

**Provide Comments on the Social Service Human Relations Board (SSHRB) Draft 2017 Community Needs Survey**

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**DISCUSSION**

The Social Service Human Relations Board (SSHRB) is an advisory Board to Alameda's City Council and is charged with creating an environment which will encourage and bring about mutual understanding, respect, and goodwill among groups of people in the community and to improve social services in the community." SSHRB hold an annual public needs hearings, which is traditionally attended by non-profit service providers. In years when CDBG funds are being allocated, it makes funding recommendations for community and social service projects within the City of Alameda.

SSHRB also periodically conducts a comprehensive Community Needs Survey to assure that the entire community has a voice in identifying the needs in our community. The last such survey was conducted in 2011, with a summary report made to Council in 2012. More than 1900 Alameda households participated in this survey, which was available in English, Spanish, and Chinese. While most participants filled out surveys online, hard copies were also made available at the Alameda Library, and other sites in Alameda.

SSHRB plans to release the 2017 survey this summer. It is inviting the Commission on Disability Issues, the Alameda Hospital Advisory Board, and other community stakeholder organizations, to review the draft survey (attached), and provide comments and suggestions as to ways the survey might help provide information regarding those they serve.