SANTA CRUZ COUNTY COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT PROJECT

2019 NOMINATION FORM COMMUNITY HERO

The Community Assessment Project focuses on six general areas: Economy, Education, Health, Natural Environment, Public Safety & Social Environment. On page 2 and 3 you will find a complete list of the 18 Community Goals to consider when making your nomination.

Nominee's Name:

How can we reach the Nominee?:

Nominator's Name & Contact Information:

Which Community Goal are they working to achieve? (list goal number):

How are they a Community Hero in Santa Cruz County



Nominations for Community Heroes moving Santa Cruz County in the right direction should be sent to by September 10, 2019:

United Way of Santa Cruz County
Attn: Community Heroes

P.O. Box 1458

Capitola, CA 95010

You may also fax this form to 831-479-5477 or email kflores@unitedwaysc.org

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COMMUNITY GOALS

ECONOMY

1. By the year 2020, reduce the winter unemployment rate by one-half percent, creating 725 new winter jobs in Santa Cruz County.

2. By the year 2020, increase the housing stock by 1,000 units in Santa Cruz County.

EDUCATION

- 3. By the year 2020, all students will be fully connected and engaged with their school community, and will see their school as a welcoming, essential and safe place.
- 4. By the year 2020, all students will have broader access to courses and enrichment activities, including visual and performing arts, career technical education and digital technology.
- 5. By the year 2020, all students will be provided sufficient behavior, health, and counseling services to succeed in their chosen educational and career pathways.

HEALTH

- 6. By the year 2020, all Santa Cruz County residents will have a regular source of primary care and integrated behavioral health services with a focus on:
 - » Decreasing disparities;
 - » Decreasing reliance on Emergency Rooms as a regular source of health care; and
 - » Increasing access to mental health and substance use disorder treatment.
- 5. By the year 2020, obesity in Santa Cruz County will be reduced by 10%.

PUBLIC SAFETY

- 8. By the year 2020, the juvenile crime rate will be reduced by 10% through the use of culturally responsive evidence based strategies that promote positive interaction and reduce conflict with public safety officials.
- 9. By the year 2020, there will be a 20% reduction in youth reporting gang involvement, resulting in a 10% reduction of gang related criminal activity.
- 10. By the year 2020, there will be a 10% decrease in arrests or citations of individuals with chronic SUD/COD through the increase of on-demand treatment for adults with such disorders.

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11. By the year 2020, the violent crime rate of 18 to 25 year olds will be reduced by 10% through the use of targeted gang involvement intervention strategies, including restorative practices, street outreach, and alternatives to adult gang involvement.

SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT

- 12. By the year 2020, more Santa Cruz County residents will build meaningful social bridges across differences in age, race, ethnicity, class and culture.
- 13. By the year 2020, schools and communities will be safe, supportive, and engaging places for children, youth and families.
- 14. By the year 2020, more Santa Cruz County residents will feel empowered to experience and pursue long-term quality of life.

NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

- 15. By the year 2020, residential per capita water use will be sustained at or under 2013 baseline levels through 2020.
- 16. By the year 2020, 5% of homes in Santa Cruz County will have a solar electric or hot water system.
- 17. By the year 2020, stewardship actions for our waters will be increased by 10%.
- 18. By the year 2020, 50 miles of urban trails will be constructed within Santa Cruz County to decrease traffic, increase active transportation and connect urban areas to open spaces.