

## 2024 NEIGHBORHOOD TRANSFORMATION PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

Contra Costa County  
West Contra Costa Unified School District  
City of Richmond  
DeJean Middle School  
California Emerging Technology Fund

### PURPOSE

This Neighborhood Transformation Partnership Agreement is by and between the following Partners: Contra Costa County, City of Richmond, West Contra Costa Unified School District, and the California Emerging Technology Fund. The purpose of this Partnership Agreement is to set forth the good faith commitments of the Partners individually and collectively work together to improve the lives of the residents who live near DeJean Middle School in the West Contra Costa Unified School District with a primary focus on the families whose children attend DeJean Middle School and the feeder elementary schools.

**Whereas**, Contra Costa County provides a range of health and human services to the residents of the priority community, including social services, public health, mental health, substance abuse prevention, workforce development, and probation; and the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors has approved \$584,000 on an ongoing annual basis to support five family navigators (one in each Supervisorial District), and has directed the Contra Costa Employment and Human Services Department to implement the program;

**Whereas**, the City of Richmond provides a range of municipal services to the residents of the priority community, including youth services, land use planning and economic development, law enforcement and other public safety support, recreation, and workforce development; and the City of Richmond is committed to its work in the DeJean Middle School Community, and

**Whereas**, the West Contra Costa Unified School District is committed to improving student achievement and overall academic performance in all schools and supports the use of computing and broadband technologies to achieve that objective; and DeJean Middle School is a Full-Service School Engaging Students, Families and the Community, including dedicating resources to provide technology equipment and support with significant parent engagement to drive improvement in student achievement; and

**Whereas**, the California Emerging Technology Fund is a statewide nonprofit organization that is driven by a mission to close the Digital Divide in California. The Digital Divide is another manifestation of the Opportunity and Economic Divide. The challenges of concentrated, persistent poverty need to be addressed by an effective Digital Inclusion strategy to have optimal impact and sustained success; and CETF is sponsoring and funding implementation of School2Home at DeJean Middle School to close both the Digital Divide and the Achievement Gap. The California Emerging Technology Fund is partnering with the Contra Costa County to foster Neighborhood Transformation in the DeJean Middle School Community because a child's ability to thrive and succeed in school is affected by the health and well-being of the family and community, and

**Whereas**, Contra Costa County, City of Richmond, West Contra Costa County Unified School District and the California Emerging Technology Fund will work together to identify and engage

appropriate partners to add resources and support for families at DeJean Middle School which will be memorialized through Letters of Support or Cooperation.

**Now, Therefore,** the Partners hereby agree to the commitments set forth below and accept the responsibilities delineated herein and pledge to one another to work together in good faith to coordinate and align available resources to improve the lives of the families and residents to ensure successful learning and improved academic performance of the students attending DeJean Middle School.

## **COMMITMENTS**

The Partners, in good faith, commit their time and energies to support a planning and evaluation process that would assist with the following actions:

- Establish a Leadership Council consisting of the County Supervisor, the Richmond Mayor, the County Employment and Human Services Director or their designated representative, a representative of the California Emerging Technology Fund, the Principal at DeJean Middle School or their designated representative, a West Contra Costa School Board member, and other community stakeholders as appropriate. This Leadership Council shall be co-chaired by the County Supervisor, Richmond Mayor, and the West Contra Costa School Board member
- Convene regular meetings of the Leadership Team in the Community, anticipated to be approximately quarterly, with agendas posted for public information.
  - i. Prepare and post succinct written notes about decisions reached by the Leadership Team.
  - ii. Report regularly to the Partners.
- Identify the major challenges and opportunities to improve the lives and futures of the families and residents in the DeJean Middle School Community, including determining whether processes and protocols for timely sharing of demographic and caseload data (to the extent feasible and allowed by law) for public services being provided to the De Jean Middle School Community can be developed, which would include:
  - i. Share data to determine baseline demographic for the population and status of each household receiving public services.
  - ii. Develop a process for tracking improvement in outcomes for each household receiving services and changes in demographic data for the population in the DeJean Middle School Community.
  - iii. Map community assets that can be engaged to support the purpose of the partnership.
- Develop an Action Plan to improve the lives and futures of the families and residents in the DeJean Middle School Community with School2Home as the "centerpiece" of Neighborhood Transformation.

