

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2025, 9:00 AM AND WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2025, 9:00 AM
COUNTY ADMINISTRATION CENTER,
BOARD CHAMBER, ROOM 310
1600 PACIFIC HIGHWAY, SAN DIEGO, CA 92101

GENERAL LEGISLATIVE SESSION
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 9:00 AM

Order Of Business

- A. Roll Call
- B. Statement (just cause) and/or Consideration of a Request to Participate Remotely (emergency circumstances) by a Supervisor, if applicable.
- C. Invocation
- D. Pledge of Allegiance
- E. Presentation or Announcement of Proclamations and Awards
- F. Non-Agenda Public Communication: Individuals can address the Board on topics within its jurisdiction that are not on the agenda. According to the Board's Rules of Procedure, each person may speak at only one Non-Agenda Public Communication session per meeting. Speakers can choose to speak during either the General Legislative or Land Use Legislative Session.
- G. Approval of the Statement of Proceedings/Minutes for the sessions of October 21, 2025 and October 22, 2025.
- H. Consent Agenda
- I. Discussion Items
- J. Board Member Committee Updates. This is an opportunity for Members of the Board to provide informational updates on their committee assignments. No action may be taken.
- K. Recess to Wednesday, November 5, 2025, at 9:00 AM for the Land Use Legislative Session

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Board of Supervisors' Agenda Items

CONSENT AGENDA

All agenda items listed under this section are considered to be routine and will be acted upon with one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member of the Board of Supervisors or the Chief Administrative Officer so requests, in which event, the item will be considered separately in its normal sequence.

Board of Supervisors' Agenda Items

Category	#	Subject
Public Safety	1.	SHERIFF - APPROVE THE TERMINATION OF THE 30-YEAR JAIL OPERATING AGREEMENT AND THE 1994 AND 1998 JAIL MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO AND COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO AND RATIFY AND APPROVE A NEW AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO AND COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

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| | 2. | SUNSET REVIEW OF BOARD OF SUPERVISORS POLICIES AND COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE ARTICLES ASSIGNED TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY GROUP AND RESOLUTION TO CLOSE THE COURTHOUSE CONSTRUCTION FUND (11/4/25 - FIRST READING; 11/18/25 - SECOND READING, UNLESS THE ORDINANCES ARE MODIFIED ON SECOND READING) |
| Health and Human Services | 3. | ADOPT AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE IIIp OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY CODE OF ADMINISTRATIVE ORDINANCES RELATING TO THE FIRST 5 COMMISSION OF SAN DIEGO (11/4/25 - FIRST READING; 11/18/25 SECOND READING, UNLESS ORDINANCE IS MODIFIED ON SECOND READING) |
| | 4. | HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY ADMINISTRATIVE CODES AND BOARD POLICY SUNSET REVIEW 2025 |
| Financial and General Government | 5. | APPROVE AUTHORIZATION TO NEGOTIATE AND ACCEPT LAND DONATION IN BORREGO SPRINGS FOR FUTURE FIRE STATION AND HEALTH CLINIC OR OTHER HEALTH-RELATED USE AND CEQA EXEMPTION |
| | 6. | SUNSET REVIEW OF BOARD OF SUPERVISORS POLICIES, COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, AND COUNTY REGULATORY CODE PROVISIONS ASSIGNED TO THE FINANCE AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT GROUP (11/4/25 - FIRST READING; 11/18/25 – SECOND READING, UNLESS THE ORDINANCES ARE MODIFIED ON SECOND READING) |
| | 7. | SUNSET REVIEW OF BOARD OF SUPERVISORS POLICIES, COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, AND COUNTY REGULATORY CODE PROVISIONS ASSIGNED TO THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE (11/4/25 - FIRST READING; 11/18/25 - SECOND READING, UNLESS THE ORDINANCES ARE MODIFIED ON SECOND READING) |
| | 8. | APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION: ISSUANCE OF REVENUE BONDS BY THE CALIFORNIA MUNICIPAL FINANCE AUTHORITY FOR THE BENEFIT OF FALLBROOK SENIOR APARTMENTS LP IN AN AGGREGATE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$26,000,000 |
| | 9. | COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED |

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Category	#	Subject
Financial and General Government	10.	FILLING THE VACANCY OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY ELECTIVE OFFICE OF TREASURER-TAX COLLECTOR - FINALIST INTERVIEWS AND SELECTION

- 11. CALLING ON THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION TO KEEP SAN DIEGANS FROM EXPERIENCING A HUNGER CRISIS AND WAIVE BOARD POLICY A-72

- Health and Human Services 12. EXPLORING OPTIONS FOR ESTABLISHING A SAFETY NET BRIDGE PROGRAM TO ADDRESS ANTICIPATED GAPS IN SERVICES FOR RESIDENTS DISENROLLED FROM BENEFIT PROGRAMS

- Financial and General Government 13. ADVOCATING FOR FUNDING FOR PROPOSITION 36 IMPLEMENTATION

- Health and Human Services 14. ENHANCING HOMELESSNESS SUPPORTS THROUGH EXPANDED WITHDRAWAL MANAGEMENT SERVICE ACCESS

- Financial and General Government 15. PROTECTING RESIDENTIAL RENTAL APPLICANTS AND TENANTS FROM PRICE GOUGING AND FEE EXPLOITATION

- Health and Human Services 16. NOTICED PUBLIC HEARING:
COMMUNITY INPUT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-27 ANNUAL PLAN DEVELOPMENT FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT, HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS, HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS WITH AIDS, AND EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT

- Financial and General Government 17. PROVIDING DIRECTION ON THE FUTURE OF COUNTY TECHNOLOGY

- Land Use and Environment 18. SUNSET REVIEW OF BOARD OF SUPERVISORS POLICIES AND PROVISIONS OF THE COUNTY REGULATORY CODE ASSIGNED TO THE LAND USE AND ENVIRONMENT GROUP AND ASSOCIATED CEQA EXEMPTION (11/4/25 -FIRST READING; 11/18/2025 - SECOND READING, UNLESS THE ORDINANCES ARE MODIFIED ON SECOND READING)

- Closed Session 19. CLOSED SESSION

1. SUBJECT: SHERIFF - APPROVE THE TERMINATION OF THE 30-YEAR JAIL OPERATING AGREEMENT AND THE 1994 AND 1998 JAIL MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO AND COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO AND RATIFY AND APPROVE A NEW AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO AND COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO (DISTRICTS: ALL)

OVERVIEW

On March 22, 1994 (50), the Board of Supervisors approved a 30-year Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of San Diego (City), the City's Redevelopment Agency, and the County of San Diego (County) relating to the financing, construction, maintenance, and operation of a 900 bed, type-two detention facility, now known as the San Diego Central Jail which is located in the downtown area of San Diego. This MOU also outlined the operating agreement for Las Colinas Detention and Reentry Facility (LCDRF). Subsequent agreements identified dedicated bed space for certain misdemeanor arrestees booked by the City at the San Diego Central Jail and the LCDRF and extended the San Diego Central Jail agreement to 2028.

This is a request to authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to terminate the current 30-year Central Jail Facilities Lease agreement and the 1994 and 1998 MOUs, and to authorize the Clerk of the Board to ratify, approve, and execute, upon receipt, a five-year County Detention Facility Administrative Fee Agreement between the County of San Diego and the City of San Diego for payment of a jail administrative fee for the booking and release of certain misdemeanor arrestees by the City for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2028. A waiver of Board Policy B-29 is also requested as the effective date of this agreement will be July 1, 2023, to address the period of time when there was no agreement in place for female misdemeanor arrestees. Due to ongoing negotiations for a single agreement covering both male and female certain misdemeanor arrestees, a new, separate agreement for those female arrestees was not entered into after the previous agreement expired on June 30, 2023.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

SHERIFF

1. Authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to terminate the current 30-year Central Jail Facilities Lease, and the 1994 and 1998 jail Memorandum of Understanding agreements.
2. Authorize the Clerk of the Board to ratify, approve, and execute, upon receipt, a five-year County Detention Facility Administrative Fee Agreement between the County of San Diego and the City of San Diego, for payment of a jail administrative fee by the City for booking and release of certain misdemeanor offenders for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2028.
3. Authorize the Sheriff to execute all required revenue documents, including any extensions, amendments or revisions thereto that do not materially impact either the program or funding level.
4. Waive the Board Policy B-29, Fees, Grants, Revenue Contracts - Department Responsibility for Cost Recovery that requires docketing revenue contracts with the Board at least 60 days prior to effective contract date.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

This proposed action will allow for the City of San Diego to serve its communities by ensuring that those arrested for certain misdemeanor crimes are able to be booked into custody and then released. This supports equity as booking individuals for misdemeanor offenses into jail is intended to: ensure accountability for unlawful behavior; provide a sense of justice and closure for victims; and maintain public safety and order. The Sheriff's Office prioritizes the health and safety of those in custody, which requires proactive and consistent compassionate evaluation of the incarcerated persons and diligent assessment of our detention facility environment.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The proposed action to execute an agreement with the City of San Diego related to the jail access contributes to the County of San Diego's Sustainability Goal to provide just and equitable access. This request allows for the City of San Diego to book its misdemeanants into custody and will continue to allow the Sheriff's Office to provide for the booking and release of female City misdemeanants at the Las Colinas Detention and Reentry Facility (LCDRF), which is the most appropriate detention setting conducive to their needs. The LCDRF was specifically designed for the female members of our incarcerated population, which includes those impacted communities known to be or have been suffering from inequalities and inequities. The incarcerated individual's current situation should not equate to an environmental disadvantage or an obstacle to rehabilitation.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Operational Plan for the Sheriff's Office. If approved, this request will result in current year costs and revenues of approximately \$455,854. Subsequent years costs and revenues, for the remainder of the Administrative Fee Agreement, are dependent upon the actual number of City misdemeanants booked and released by the Sheriff's Office and will be included in future Operational Plans. The funding source is revenue from the City of San Diego. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

