening in our small community but to see how things are changing.

Currently there is not a lot of overdose and fentanyl-related deaths within our community but there is more than has been seen in the last couple of years. There is also a fear of that the trend will increase. We work with the Santa Barbara Sheriff's Office and our partners in addressing this crisis. But we are concerned over diminished enforcement resources which hinder effective crisis management.

I would like to urge the Board of Supervisors to prioritize enforcement resources in upcoming budget hearings. Thank you for the opportunity to address the Board and to request continued support to help resolve this crisis.

Mark Infanti  
Solvang City Mayor