- Commit to the values embedded in the Neighborhood Transformation framework and simultaneously strive to achieve the 3 "Es" of sustainable communities: Prosperous Economy; Quality Environment; and Community Equity.
- Recognize that strategies to improve neighborhoods must embrace and build upon community assets (strengths) instead of addressing only deficits (needs) and must be people-focused, place-based, and linked to regional economy. These principles will be used to achieve "5 Big Outcomes" as key indicators of improving the lives and futures of the residents: Improving Education; Increasing Jobs; Decreasing Crime; Decreasing Poverty; and Improving Health.
- Promote Digital Inclusion by accelerating the deployment of broadband infrastructure and achieving at least 98% broadband adoption (home use of high-speed Internet access) by getting all eligible households signed up for the Affordable Connectivity Program.
- Work in good faith to coordinate and align existing and any available new resources, to the maximum extent feasible, in implementing the Action Plan that focuses on improving the lives of the families and residents with specific and explicit planned outcomes and results.
- Develop a plan for programmatic components of service integration. Study models that are efficient and effective in aligning efforts and strategy across departments, agencies, and partners. Support a multi-disciplinary County-City-School-Community integrated service approach to coordinated planning and delivery of services. Integrated services could be comprised of existing personnel where feasible and include, at a minimum, the following expertise: social services, public health, mental health, alcohol and other drug abuse prevention services, housing, probation and any workforce development and/or training services from the County; law enforcement, recreation services, and any workforce development and/or training services from the City; and education support services from the School (and School District) and community services. Convene periodically key services administrators to monitor progress and identify additional opportunities for collaboration.
- Support development and implementation of coordinated family plans for households receiving social services assistance--at a minimum of 35 cases over the course of an entire school year--in order to help them become more self-sufficient, as consistent with the 5 Big Outcomes.
- Collaborate to seek and secure additional resources to augment existing public services, including philanthropic foundations, government grants; and private-sector contributions. For West Contra Costa Unified School District, such additional funds should be explicitly targeted to support the Full-Service Community Schools Initiatives and the Kennedy Family Initiative including teacher retention and school climate strategies.
- Evaluate and publish results for transparency and accountability:
  - i. Monitor progress of outcomes for each household, for which a coordinated family plan has been developed and compile periodic reports with the aggregated data.

- ii. Track the collective overall results in the De Jean Middle School Community with respect to the 5 Big Outcomes and publish a public report at least annually.
- iii. Participate in a "learning community" with leaders in other similar initiatives in the state to address common challenges, share best practices, and inform public policy.

## **RESPONSIBILITIES**

- A. The California Emerging Technology Fund shall be responsible for and agrees to provide the following support and services pursuant to this Agreement:
  1. Delineate the overall Neighborhood Transformation Framework to convene the Leadership Team.
  2. Helping coordinate efforts by the County, City and West Contra Costa County School District to develop a plan to compile and share data pursuant to this Agreement.
  3. Participate in the development, adoption and implementation by Partners of an Action Plan.
  4. Provide guidance to Partners in the formation of multi-disciplinary County-School-Community integrated services model and develop a template for consolidated family plans.
  5. Monitor progress, tracking results with respect to the 5 Big Outcomes, and ensure public reports are published. Organize and facilitate a "learning community" among Leadership Teams for other communities in the state where a Neighborhood Transformation Partnership Agreement exists.
- B. The California Emerging Technology Fund and Contra Costa County (the District One County Supervisor or designee and the EHSD Director or designee) shall be responsible for and agree to provide the following support and services pursuant to this Agreement:
  1. Facilitate any requisite legal agreements to allow and assist the sharing of data among the Partners, subject to approval by each Partner's governing board. Ensure data is compiled in a coherent format and presented to the Leadership Team to inform development of an Action Plan.
  2. Facilitate development, adoption, and implementation by Partners of the Action Plan. Facilitate the exploration among Partners to support additional public and private resources as needed and agreed to by all Partners.

3. Foster formation of a multi-disciplinary County-City-School-Community integrated services model and ensure that coordinated family plans for each household served are developed and implemented and that the impacts are monitored and assessed to generate aggregated data that can be reported publicly to the extent feasible and allowed by law.
  4. Coordinate ongoing monitoring of progress in the completion of consolidated family plans and assessment of impacts, tracking of collective overall results at De Jean Middle School.
- C. The City of Richmond shall be responsible for and agrees to provide the following support and services pursuant to this Agreement:
1. Designate the Richmond Mayor to represent the DeJean Middle School Community as a member of the Leadership Team and receive regular reports on progress.
  2. Direct appropriate administrative and other personnel to compile and share data about the City services provided in the DeJean Middle School Community, including entering into any requisite legal agreements to allow and facilitate the sharing of such data among the Partners.
  3. Support implementation of the adopted Action Plan with appropriate dedication of available existing resources to the extent possible and join with Partners to seek additional public and private resources as needed and agreed to by all Partners.
  4. Assign as feasible, City personnel to serve on the Integrated Services Team(s), including at least law enforcement (to foster community policing), recreation, and any workforce development and/or training services, to help drive the 5 Big Outcomes. Ensure that consolidated family plans for each household are developed and implemented and that impacts are monitored and assessed to generate aggregated data.
  5. Cooperate in ongoing monitoring of progress in the completion of consolidated family plans and assessment of impacts, tracking of collective overall results in the community with respect to the 5 Big Outcomes, and ensuring a public report is published at least annually.
- D. The West Contra Costa Unified School District shall be responsible for and agrees to provide the following support and services pursuant to this Agreement:
1. Designate the School Board Member elected to represent the De Jean Middle School Community as co-chair of the Leadership Team and receive regular reports on progress.
  2. Direct appropriate administrative or other personnel to compile and share data about academic performance and other indicators of learning success by the students at De Jean Middle School including entering into any requisite legal agreements to allow and facilitate the sharing of such data among the Partners.
  3. Support implementation of the adopted Action Plan. Join with Partners to seek