Terminating the 1994 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) will result in lost potential revenue to the General Fund of approximately \$5.2M annually as prepaid rent for the housing of certain misdemeanants originating from arrests by City of San Diego (City) police officers if those misdemeanants were to be accepted for booking and housed. The City's \$5.2M payment offset the annual long-term debt financing payment associated with the San Diego Central Jail. The last financing payment was made on October 1, 2025. However, the amended 1998 MOU includes a provision that allows the City to withhold funds from the \$5.2M rent payment for each arrestee not accepted by the Sheriff under the booking protocol. Due to emergency precautions implemented during the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, which were necessary to reduce the jail population, the City has not occupied the beds as provided in the MOU since March 16, 2020. Beginning on July 2, 2021, the Sheriff's Office started accepting those certain misdemeanor arrestees from the City, who previously qualified for bed space, solely as Book and Releases. Therefore, since no beds were utilized by the City as provided in the MOU, no funds have been due to the County since that time.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

2. **SUBJECT: SUNSET REVIEW OF BOARD OF SUPERVISORS POLICIES AND COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE ARTICLES ASSIGNED TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY GROUP AND RESOLUTION TO CLOSE THE COURTHOUSE CONSTRUCTION FUND (11/4/25 - FIRST READING; 11/18/25 - SECOND READING, UNLESS THE ORDINANCES ARE MODIFIED ON SECOND READING) (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

OVERVIEW

In accordance with Board of Supervisors (Board) Policy A-76, Sunset Review Process, the Public Safety Group periodically reviews Board policies and provisions of the County of San Diego (County) Administrative Code and Regulatory Code to ensure they reflect current Board standards and practices, that obsolete policies and Code provisions are removed, and that policy language is revised for clarity accordingly.

Today's actions seek Board approval to extend the sunset date for certain policies and code provisions that have been determined no amendments are necessary, approve the proposed amendments to policies deemed necessary, and approve the introduction of ordinances (first reading) to amend the corresponding administrative codes with needed changes. If the Board takes action as recommended, then the ordinances will be scheduled for adoption on November 18, 2025. Today's action also seeks to adopt a resolution to close the courthouse construction fund which is no longer needed.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

1. Determine no change is necessary and establish the new sunset review date of December 31, 2032, for the following Board of Supervisors Policies and Administrative Code provisions:
 - a. Administrative Code Article II, Section 26 Definitions - District Attorney
 - b. Administrative Code Article III, Section 66.2 General Rules - District Attorney's Asset Forfeiture Program
 - c. Administrative Code IIIs, North County Gang Commission
 - d. Board Policy E-7, Disposition of Remains of Deceased Indigents

2. Approve amendments and the sunset review date of December 31, 2032 for the following Board of Supervisors Policies:
 - a. A-92, Juvenile Justice
 - b. A-132, Gender-Responsive Services for Juvenile Female offenders and At-Risk Young Women and Girls
 - c. B-69, Allocation of County Penalty Assessment Funds
 - d. K-9, Emergency Medical Services - Ambulance Services
 - e. K-12, Emergency Medical System Management
 - f. L-1, Narcotics Law Enforcement

3. Adopt a Resolution entitled: RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, CLOSING THE COURTHOUSE CONSTRUCTION FUND AND REDUCING RELATED PENALTIES ASSESSED FOR PARKING VIOLATIONS.

4. Approve the introduction of Ordinances (First Reading):
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE III SECTION 66.1 OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, RELATING TO THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE III SECTION 66.4 OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, RELATING TO THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT

If, on November 4, 2025, the Board takes action as recommended by recommendation 4, then, on November 18, 2025:

1. Approve the adoption of Ordinances (Second Reading):
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE III SECTION 66.1 OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, RELATING TO THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE III SECTION 66.4 OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, RELATING TO THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT

2. Approve the sunset review date of December 31, 2032, for these ordinances.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

County departments are guided by several Regulatory Codes, Administrative Codes, and Board policies to serve the region and customers consistently and equitably. The periodic review of County codes and policies ensures that departments keep documents up to date, provide clarifying language, and continue to guide departmental practices. Additionally, this practice allows the language within these codes and policies to align with current efforts and to reflect inclusivity.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

This action to review County Administrative and Regulatory Codes aligns with the goal to promote opportunities for community engagement and supports the sustainability of governmental practices and services. Updates proposed in today's action are meant to ensure that codes and policies are up to date, reflect current processes, and are needed to continue services and responsibilities to the region.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no net fiscal impact associated with the proposal to establish new sunset dates for these Board Policies and Administrative Codes. For the Allocation of County Penalty Assessment Funds, any funds collected in the Courthouse Construction Special Revenue Fund prior to October 1, 2025, were applied to the Hall of Justice debt service payment. The last payment to for the Hall of Justice debt was October 1, 2025, which terminates any further collection of funds for this purpose. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

3. SUBJECT: ADOPT AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE IIIp OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY CODE OF ADMINISTRATIVE ORDINANCES RELATING TO THE FIRST 5 COMMISSION OF SAN DIEGO (11/4/25 - FIRST READING; 11/18/25 SECOND READING, UNLESS ORDINANCE IS MODIFIED ON SECOND READING) (DISTRICTS: ALL)

OVERVIEW

The First 5 Commission of San Diego (Commission) was established in 1998 in accordance with the requirements of the California Children and Families Act of 1998 (Proposition 10). Funded by tobacco tax revenues, Proposition 10 mandates that each county develop and update a strategic plan for the support and improvement of early care, education, and development systems for children and families. County commissions are charged with administering the local Children and Families Trust Fund in accordance with Proposition 10 and the locally approved strategic plan. State law specifies that the local commission must maintain independent oversight of the strategic plan and the local trust fund.

Today’s action requires two steps. On November 4, 2025, the San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) is requested to approve the introduction of an Ordinance amending provisions in Article IIIp of the San Diego County Code of Administrative Ordinances relating to the Commission (first reading). If the Board approves the recommended actions for November 4, 2025, then on November 18, 2025, the Board is requested to consider and adopt the Ordinance. The proposed ordinance will add clarifying language under the Commission’s “Term of Office” and “Duties and Responsibilities” sections of Article IIIp to address outdated language regarding at-large members and the Commission’s authority to control the local Children and Families Trust Fund, including the ability to authorize contracts or grant agreements with other entities as necessary. This amendment will codify existing practice and ensure that the San Diego County Code of Administrative Ordinances is consistent with State law.

Today’s action supports the County of San Diego (County) vision of a just, sustainable, and resilient future for all, specifically those communities and populations in San Diego County that have been historically left behind, as well as our ongoing commitment to the regional *Live Well San Diego* vision of healthy, safe, and thriving communities. This will be accomplished by seeking to improve early childhood health, learning, and comprehensive development in San Diego County as well as the Commission’s vision that “all children, ages 0 through 5, in San Diego County are safe, healthy, actively learning, and embraced by loving families and supportive communities.”

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

On November 4, 2025:

1. Approve the introduction of the Ordinance (first reading):
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 84.103 AND 84.108 OF ARTICLE IIIp OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY CODE OF ADMINISTRATIVE ORDINANCES RELATING TO THE FIRST 5 COMMISSION OF SAN DIEGO.

If, on November 4, 2025, the Board takes action as recommended in Item 1 above then, on November 18, 2025:

1. Consider and adopt the Ordinance (second reading):
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 84.103 AND 84.108 OF ARTICLE IIIp OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY CODE OF ADMINISTRATIVE ORDINANCES RELATING TO THE FIRST 5 COMMISSION OF SAN DIEGO.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The First 5 Commission of San Diego (Commission) has over 25 years of providing high quality early care and education support services to children ages 0 through 5 regionwide. Working through a network of contracted providers, the Commission provides families with comprehensive services that support their development and overall well-being. Their mission is to “promote the health, learning, and well-being of young children and their families by fostering collaboration and making equity-centered investments to help every child have the very best start in life.”

The Commission aims to ensure services are equitably available to all families regardless of their race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, gender identity, and/or sexual orientation. This work is accomplished via the approved First 5 San Diego Strategic Plan July 2025-June 2030 (Strategic Plan), reviewed by the San Diego County Board of Supervisors on February 11, 2025 (2). The Strategic Plan was informed by an Ad Hoc committee comprised of diverse and cross sector community stakeholders, including experts in early childhood development, racial equity, public health, and strategic planning. The committee provided valuable input to inform the Commission of the comprehensive and emerging needs of pregnant individuals and children ages 0 through 5.

