

Laura's Law Advocacy Guide

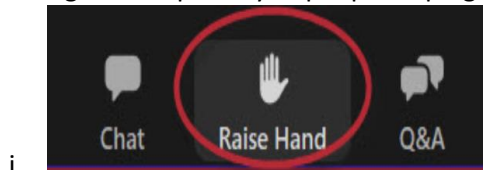
The Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors will vote to implement or opt-out of Laura's Law (also known as Assisted Outpatient Treatment or AOT) on May 25th, 2021. For a concise, one-page summary of AOT and its benefits, click [here](#). For a list of common misconceptions, click [here](#).

Please find below a list of ways in which you can make an impact on the vote, and advocate that the Board implements Laura's Law. In all written and spoken advocacy, please also emphasize the importance of proper and robust implementation of Laura's Law by asking the County to establish a citizen oversight commission.

1. Sign our petition: <http://bit.ly/ImplementLaurasLaw>

2. On Monday, May 24th at 9:45am, Councilmember Matt Mahan will host a press conference featuring diverse community stakeholders, calling on the Board of Supervisors to adopt Laura's Law. It will be held in front of the County Administration Building, at 70 W Hedding Street. Please consider attending to show your support: <http://bit.ly/LaurasLawPressConference>

3. Speak at the May 25th Meeting
 - a. The meeting will begin at 9:30am and will continue throughout the day, it is unclear yet at what time the Laura's Law item will be discussed.
 - b. Use this link to join the Zoom meeting: <https://sccgov-org.zoom.us/j/93010003919>
 - c. This link includes the detailed agenda, where you can access all of the documents and attachments. Laura's Law is item number 26 on the agenda. http://sccgov.igam2.com/Citizens/Detail_Meeting.aspx?ID=13218
 - d. Once public comment begins for the Laura's Law item, use the "Raise Hand" feature (pictured below) on Zoom to speak. You will have either 1 minute or 2 minutes to speak, depending on the quantity of people hoping to speak.



4. Email the Board of Supervisors (please see guidelines for written/spoken advocacy at the end of this document):
 - a. District 1

- i. District1@bos.sccgov.org
 - ii. heather.wilson@bos.sccgov.org
 - b. District 2
 - i. cindy.chavez@bos.sccgov.org
 - ii. paul.murphy@bos.sccgov.org
 - c. District 3
 - i. Supervisor.Lee@bos.sccgov.org
 - ii. wendy.ho@bos.sccgov.org
 - iii. michelle.osorio@bos.sccgov.org
 - d. District 4
 - i. supervisor.ellenberg@bos.sccgov.org
 - ii. c.rutherford-stuart@bos.sccgov.org
 - e. District 5
 - i. Supervisor.Simitian@bos.sccgov.org
 - ii. micaela.hellman-tincher@bos.sccgov.org
 - iii. matt.savage@bos.sccgov.org
5. Write a letter to be included in the May 25th Meeting public record
 - a. For a letter to be included in the public record of a Board of Supervisors meeting, email BoardOperations@cob.sccgov.org 24 hours before the meeting is scheduled to begin.
 - b. Include in the subject line the date of the meeting and the item of interest.
 - i. “May 25th 2021 Board of Supervisors Meeting, Assisted Outpatient Treatment”

Recommended content for written and spoken advocacy

- An introduction of who you are and why you care about mental health advocacy.
- An explanation of why you believe that Laura’s Law / Assisted Outpatient Treatment would be beneficial. Ask the Board of Supervisors to opt-in to Assisted Outpatient Treatment.
 - For statistics and empirical resources, feel free to email adrian.rafizadeh@sanjoseca.gov for information to include in your comment.
- A request that the Board of Supervisors prioritize proper implementation of AOT.
 - **Ask the Board of Supervisors to establish a citizen commission specifically responsible for overseeing AOT implementation.**