additional public and private resources as needed and agreed to by all Partners.

4. Assign appropriate West Contra Costa Unified School District education support services personnel to serve on the Integrated Services Team(s). Ensure that consolidated family plans for each household are developed and implemented and that impacts are monitored and assessed to generate aggregated data.

5. Cooperate in ongoing monitoring of progress in the completion of consolidated family plans and assessment of impacts, tracking of collective overall results in the De Jean Middle School Community with respect to the 5 Big Outcomes, and ensuring a public report is published at least annually.

E. Contra Costa County shall be responsible for and agrees to provide the following support and services pursuant to this Agreement:

1. As long as Measure X funding is available, and subject to approval by the Board of Supervisors, the Employment and Human Services Department will hire a family navigator for DeJean Middle School in Supervisorial District One.

2. Work collaboratively with DeJean Middle School's site administrator to ensure implementation meets the requirements described in this Agreement

3. Ensure a representative of the County Supervisor in District One will represent the De Jean Middle School Community as co-chair of the Leadership Team and receive regular reports on progress.

4. Work with partners to identify what data is needed to support development of integrated family plans. Actively support efforts to compile and share data about the County services provided in the De Jean Middle School Community (to the maximum extent feasible and allowed by law), including health status and health trends, and based on identified outcomes to be achieved. Support gathering and reporting of aggregate data to assist in monitoring impacts of the strategies and initiatives that are part of the De Jean Middle School Neighborhood Transformation Partnership.

5. In good faith and within available resources, support an integrated model of service delivery. Assign as feasible, County personnel from social services, public health, mental health, alcohol and other drug abuse prevention services, and housing, probation, and workforce development and/or training services, to help drive the 5 Big Outcomes. Under the rubric of a multi-disciplinary team, support the development of integrated family plans for each household receiving social service assistance, noting full regard for informed consent, client privacy, Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) requirements, and both legal and professional standards of service and/or care.

6. Support Institutional Review Board (IRB) vetting for any research and all publications that use county supplied data.

7. Cooperate in ongoing monitoring of progress in the completion of consolidated family plans and assessment of impacts, tracking of collective overall results in the De Jean Middle School Community with respect to the 5 Big Outcomes, and ensuring a public

report is published at least annually.

## MISCELLANEOUS

1. **Term.** The term of this Partnership Agreement is October 1, 2024 to December 31, 2028. This Partnership Agreement may be extended by mutual written agreement of the Partners. A Partner may terminate its partnership in this Agreement by providing 30 days advance written notice to the other Partners.
2. **Notice.** All correspondence regarding this Partnership Agreement shall be directed to the following persons at the following addresses:

### COUNTY:

John Gioia, Contra Costa County Supervisor, District One  
11780 San Pablo Ave, Suite D  
El Cerrito, CA 94530  
Contra Costa County

### CITY:

Mayor Eduardo Martinez, City of Richmond  
450 Civic Center Plaza, Suite 300  
Richmond, CA 94804

### SCHOOL DISTRICT:

West Contra Costa Unified School District  
Otheree Christian, Board Member, Trustee Area 2  
1108 Bissell Ave  
Richmond, CA 94801

### CALIFORNIA EMERGING TECHNOLOGY FUND:

Sunne Wright McPeak, President and CEO  
2151 Salvio Street, Suite 252  
Concord, CA 94520

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the Partners hereto on the day and year written below have executed this Partnership Agreement.

Accepted on behalf of Contra Costa County by:

John Gioia, Contra Costa County Supervisor, District One \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Accepted on behalf of City of Richmond by  
Mayor Eduardo Martinez-

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Date

Accepted on behalf of West Contra Costa County Unified School District by:  
Otheree Christian, Board Member, West Contra Costa Unified School  
District \_\_\_\_\_

Date

Accepted on behalf of California Emerging Technology Fund by:  
Sunne Wright McPeak, President and CEO \_\_\_\_\_

Date