To develop the Strategic Plan, the Commission adopted a participatory planning process to ensure the voice of key stakeholders, experts, community-based organizations (CBOs), and, most importantly, the families served were heard and their feedback incorporated. The approach involved multiple engagement strategies, including forming an Ad Hoc committee, conducting interviews with subject matter experts, and hosting listening sessions in partnership with CBOs. It is the focus of the Commission and its programs, to continue developing and enhancing its services to address the community needs and to further expand an equity-focused approach.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The First 5 Commission of San Diego (Commission) offers families a reliable resource that supports parent and children wellness by creating opportunities to prepare children to enter school as active learners. The Commission’s programs contribute to and enhance sustainability in the areas of child and family well-being, the environment, and the economy.

Today’s action supports the County of San Diego Sustainability Goal #1 to engage the community in meaningful ways by providing opportunities for parents and providers to partner and participate in decisions that directly impact them and their children. Today’s action also supports Sustainability Goal #2 to provide just and equitable access to resources for children ages 0 through 5 by providing parents with information about the importance of the first five years of life, early care, and educate providers with opportunities to increase their quality of services and how to sustain and/or expand their services in the region.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action. There will be no change in net General Fund costs and no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

4. SUBJECT: HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY ADMINISTRATIVE CODES AND BOARD POLICY SUNSET REVIEW 2025 (DISTRICTS: ALL)

OVERVIEW

In accordance with San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) Policy A-76, Sunset Review Process, the County of San Diego (County) Health and Human Services Agency (HHS) periodically reviews County Administrative Code and Board Policy to ensure policies reflect current Board standards and practices.

Today's actions seek Board approval to amend the following Administrative Codes and Board Policy and extend the sunset review date for:

- Article IIIa Advisory Council for Aging and Independence Services
- Article XLVIII San Diego County Military and Veterans Advisory Council
- A-99 - Tobacco and Electronic Smoking Device Use, Prevention, and Cessation

Additionally, today's actions seek Board approval to retire Board Policy A-133 - Provide Guidelines for Staff Levels in the Health and Human Services Agency.

This item supports the County vision of a just, sustainable, and resilient future for all, specifically those communities and populations in San Diego County that have been historically underserved as well as our ongoing commitment to the regional *Live Well San Diego* vision of healthy, safe, and thriving communities. The Sunset Review process is an opportunity for HHS to reflect on current policies through an equity lens and recommend changes that allow for greater transparency, in alignment with the Board's commitment to transparency and open government.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

1. Determine no change is necessary and approve the sunset review date of December 31, 2032 for the following County Administrative Codes:
 - a. Article IIIa Advisory Council for Aging and Independence Services
 - b. Article XLVIII San Diego County Military and Veterans Advisory Council
2. Approve amendments to Board Policy A-99 - Tobacco and Electronic Smoking Device Use, Prevention, and Cessation, and extend the sunset review date to December 31, 2032.
3. Approve the retirement of Board Policy A-133 - Provide Guidelines for Staff Levels in the Health and Human Services Agency.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Through an equity lens, the County of San Diego (County) Health and Human Services Agency annually reviews Board Policies and County Administrative and Regulatory Codes that are sunseting to ensure alignment with current San Diego County Board of Supervisors values and adherence to applicable laws and regulations. The current policies recommended for continuation demonstrate County efforts to engage the community in important conversations surrounding the preparation, development, and evaluation of County programs. Stakeholder feedback helps determine where focused efforts and resources are needed and should be invested.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Today's actions support County of San Diego (County) Sustainability Goal #1 to engage the community in meaningful ways, Goal #2 to provide the region with just and equitable access to County services and resources, and lastly Goal #4 to protect the health and wellbeing of everyone in the region. The County's annual review of sunseting Board Policies and County Administrative Regulatory Codes ensures that programs and plans continue to meet the needs of all county residents, as intended, and remain relevant and responsive to evolving needs. By aligning with the County Sustainability Goals, the changes reflect more equitable, sustainable, and impactful practices.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with the recommendations. There will be no change in net general fund costs and no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

- 5. SUBJECT: APPROVE AUTHORIZATION TO NEGOTIATE AND ACCEPT LAND DONATION IN BORREGO SPRINGS FOR FUTURE FIRE STATION AND HEALTH CLINIC OR OTHER HEALTH-RELATED USE AND CEQA EXEMPTION (DISTRICT: 5)**

OVERVIEW

The unincorporated community of Borrego Springs is a rural community located in northeastern San Diego County. The community is relatively isolated, with residents having to drive long distances for groceries, medical care, and other goods and services. Historically, the community was serviced by outdated buildings for essential services. In the past decade, the County of San Diego (County) has been able to invest greatly in Borrego Springs, building a new library, Sheriff's Station, and a 13.5-acre park. These developments were made possible through a land donation.

The County now has an opportunity to expand on this prior work to include a new fire station and health clinic site. Undeveloped land has been offered as a donation to the County on condition it is used for a fire station and health clinic or other health-related use. The offered land donation consists of four acres for the new fire station and about two acres for the potential health clinic. The new site is along Country Club Road adjacent to the existing County complex consisting of the Borrego Springs library, Sheriff's Station, and park. This offer of donation

coincides with the County Fire Strategic Facilities Plan for building a new fire station for Borrego Springs to replace the existing, outdated station. The site is preferred by County Fire and would serve as a great location for the new fire station. Replacement of Borrego Spring's Station 60 is currently within the Future Capital Needs Planned Projects list.

The other portion of the donation would be used for a health clinic or other health-related use, which aligns with the needs of the community. Borrego Springs lacks a hospital and many healthcare services, forcing residents to drive a long distance for medical care. The community and benefactor of the land donation have voiced a strong desire to see land dedicated to a health clinic or other health-related use for residents to address non-emergency medical needs.

Today's item authorizes the Director of the Department of General Services, or designee, to negotiate and accept a land donation in Borrego Springs for a future fire station and health clinic or other health-related use site. It also authorizes a letter of appreciation to be sent by the Chair on behalf of the County of San Diego for the generous donation.

RECOMMENDATION(S)
SUPERVISOR JIM DESMOND

1. Find that authorizing the negotiation and acquisition of a portion of APN 198-020-56-00 as a land donation is exempt from CEQA because it does not commit the County to a definite course of action with respect to construction of any project per CEQA Guidelines sections 15352 and 15004(b)(2)(A), which allows agencies to designate a preferred site for CEQA review and enter into land acquisition agreement when the agency has conditioned the agency's future use of the site on CEQA compliance. There are no development plans currently in place for the site, and any potential impacts would be too speculative to analyze at this point. The Board hereby conditions any future use of the site upon CEQA review and compliance.
2. Authorize the Director, Department of General Services, or designee, to negotiate and in accordance with California Government Code Section 25353 accept a land donation consisting of approximately six acres located at APN 198-020-56-00 for the purpose of using four acres for new fire station and approximately two acres for a health clinic or other health-related use.
3. Authorize the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to sign a letter of appreciation on behalf of the County of San Diego to the current landowner.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Borrego Springs is a geographically isolated community with limited emergency response capacity, leaving residents vulnerable during wildfires, medical emergencies, and extreme heat events. The community lacks a modern fire station and could utilize a health clinic to improve healthcare access to the community. Investing in a new fire station would ensure faster, more reliable emergency response, improve disaster preparedness, and provide equitable protection for all residents, regardless of income or location. This is a necessary step toward addressing long-standing infrastructure gaps and promoting public safety in a high-risk, underserved rural area.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Operational Plan in the Department of General Services (DGS). If approved, this request will result in estimated costs and revenue of \$80,000 for DGS staff time to process the donation. The funding source will be \$40,000 redirected from an internal agreement with San Diego County Fire and an existing internal agreement in DGS, both funded by General Purpose Revenue. There will be no change in the net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

- 6. SUBJECT: SUNSET REVIEW OF BOARD OF SUPERVISORS POLICIES, COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, AND COUNTY REGULATORY CODE PROVISIONS ASSIGNED TO THE FINANCE AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT GROUP (11/4/25 - FIRST READING; 11/18/25 – SECOND READING, UNLESS THE ORDINANCES ARE MODIFIED ON SECOND READING) (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

OVERVIEW

In accordance with Board of Supervisors (Board) Policy A-76, Sunset Review Process and as required by California Government Code, the Finance and General Government Group (FG3) periodically reviews certain Board Policies, provisions of the San Diego County Code of Administrative Ordinances (Administrative Code), and provisions of the San Diego County Code of Regulatory Ordinances (Regulatory Code) to ensure that they reflect current Board standards and practices. FG3 also reviews for any changes in laws, policies, or regulations that govern County departmental operations and services and recommends amendments accordingly.

Today's recommendations are the culmination of these efforts. Staff recommends the following actions: 1.) determine that no amendments are necessary to certain policies and code provisions; 2.) sunset B-66, Procurement of Products and Services from Other Governmental Agencies (OGAs), including the California Prison Industry Authority (PIA); and 3.) determine that amendments are necessary to certain code provisions.

Today's recommendations request the Board's approval of the introduction of ordinances (first reading) to amend and repeal the corresponding administrative codes with needed changes. If the Board takes action as recommended, then on November 18, 2025, staff recommends the Board adopt the ordinances (second reading). If the proposed ordinances are altered on November 18, 2025, then on that date a subsequent meeting date will be selected for the ordinances' adoption.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

On November 4, 2025:

1. Determine no change is necessary and approve the sunset review date of December 31, 2032, for the following Board of Supervisors Policy and Regulatory Code provision:

- a. G-18, Tax Deductions, Credits, Incentives, and Rebate Programs on County Capital Projects
 - b. Regulatory Code Chapter 9, Election Campaign Finance and Control
2. Sunset B-66, Procurement of Products and Services from Other Governmental Agencies (OGAs) Including the California Prison Industry Authority (PIA).
3. Approve the introduction of Ordinances (First Reading):
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE III OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, SECTIONS 73-73.2

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE IIIk OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, SECTIONS 84-84.18

If, on November 4, 2025, the Board takes the action as recommended by recommendation 3, then, on November 18, 2025:

1. Approve the adoption of the Ordinances (Second Reading):
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE III OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, SECTIONS 73-73.2

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE IIIk OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, SECTIONS 84-84.18

2. Approve the sunset review date of December 31, 2032 for the above-mentioned Administrative Code Sections, unless an earlier review is required by law.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The County of San Diego’s policies and code provisions impact residents of the county. In the review of them, staff considered and accounted for impacts on all communities. In addition, the recommended amendments to policies and code provisions before the Board ensure the use of inclusive language, specifically person-first language in Article IIIk of the San Diego County Administrative Code, Sections 84-84.18. This article establishes an Affirmative Action Program to require vendors of the County, and their subcontractors to take affirmative action to improve employment of persons with disabilities in their work forces. This aligns with the strategic initiative of equity as it advances opportunities for economic growth and development to all individuals and the community.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

County of San Diego (County) staff reviewed and, where necessary, is recommending amendments to existing policies and code provisions in alignment with our current County sustainability goals and practices. The recommendations before the Board include updates to Board Policies that incorporate the goal of proper use of County resources to increase efficiency.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with these recommendations. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

If approved, the update of person-first language in Article IIIk of the San Diego County Administrative Code, Sections 84-84.18 will have a positive impact on the business community demonstrating inclusivity. The addition of the Director of Public Works to the definition of the term “Director” expands the scope of vendors and subcontractors implementing this program. The update in the authority threshold in Article III, Sec. 73-73.2 will make the acquisition process more streamlined for an entity selling or donating their property to the County.

7. **SUBJECT: SUNSET REVIEW OF BOARD OF SUPERVISORS POLICIES, COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, AND COUNTY REGULATORY CODE PROVISIONS ASSIGNED TO THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE (11/4/25 - FIRST READING; 11/18/25 - SECOND READING, UNLESS THE ORDINANCES ARE MODIFIED ON SECOND READING) (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

OVERVIEW

In accordance with Board of Supervisors (Board) Policy A-76, Sunset Review Process, the Chief Administrative Office (CAO) periodically reviews certain Board Policies, provisions of the San Diego County Code of Administrative Ordinances (Administrative Code), and provisions of the San Diego County Code of Regulatory Ordinances (Regulatory Code) to ensure that they reflect current Board standards and practices. CAO also reviews for any changes in laws, policies, or regulations that govern County departmental operations and services and recommends amendments accordingly.

Today’s recommendations are the culmination of these efforts. Staff recommends the following actions: 1) determine that no amendments are necessary to certain policies and code provisions, 2) determine that amendments are necessary to certain policies and code provisions 3) defer the sunset review of Board Policy A-130, County of San Diego Volunteer Policy until December 31, 2026 4) approval of the first reading of the Ordinances on November 4, 2025 and adoption of the Ordinances on November 18, 2025.

Today’s recommendations request the Board’s approval of the introduction of ordinances (first reading) to amend the corresponding administrative codes with needed changes. If the Board takes action as recommended, then on November 18, 2025, staff recommends the Board adopt the Ordinances (second reading). If the proposed ordinances are altered on November 18, 2025, then on that date a subsequent meeting date will be selected for the ordinances’ adoption.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

1. Determine no change is necessary and approve the sunset review date of December 31, 2032, for the following Board of Supervisors Policies and Administrative Code provisions:
 - a. A-26 Responsibilities and Duties of the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of San Diego County Board of Supervisors
 - b. A-80 Publication of Ordinance Summaries and Display Advertisement
 - c. B-26 Non-Acceptance of Surety Bonds
 - d. B-38 Tuition Refund Program

- e. B-44 Audit Follow Up
 - f. Administrative Code Article IV, San Diego County Commission on the Status of Women and Girls
 - g. Administrative Code Article L, Treasurer and Tax Collector Eligibility and Educational Requirements
 - h. Administrative Code Article XXXIII, County Hearing Officer
2. Approve amendments and the sunset review date of December 31, 2032, for the following Board of Supervisors Policies:
 - a. A-73, Openness in County Government
 - b. B-3, Recovery of Payments Made in Error
 3. Defer the sunset review of the following Board of Supervisors Policy until December 31, 2026:
 - a. A-130, County of San Diego Volunteer Policy
 4. Approve the introduction of the following Ordinances (First Reading):
 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE V OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, RELATING TO THE AUDITOR AND CONTROLLER

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE IX OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF COUNTY COUNSEL

If, on November 4, 2025, the Board takes the action as recommended by recommendation 4, then, on November 18, 2025:

1. Approve the adoption of the following Ordinances (Second Reading):
 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE V OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, RELATING TO THE AUDITOR AND CONTROLLER

 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE IX OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF COUNTY COUNSEL
2. Approve the sunset review date of December 31, 2032, for these ordinances.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

County departments are guided by several Administrative Codes, and Board Policies in order to serve the region and customers consistently and equitably. The periodic review of County codes and policies ensures that departments keep documents up to date, provide clarifying language and continue to guide departmental practices. Today’s recommendations will contribute to providing equitable, inclusive, and consistent service to the community and customers. The revisions proposed in this Board Letter enable the County of San Diego to provide residents the opportunity to review the updates that are made for consistency, clarity, and accuracy.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

County of San Diego (County) staff reviewed and, where necessary, are recommending amendments to existing policies and code provisions in alignment with our current County sustainability goals and practices.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with these recommendations. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

- 8. SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION: ISSUANCE OF REVENUE BONDS BY THE CALIFORNIA MUNICIPAL FINANCE AUTHORITY FOR THE BENEFIT OF FALLBROOK SENIOR APARTMENTS LP IN AN AGGREGATE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$26,000,000 (DISTRICT: 5)**

OVERVIEW

The County has received a request from the California Municipal Finance Authority (“CMFA” or “Authority”) to approve the Authority’s issuance of one or more series of revenue bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$26,000,000 (the “Bonds”), for the benefit of Fallbrook Senior Apartments LP (the “Borrower”) or a partnership of which National Community Renaissance of California (the “Developer”) or a related person to the Developer is the general partner. The Borrower has applied for the financial assistance of the Authority to finance or refinance the acquisition, construction and development of a multifamily rental housing project located at 213 & 225 West Elder Street, Fallbrook, California 92028 (collectively, the “Project”).

The Authority is authorized to assist in financing for nonprofit public benefit organizations or for-profit corporations with a public benefit project wishing to issue revenue bonds, including the Borrower. In order to initiate such a financing, the Borrower is asking the County of San Diego, a member jurisdiction in which the project resides to approve the Authority’s issuance of the Bonds. Although the Authority will be the issuer of the Bonds for the Borrower, the financing cannot proceed without the approval of an applicable legislative body.

Pursuant to Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code, a public hearing was held on October 16, 2025 by CMFA. There were no comments from the public at that hearing.

Today’s recommendation will provide the Authority with the required authorization to pursue its determination to issue the Bonds on behalf of the Borrower for the Project.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Adopt a Resolution entitled:

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF CALIFORNIA MUNICIPAL FINANCE AUTHORITY EXEMPT FACILITY BONDS IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$26,000,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING OR REFINANCING THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, IMPROVEMENT AND EQUIPPING OF BROOKVIEW SENIOR VILLAS.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

This financing will help in the creation of quality, affordable housing for 60 low-income households in the County of San Diego. The bonds issued will be used to finance or refinance the acquisition, construction and development of a multifamily rental housing project located at 213 & 225 West Elder Street, Fallbrook, California 92028. This project will improve the health of the community by providing quality senior affordable housing in the County of San Diego.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The proposed action would result in economic benefits for the community by allowing the borrower to serve 60 low-income senior households in the County of San Diego. This financing will contribute to the County of San Diego Sustainability Goal No. 2, providing just and equitable access, by increasing investment in underserved communities of San Diego County.

FISCAL IMPACT

If approved, the proposal will result in approximately \$991 of unanticipated revenue to be used to reimburse the County for staff costs associated with this non-County financing. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

The Borrower will be responsible for the payment of all present and future costs in connection with the issuance of the financing related to the Project. The County will incur no obligation of indebtedness as a result of today’s actions.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

9. SUBJECT: COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED (DISTRICTS: ALL)

OVERVIEW

Board Policy A-72, Board of Supervisors Agenda and Related Process, authorizes the Clerk of the Board to prepare a Communications Received for Board of Supervisors' Official Records. Routine informational reports, which need to be brought to the attention of the Board of Supervisors yet not requiring action, are listed on this document. Communications Received documents are on file in the Office of the Clerk of the Board.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

Note and file.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

SUSTAINABILITY STATEMENT

This board letter is a list of documents received by the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors and/or Board of Supervisors from other entities, other county departments, the public, and internal documents presented to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors or the Board of Supervisors. This

contributes to the overall sustainability of the county by engaging the community in meaningful ways and promote an environment that provides equitable access opportunities for public engagement.

FISCAL IMPACT

N/A

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

10. SUBJECT: FILLING THE VACANCY OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY ELECTIVE OFFICE OF TREASURER-TAX COLLECTOR - FINALIST INTERVIEWS AND SELECTION (DISTRICTS: ALL)

OVERVIEW

On July 25, 2025, San Diego County Treasurer-Tax Collector Dan McAllister notified the County of San Diego (County) that he would be retiring from his office effective August 2, 2025.

San Diego County Charter, Section 500.2, states that the Board of Supervisors has the power to fill, by appointment, any vacancy that occurs in an elective County office other than a member of the Board of Supervisors and that the appointee shall hold office until the election of a successor. Board Policy A-105, "Filling Vacancies in Elected Offices," details the process to fill vacancies of elected offices other than the Board of Supervisors, and in accordance with A-105, applications were accepted to fill the position of Treasurer-Tax Collector. The appointed individual would complete the current term of office which ends at 12 noon on January 4, 2027.

On August 26, 2025 (22) the Board approved the form of notice, the application, and set the deadline for acceptance of applications. On September 30, 2025 (13), the Board conducted a public hearing during which the Board heard from all applicants and selected four finalists from among those who applied. Today, November 4, 2025, a second public hearing will take place during which the Board will make a final selection from among the finalists.

Board Policy A-105 states that the person so appointed shall be prepared to formally assume the office not later than twenty (20) business days following the selection by the Board of Supervisors.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

1. Conduct a public hearing and hear from each of the finalists.
2. Select and appoint one of the finalists to serve as and complete the current term of the County office of the Treasurer-Tax Collector, contingent upon passing the County's standard background investigation.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Today's proposed action continues the process for filling the vacancy of the elected office of the San Diego County Treasurer-Tax Collector (TTC). The mission of the San Diego County TTC is to provide the residents, agencies and employees of San Diego County with superior financial services in terms of quality, timeliness, efficiency and value while maintaining the highest levels of customer service and satisfaction. The office oversees the collection of more than \$9.1 billion in property taxes every year, dealing with both secured property, like buildings and unsecured property, like boats, racehorses, etc. The office also collects the transient occupancy tax and the cannabis business tax from establishments in unincorporated parts of the County. In the Treasury, the office manages the County investment pool, which ranges in size from \$10.2 - \$18.8 billion in assets on an annual basis. The Treasury is also the paying agent for all 42 school districts in the region.

Therefore, the selection process for the filling of the vacancy of the San Diego County elected office of the TTC will ensure the department is led by an individual that will guide the department as it strives for equitable outcomes in the County and ensures continuity in the services provided by the TTC. There have been opportunities for community engagement, including a community forum with the finalists on October 30, 2025.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The information presented in this report contributes to the County of San Diego's (County) efforts to engage the community in meaningful ways and promote an environment that provides equitable access to opportunities for public engagement and representation. These efforts will contribute to the County Sustainability Goal No. 1 by "encourag[ing] people and diverse stakeholders to partner and participate in decisions that impact their lives and communities."

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact as a result of the recommended actions. The position is budgeted in the office of the Treasurer - Tax Collector. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

- 11. SUBJECT: CALLING ON THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION TO KEEP SAN DIEGANS FROM EXPERIENCING A HUNGER CRISIS AND WAIVE BOARD POLICY A-72 (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

OVERVIEW

Across the country, more than 42 million Americans, one in eight people, rely on the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) to afford groceries each month. These are working parents, seniors, and children who depend on modest food benefits to make ends meet. Now, because of Washington's dysfunction, they are being told to go hungry.

The ongoing federal shutdown has halted new appropriations for SNAP, threatening to suspend benefits beginning November 1, 2025. Without immediate intervention by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), millions of families nationwide will lose access to the food assistance

they rely on to survive. This crisis is entirely preventable. The USDA has confirmed it holds roughly \$6 billion in contingency reserves, funds explicitly designed to sustain SNAP when federal operations are disrupted. Yet the agency has refused to release them. This is not a question of logistics or budgetary caution, it is a question of priorities. Inaction will result in the Trump Administration taking food off the tables of working families.

The Center on Budget and Policy Priorities makes clear that the federal government has not only the tools but the legal responsibility to continue providing SNAP benefits during a shutdown. The Administration could use its transfer authority, the same mechanism it already used to deliver emergency funds to the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program, to supplement existing contingency reserves, which alone are insufficient to cover full benefits. The USDA has both the means and the mandate to act. Each day of delay is a choice, and every hour of inaction pushes millions of families closer to hunger.

The impact in San Diego County will be immediate and devastating. Nearly 400,000 residents, including 125,000 children and 100,000 seniors, depend on CalFresh, California's version of SNAP. As of September, 237,768 households received a combined \$75 million in monthly benefits, money that flows directly through local grocery stores, farmers markets, and small businesses. If those benefits are paused, families will go hungry, food banks will be overwhelmed, and our most basic commitment to support the wellbeing of our communities will be broken.

The impact spans every supervisorial district:

District 1: 113,084 recipients
District 2: 80,929 recipients
District 3: 28,509 recipients
District 4: 99,050 recipients
District 5: 61,841 recipients

If contingency reserves are not released, this federal shutdown will become a local hunger crisis. A single mother at the checkout line will have to decide which items to put back. A senior will skip dinner so a grandchild can eat. Local food banks like Feeding San Diego and the Jacobs and Cushman San Diego Food Bank will be forced into emergency response mode.

Governor Newsom has already stepped in, committing up to \$80 million in state funds, deploying the California National Guard and California Volunteers to support food banks statewide. His swift action demonstrates what leadership looks like in a crisis and underscores the need for federal agencies to meet that urgency.

San Diego's democratic Congressional Delegation has also been a strong and consistent partner throughout this crisis. Our federal representatives have worked diligently to elevate this issue in Washington, press for the release of contingency reserves, and advocate for swift administrative action to protect families from losing access to food benefits. Their continued engagement and leadership are essential to securing an immediate and lasting solution.

The County has already used its legislative authority to advocate for federal action through our Washington, D.C. team and the National Association of Counties. Today's action elevates that

advocacy to a formal, public directive from the County, calling on the USDA Administrator to immediately release contingency reserves and use existing transfer authority to sustain food benefits for families. It also directs coordination with the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) and other counties to support a unified statewide coalition urging urgent federal action.

Every child, every parent, and every senior in San Diego County deserves the dignity of a full plate and the peace of mind that comes with knowing they can feed their family.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHAIR TERRA LAWSON-REMER AND CHAIR PRO-TEM PALOMA AGUIRRE

1. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to enhance legislative support for continuation of SNAP benefits, including transmitting a letter to the USDA Administrator calling for the immediate release of SNAP contingency reserves and use of existing federal transfer authority to sustain food benefits for families during the federal shutdown. Coordinate with the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) and other California counties to support a statewide coalition urging urgent federal action to prevent interruptions in nutrition assistance.
2. Waive Board Policy A-72 Agenda and Related Process, Section 2.C.2.ii, which establishes required timelines for review when preparing a Board Letter.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Interruptions in SNAP benefits would disproportionately harm low-income households, seniors on fixed incomes, and families with children, the same residents already most affected by the region's high cost of living and food insecurity. In San Diego County, nearly half of SNAP recipients are children, and one in four are older adults. Delays or reductions in benefits would deepen existing disparities in health, nutrition, and economic stability across communities.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Food security is essential to a sustainable community. Interruptions in SNAP benefits would create immediate strain on local food systems, forcing families to rely on emergency resources and increasing demand on nonprofits and County programs. By urging the federal government to release contingency reserves and sustain benefits, this action supports economic and social stability for San Diego County residents.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with these recommendations. Funds for the actions requested are included in the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Operational Plan based on existing staff time. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

SNAP benefits generate significant local economic activity, with approximately \$75 million in federal food assistance distributed monthly in San Diego County. These funds circulate directly through neighborhood grocery stores, farmers markets, and small businesses that depend on consistent consumer spending. Interruptions in SNAP benefits would reduce local demand, strain small retailers, and create ripple effects across the regional food economy. By urging the

Trump Administration to release contingency reserves and sustain benefits, this action helps protect local business stability, preserve jobs in the food and retail sectors, and maintain the economic activity that supports San Diego County's communities.

12. SUBJECT: EXPLORING OPTIONS FOR ESTABLISHING A SAFETY NET BRIDGE PROGRAM TO ADDRESS ANTICIPATED GAPS IN SERVICES FOR RESIDENTS DISENROLLED FROM BENEFIT PROGRAMS (DISTRICTS: ALL)

OVERVIEW

Shifts in federal policy, including the implementation of H.R. 1, have created new barriers for residents seeking access to social safety net services. Revised Medi-Cal and CalFresh eligibility requirements will put thousands of San Diego County residents at risk of losing vital services. To mitigate these gaps, the County of San Diego (County) should seek innovative strategies to provide continuity of essential services for vulnerable groups.

To address these challenges, the County must find a way to expand healthcare access for residents without health coverage, strengthen food access for individuals and families experiencing food insecurity, develop strategies to reconnect residents with vital benefits and provide ongoing support to maintain eligibility.

The County Live Well Centers are community hubs where residents can access health and social services in one convenient location. These facilities are uniquely positioned to meet the needs of individuals who have lost coverage or face barriers to accessing services. Leveraging Live Well Centers or other County infrastructure and resources as sites for expanded clinical partnerships, volunteer-driven services, and community food justice initiatives will allow the County to integrate health, food, and social services in an efficient and equitable manner.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

VICE-CHAIR MONICA MONTGOMERY STEPPE

1. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to:
 - a. Explore partnership opportunities between County-operated clinics at one or more of the County's Live Well Centers or other County locations and ~~local Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) and/or Disproportionate Share Hospitals (DSH)~~ local healthcare providers to provide no-cost primary care medical services co-located with access to additional social services, as a Transitional Access Clinic.
 - b. Explore opportunities for County Medical Care Services to expand Continuing Medical Education (CME) to develop community health education opportunities for local medical professionals, and to leverage volunteers to staff a community clinic through accredited clinical hours.
 - c. Identify and pursue grant opportunities to support new primary care clinical operations as Transitional Access Clinics at one or more of the County's Live Well Centers or other identified locations, including funding streams that can sustain the administrative, physical and information technology infrastructure necessary to support volunteer-driven clinical operations.

- d. Explore opportunities for the County to provide same-day access to prescription medication free-of-charge, including identifying operational or funding mechanisms needed to support implementation.
2. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to explore recommendations from the Office of Sustainability and Environmental Justice’s Food Justice Community Action Plan including, but not limited to:
 - a. Expanding partnerships across public, private, and community sectors to strengthen and innovate local food security efforts.
 - b. Engage with edible food recovery programs to enhance or increase efforts, including partnering with local grocers, restaurants, and other fresh food providers to secure donations consistent with SB 1383 requirements.
 - c. Developing cold storage capacity in coordination with the Transitional Access Clinics to enable same-day access to fresh food.
 3. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to report back to the Board of Supervisors in 45 days, including:
 - a. Preliminary feasibility results of the above recommendations, including an analysis of the one-time and ongoing costs and proposed funding source(s) needed to implement those recommendations;
 - b. An analysis of how the County of San Diego can collect and analyze data on who accesses the Safety Net Bridge services, including but not limited to:
 - i. Individuals who have lost public benefits; and
 - ii. Individuals who would have qualified for benefits but never applied due to H.R.1 implementation.
 4. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to return back to the Board of Supervisors with an action plan including one-time and ongoing costs and proposed funding source(s) necessary to implement the actions that are evaluated to be feasible in 90 days.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Residents who are most at risk of losing Medi-Cal coverage are disproportionately low-income households, immigrants, and people of color. This action advances equity by prioritizing services for residents who have lost benefits or lack the ability to pay for care, communities most impacted by food insecurity, and populations historically underserved by the health system. By expanding access through a Safety Net Bridge Program, the County of San Diego will strengthen supports for residents most affected by cuts to safety-net programs.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

This action supports the County’s sustainability goals of economic stability and local resilience by reducing reliance on uncompensated emergency care and expanding access to preventative care while also reducing food waste through recovery and distribution.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds for the actions requested in these recommendations to explore and report back to the Board are included in the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Operational Plan based on existing staff time in the Health and Human Services Agency, Department of General Services, and the Land Use and

Environment Group based on various funding sources. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

There may be future resources required to implement the actions that are evaluated to be feasible. At this time, there is no funding source budgeted to support implementation of these actions. When staff returns to the Board as directed in Recommendation 4, the action plan will include proposed costs and funding source(s) for Board consideration, if reallocation of funding from existing County programming is required.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

13. SUBJECT: ADVOCATING FOR FUNDING FOR PROPOSITION 36 IMPLEMENTATION (DISTRICTS: ALL)

OVERVIEW

Proposition 36, the Homelessness, Drug Addiction, and Theft Reduction Act, was approved by California voters in November 2024 with 68.4% of the vote and took effect on December 18, 2024. Among other provisions, the measure established the Treatment-Mandated Felony (TMF) program, which allows eligible individuals with qualifying drug offenses to participate in treatment in lieu of a felony conviction.

The intent of Proposition 36 is to reduce crime, support rehabilitation, and address addiction and theft through treatment rather than repeated jail time. By addressing root causes of criminal behavior, the measure offers a pathway to reduce recidivism, help people get off the streets and into care, and ultimately enhance public safety.

However, the early implementation of Proposition 36 has placed significant operational and fiscal pressure on the region's detention facilities, courts, behavioral health services, and probation system. While the law imposes new responsibilities on counties, the State did not include dedicated, ongoing funding to support its rollout. As a result, local law enforcement agencies and service providers have been forced to absorb substantial costs without the necessary resources.

Without sufficient support, the burden falls disproportionately on local systems, jeopardizing the ability to provide timely treatment, straining jail capacity, and undermining the County of San Diego's efforts to reduce homelessness and crime.

Today's action recommends including language in the County of San Diego's Legislative Program Priority Issues which would direct the County to advocate for dedicated and sustainable funding to implement Proposition 36, specifically for law enforcement, justice, and behavioral health functions. In addition, this item directs the Chief Administrative Officer to organize coordinated outreach and advocacy efforts with impacted County departments. This funding is critical to ensuring the law achieves its goals: reducing crime, addressing addiction and homelessness, empowering law enforcement to carry out their responsibilities, and restoring public confidence in a fair and effective justice system.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

SUPERVISOR JIM DESMOND AND SHERIFF

1. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to amend the County of San Diego's Legislative Program, Priority Issues section, to include the following statement until ongoing funding has been established by the State of California: "Pursue state funding resources to support the implementation of Proposition 36 at the local county level, specifically for law enforcement, justice, and behavioral health functions."
2. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to work collaboratively with relevant County departments to organize coordinated outreach and advocacy efforts related to Proposition 36.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Proposition 36 aims to divert individuals with substance use disorders from incarceration to treatment, offering a more equitable and rehabilitative approach. Without State funding, however, the ability of local agencies to deliver these services equitably is compromised. Securing State funding would help ensure equal access to treatment pathways, reduce overrepresentation in the criminal justice system, and support broader goals of public safety.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Advocating for dedicated State funding for Proposition 36 supports the County's sustainability goals by promoting health, equity, and economic efficiency. By diverting eligible individuals from incarceration to treatment, Proposition 36 reduces recidivism, eases jail overcrowding, and strengthens community well-being. This initiative aligns with County goals to provide equitable access to services and promote long-term public health and safety outcomes.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with today's recommendations. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

- 14. SUBJECT: ENHANCING HOMELESSNESS SUPPORTS THROUGH EXPANDED WITHDRAWAL MANAGEMENT SERVICE ACCESS (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

OVERVIEW

The County of San Diego (County) Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) and Behavioral Health Services (BHS) are charged with supporting a robust and accessible specialty behavioral health continuum of care throughout the County. This continuum, as it pertains to substance use disorder treatment, includes inpatient and outpatient drug treatment, specialized long-term care, community-based care, crisis diversion, and residential services inclusive of withdrawal management. Withdrawal management services, often referred to as "detox", provide supportive medical care for individuals experiencing withdrawal symptoms as they cease or reduce the usage of addictive substances. These programs include 24-hour, non-medical, residential substance use treatment, recovery, and ancillary services for adults over the age of 18.

Gaps in withdrawal management service capacity exist within the County’s continuum of care. This insufficient capacity hinders the County’s ability to address ongoing substance use crises, especially among populations experiencing homelessness. There are 102 withdrawal management service beds available for the Medi-Cal population throughout the region, and only four of those beds are located in County District 1, where a significant proportion of individuals experiencing homelessness reside. Gaps in withdrawal management accessibility also contribute to delays in care for thousands of residents with substance use disorders and contribute to more than 27,000 substance use related emergency department visits annually. Additionally, over a third of individuals entering BHS care for a substance use disorder present with a housing need, and data show that engagement in treatment and recovery services increase the likelihood of becoming housed. Expanding these services will address critical gaps in care and strengthen the connection between behavioral health treatment and housing stability for some of the County’s most vulnerable residents.

Today’s item seeks to expand withdrawal management capacity by 44 residential beds within the downtown area of the City of San Diego. These services will address service gaps and provide timely, clinically managed stabilization, improve system flow from crisis to treatment and enhance access to care for an additional 2,700 residents annually. This targeted investment will provide critical behavioral health services to some of our region’s most vulnerable populations, including the unhoused, and supports the County’s Substance Use Optimal Care Pathways model and 2025-2030 Strategic Plan.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHAIR PRO TEM PALOMA AGUIRRE AND VICE-CHAIR MONICA MONTGOMERY STEPPE

In accordance with Section 401, Article XXIII of the County Administrative Code, Authorize the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting to issue a Request for Statement of Qualifications for Adult Substance Use Residential Withdrawal Management Services within the City of San Diego, and upon successful negotiations and determination of fair and reasonable price, award contracts for an Initial Term of up to one year, with four 1-year options, and an additional six months, if needed, and to amend the contracts, as needed, to reflect changes in program, funding or service requirements, subject to the availability of funds and approval of the Director, Behavioral Health Services Department.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

As a regional steward of public health, the County must ensure that services address the social determinants of health by being accessible, capable of meeting the needs of a diverse population, and equitably distributed throughout the region to those most in need. The County utilizes a population health approach, robust data analysis, and input from consumers, community-based providers, healthcare organizations, and other stakeholders to identify community needs and design services that yield meaningful outcomes. Establishing additional withdrawal management services in the downtown San Diego region will increase capacity and accessibility of critical behavioral health care where a disproportionately high population of unhoused community members reside.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Today's proposed action aligns with County Sustainability Goal #2, to ensure equitable access to County services. Establishing inpatient care services within the HHSA Central Region prioritizes equitable access to essential behavioral health inpatient services for Medi-Cal eligible adults, enabling those in need of higher levels of care to be connected to care in close proximity to where they reside.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Operational Plan in the Health and Human Services Agency. If approved, this request will result in approximate costs and revenue of \$1.5 million in Fiscal Year 2025-26 and \$2.9 million in Fiscal Year 2026-27. The funding source is State funding from Realignment and Drug Medi-Cal (DMC). There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

15. **SUBJECT: PROTECTING RESIDENTIAL RENTAL APPLICANTS AND TENANTS FROM PRICE GOUGING AND FEE EXPLOITATION (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

OVERVIEW

The County of San Diego (County) has increasingly become one of the most expensive places to live for renters in the United States. Indeed, the City of San Diego ranked number 12 among the 100 biggest cities in the nation for its overall median rent, ahead of Los Angeles, Seattle, Miami, and Chicago. Moreover, the average monthly rent in San Diego County rose 52% between 2018 and April 2025. Specifically, the average rent in San Diego County during this time rose from \$2,071.67 to \$3,161.94. Just in 2023, 141,544 low-income renter households in San Diego County did not have access to an affordable home.

Various fees imposed by landlords increase these costs, including rental application fees, tenant screening fees, and "junk fees" such as pet rent, late fees, and trash valet. These fees create significant barriers to housing that compound unaffordable rents, deepen housing discrimination, and make the housing search difficult for many people, especially low-income renters and renters of color. Additionally, fees add to the already heavy burden that exorbitant rents place on renters, with over 40% of renter households in the United States being "cost burdened," i.e., paying over 30% of their income on housing costs. For 27% of renters in California, or roughly 1.6 million households, rent is over half of their income. In San Diego County, 82% of extremely low-income households pay more than half of their income on housing costs compared to 1% of moderate-income households.

Accordingly, this is a request for the Board of Supervisors (Board) to direct County Counsel to draft an ordinance (1) prohibiting the charging of fees in addition to rent that is in excess of a percentage of the cost of monthly rent and (2) requiring landlords to disclose the total cost of their residential rental units. The draft ordinance should include the following:

- **Transparency:** A landlord must disclose the total cost of monthly rent and any fees in addition to rent in advertising, on their website, and in any document that lists rental costs.
- **Public Education:** A landlord must include in the lease educational materials explaining AB 2493, including when a landlord is prohibited from charging an applicant a tenant screening fee.
- **Reusable Tenant Screening Reports:** Where an applicant for a residential rental unit provides their own tenant screening or consumer credit report, the landlord is required to accept the report and may not charge the applicant an application fee.
- **Holding Deposit:** A holding deposit is a sum of money paid to a landlord to reserve a rental property while the lease signing process is still underway. Landlords may charge an applicant a holding deposit up to 5% of the monthly rent for the unit being held. Holding deposits must be refunded to applicants when the lease agreement is finalized or if the lease does not move forward at no fault of the tenant.
- **Junk Fees:**
 - o Any fees required by local, state, or federal law must be excluded from the costs owed by the tenant.
 - o Any and all fees required to be paid by the tenant must not exceed 5% of the monthly cost of rent. Fees to be defined as all fees other than rent, late fees, and processing fees.
 - o Landlords may charge late fees for the late payment of rent up to 2% of monthly rent. This may not be charged unless rent is overdue by seven days or greater. Landlords must apply payments by the tenant to monthly rent before any existing late fees.
 - o Landlords may charge a processing fee, including a convenience fee or a check cashing fee, for the payment of rent or any other fees or deposits that is up to the cost the landlord pays for the processing of the payment of rent or any other fees or deposits.
 - o Landlords may not charge to the tenant any fees for services solicited by a landlord to maintain the habitability of the rental unit, including, but not limited to, pest control, trash, and trash valet fees. This does not include utility fees for a residential rental unit, which a landlord may charge to the tenant.
 - o A landlord may not charge a tenant any fee for a tenant to own a household pet. This does not prohibit a landlord from charging a pet security deposit that is refundable at the end of the tenancy.
 - o A landlord may not charge a tenant any fee that is not specified in the rental agreement. For any fee added after the rental agreement, a landlord must provide notice, in writing, 30 days before the fee goes into effect, and the new agreement must be signed by all parties.

Moreover, this action directs County Counsel to include in the draft ordinance remedies against landlords who fail to comply with the above.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

VICE-CHAIR MONICA MONTGOMERY STEPPE AND CHAIR PRO TEM PALOMA AGUIRRE

1. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to work with County Counsel and staff to draft an ordinance for the unincorporated areas of the County of San Diego with the following to the extent allowed by law:
 - a. **Transparency:** A landlord must disclose the total cost of monthly rent and any fees in addition to rent in advertising, on their website, and in any document that lists rental costs.
 - b. **Public Education:** A landlord must include in the rental application educational materials explaining AB 2493, including when a landlord is prohibited from charging an applicant an application screening fee.
 - c. **Reusable Tenant Screening Reports:** Where an applicant for a residential rental unit provides their own tenant screening or consumer credit report, the landlord is required to accept the report and may not charge the applicant an application fee
 - d. **Holding Deposit:** A holding deposit is a sum of money paid to a landlord to reserve a rental property while the lease signing process is still underway. Landlords may charge an applicant a holding deposit up to 5% of the monthly rent for the unit being held. Holding deposits must be refunded to applicants when the lease agreement is finalized or if the lease does not move forward at no fault of the tenant.
 - e. **Junk Fees:**
 - i. Any fees required by local, state, or federal law must be excluded from the costs owed by the tenant.
 - ii. Any and all fees required to be paid by the tenant must not exceed 5% of the monthly cost of rent. Fees to be defined as all fees other than rent, late fees, and processing fees.
 - iii. Landlords may charge late fees for the late payment of rent up to 2% of monthly rent. This may not be charged unless rent is overdue by seven days or greater. Landlords must apply payments by the tenant to monthly rent before any existing late fees.
 - iv. Landlords may charge a processing fee, including a convenience fee or a check cashing fee, for the payment of rent or any other fees or deposits that is up to the cost the landlord pays for the processing of the payment of rent or any other fees or deposits.
 - v. Landlords may not charge to the tenant any fees for services solicited by a landlord to maintain the habitability of the rental unit, including, but not limited to, pest control, trash, and trash valet fees. This does not include utility fees for a residential rental unit, which a landlord may charge to the tenant.
 - vi. A landlord may not charge a tenant any fee for a tenant to own a household pet. This does not prohibit a landlord from charging a pet security deposit that is refundable at the end of the tenancy.
 - vii. A landlord may not charge a tenant any fee that is not specified in the rental agreement. For any fee added after the rental agreement, a landlord must provide notice, in writing, 30 days before the fee goes into effect, and the new agreement must be signed by all parties.

f. Remedies:

- i. A rental applicant or tenant claiming a violation of any of the above may file an action against a landlord in a court of competent jurisdiction.
 - ii. A rental applicant or tenant may seek injunctive relief, equitable relief, and money damages, including punitive damages, in a civil action against a landlord for a violation of the above.
 - iii. A tenant may raise, as an affirmative defense, any violation or noncompliance with the provisions above in any action by a landlord to recover possession of a residential rental property.
 - iv. In the court's discretion, a landlord who materially violates the above shall be liable to the tenant in a civil action for reasonable attorney's fees and costs.
 - v. The remedies above are cumulative and may be used in addition to any other remedies available at law, statute, or ordinance.
 - vi. The County of San Diego may enforce this ordinance, including administrative, civil, and/or criminal remedies.
 - vii. In addition to other remedies applicable to a landlord's failure to comply with the above, a landlord's failure to comply with any provision of this ordinance shall render void any notice of termination required by local or state law.
2. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to estimate the cost, staffing, and contract needs to enforce violations of any of the above proposed ordinances.
 3. Direct County Counsel to report back to the Board of Supervisors (Board) with an initial draft of the ordinance reflecting the changes outlined in Recommendation 1 within 90 days.
 4. Direct the CAO to report back to the Board on Recommendation 2 within 120 days.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Strengthening and enforcing the rights of tenants, increasing housing opportunities for underserved communities, and preserving and expanding the County's supply of safe and affordable housing demonstrates a commitment to promoting equity, justice, and inclusivity.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Creating policies that reduce poverty by strengthening the rights of tenants and increasing affordable housing opportunities for underserved communities promotes economic stability for all.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds for the actions requested in these recommendations to explore and report back to the Board are included in the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Operational Plan based on existing staff time in the Office of County Counsel funded by existing General Purpose Revenue. There may be fiscal impacts associated with future related recommendations which staff would return to the Board for consideration and approval. There is no fiscal impact associated with this recommendation. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

- 16. SUBJECT: NOTICED PUBLIC HEARING:
COMMUNITY INPUT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-27 ANNUAL PLAN
DEVELOPMENT FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK
GRANT, HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS, HOUSING
OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS WITH AIDS, AND EMERGENCY
SOLUTIONS GRANT (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

OVERVIEW

As a recipient of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) entitlement program funding, the County of San Diego (County) develops a five-year Consolidated Plan to guide long-term planning and investment of housing and community development activities that serve residents across the region. On March 11, 2025 (8), the San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) approved the 2025-29 Consolidated Plan, which covers the period of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2030. The Consolidated Plan establishes goals for four federal programs, locally administered by the County Health and Human Services Agency, Housing and Community Development Services (HCDS). These programs include the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG).

Each year of the five-year Consolidated Plan cycle includes an annual planning process consisting of three key documents: the Annual Plan Strategy, the Annual Plan, and the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report. At this stage of the cycle, HCDS has developed the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-27 Annual Plan Strategy, through extensive community engagement, which sets forth the priorities for activities that will be funded in the upcoming year's Annual Plan. HCDS has conducted robust community engagement to obtain valuable feedback to inform the development of the Annual Plan Strategy. These efforts helped prioritize investments aligned with the goals of the 2025-29 Consolidated Plan, and the subsequent development of the Annual Plan.

Today's action requests the Board to hold this public hearing to receive public input on housing and community development needs and to approve the FY 2026-27 Annual Plan Strategy. Following today's hearing, HCDS will develop the FY 2026-27 Annual Plan based on all community input received. A second public comment period and hearing will also occur in Spring 2026 to gather input on specific funding recommendations to be included in the draft FY 2026-27 Annual Plan.

This item advances the County vision of a just, sustainable, and resilient future for all residents, with a particular focus on communities that have been historically underrepresented. This item also aligns with the regional *Live Well San Diego* vision of healthy, safe, and thriving communities by ensuring low-income residents have access to suitable living environments and by enhancing quality of life through decent and affordable housing. Additionally, this action

supports the County Housing for All vision, the Framework for Ending Homelessness, and the Housing Blueprint by ensuring funding supports programs across the homeless-to-housed continuum for San Diego's most vulnerable residents.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Hold this public hearing to receive public input on housing and community development needs and approve the 2026-27 Annual Plan Strategy.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) programs were designed to address the housing, community development, and public service needs of the county's most vulnerable residents. These programs specifically serve low-and-moderate-income households and allow the County of San Diego (County) to invest in tailored interventions, such as services for individuals with special needs, nutritional meal delivery services, short-term, emergency, and permanent housing solutions, and essential home repairs that improve health and safety.

Recognizing the historical barriers that have limited some communities' ability to fully participate in civic processes, including language access, physical accessibility, and lack of representation, the County Health and Human Services Agency, Housing and Community Development Services (HCDS) developed a deliberate and inclusive strategy to reduce barriers and improve engagement. In June 2025, HCDS implemented strategies to broaden participation and enhance the accessibility of information by facilitating community input sessions at locations across the county to ensure accessibility through geographic reach for hard-to-reach populations. Public notices and community input surveys were translated into the County's threshold languages to serve non-English-speaking residents. To make public engagement more interactive and relevant, HCDS leveraged the County's social media platforms and website to reach a broader and more diverse audience. This approach reflects the County's commitment to advancing equity, fostering authentic community participation, and prioritizing investments that improve the quality of life for historically underserved communities.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Today's action advances the County of San Diego Sustainability Goals. Goal #1 to engage the community in meaningful ways will be achieved through diverse engagement opportunities that will subsequently inform the development of the Fiscal Year 2026-27 Annual Plan and set clear priorities through annual community input. This planning process emphasizes accessible and equitable participation to ensure all voices are heard. Additionally, Goal #2 to provide just and equitable access to County services is achieved by prioritizing programs that expand access to affordable housing, public recreation, shelter, and supportive services for San Diego County's most vulnerable residents. Lastly, Goal #4 to protect the health and wellbeing of everyone in the region will be achieved through community engagement and the implementation of thoughtful practices that foster trust and inclusion.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with today's action. There will be no change in net General Fund costs and no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

17. SUBJECT: PROVIDING DIRECTION ON THE FUTURE OF COUNTY TECHNOLOGY (DISTRICTS: ALL)

OVERVIEW

On April 8, 2025 (18), the San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) directed the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to take action regarding the use of Information Technology (IT) by the County of San Diego (County). Specifically, the CAO was directed to outline the next steps for the new County Information Technology & Telecommunications (IT&T) contract expected to begin in 2028 by engaging and informing the Board and members of the public about a fair and competitive process for the selection of the next IT&T prime vendor(s). This includes assessing whether the current IT&T contract aligns with best practices in areas such as customer service, employee support, cost efficiency, risk management, liability, innovation, competition, security, and provider structure, including the use of single or multi-source providers, and identifying opportunities for improvement in future contracts.

To accomplish this, the Board directed the CAO to hire a consultant to conduct an independent Countywide assessment of IT and telecommunications needs, including an audit of active technology solutions across departments, and return to the Board with an update.

Today's item provides a summary of the results provided by Avasant Inc. (Avasant), the independent consultant that conducted the assessment of the County's IT&T services. This summary includes a current assessment of the IT network and computing services, business applications, contract service levels, and recommendations that can be used to improve the provision of IT services in future vendor contracts.

In addition, the Board directed the CAO to implement an innovation fund strategy to best leverage \$1.0 million in annual Innovation Fund resources, engage Board offices, and County Departments. This direction included conducting a semi-annual report to the Board on the County's innovation strategies, including the Innovation Fund, with input from the community, the Board, and County staff and providing an annual report on the foregoing activities. The first annual report will be presented to the Board after the innovation fund strategy has been implemented this fiscal year.

The Board also directed the CAO to explore funding mechanisms, including state and federal grants, to support Artificial Intelligence innovation and technology upgrades while ensuring alignment with sustainability goals.

Today's action requests the Board to direct the CAO to initiate a Request for Information to gather vendor and service options, return in March 2026 with recommendations for next steps to improve County IT&T services, and receive the Avasant independent assessment report.

RECOMMENDATION(S)
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

1. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to take the first step in the County procurement process to conduct a Request for Information to inform the County of vendor information, interested parties, and available options to meet the requirements of County enterprise and departments.
2. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to return to the Board in March 2026 to provide recommendations on next steps for the procurement and improvements of information technology services for the County.
3. Receive the report of the Avasant independent assessment.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Information Technology and Telecommunications (IT&T) services are used extensively by County departments to provide efficient and effective service delivery to the public, but Information Technology (IT) services and/or software do have the potential to either mitigate or exacerbate existing inequities. By adhering to the already established safeguards, including the Chief Administrative Officer Administrative Manual Items 0400-01 related to County Information Systems-Management and Use, 0400-02 Internet Use, 0400-03 Computer Accounts Management and Use, and 0400-11 County Information Classification, Protection Level and Proper Security, the risk of exacerbating existing inequities can be mitigated. Meanwhile, the use of IT can increase the effectiveness of County employees and programs that provide services to our community's most vulnerable residents.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

By utilizing information technology (IT) in operations, the County of San Diego (County) can enhance efficiency and reduce environmental impact through optimized resource allocation. The automation provided by IT applications and data analytics can improve sustainability initiatives such as energy management in County buildings and providing County services online rather than in person. Additionally, responsible IT governance ensures that existing and emerging technologies align with ethical and environmental best practices.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this request. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years. There may be fiscal impacts associated with future related recommendations, which staff would return to the Board of Supervisors for consideration and approval.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

The proposed recommendations regarding the future of Information Technology and Telecommunications services will position the County to take the next steps in the procurement process to maintain the continuity of County operations and service delivery while providing the opportunities to enhance the capabilities of departments to innovate and reengineer business processes.

18. SUBJECT: SUNSET REVIEW OF BOARD OF SUPERVISORS POLICIES AND PROVISIONS OF THE COUNTY REGULATORY CODE ASSIGNED TO THE LAND USE AND ENVIRONMENT GROUP AND ASSOCIATED CEQA EXEMPTION (11/4/25 -FIRST READING; 11/18/2025 - SECOND READING, UNLESS THE ORDINANCES ARE MODIFIED ON SECOND READING) (DISTRICTS: ALL)

OVERVIEW

In accordance with Board of Supervisors (Board) Policy A-76, Sunset Review Process, the Land Use and Environment Group (LUEG) regularly reviews Board Policies and provisions of the County of San Diego (County) County Regulatory Code to ensure they reflect current Board standards and practices, that obsolete policies and Code provisions are removed, and that policy language is revised for clarity. Amendments that are proposed in this action do not impact operations or the original intent of the codes or policies.

The year's review included one Administrative Code, three Regulatory Codes and nine Board policies. Of these items, four did not have changes:

- a) Article XL: San Diego County Palomar Airport Advisory Committee
- b) Title 1: General Regulations Division 8: Administrative Civil Penalty
- c) I-49: Distribution of Notification of Land Use Hearings
- d) J-2: Relocation of Utility Facilities, Improvement of County Streets and Roads.

The remaining nine request approval of administrative updates, grammatical edits and ensuring alignment with current Board direction. The changes do not impact the original intent of the policy or have operational impacts:

- a) Title 1: General Regulations, Division 6 Appeals and Nuisance Abatement
- b) Title 6: Health and Sanitation
- c) Title 9: Construction Codes and Fire Code
- d) F-40: Procuring Architectural, Engineering, and Related Professional Services
- e) F-48: Review of Fire District Ordinances which Contain Requirements that Exceed those of the State Fire Marshall
- f) F-52: Naming of County Park and Recreation Amenities
- g) I-19: Subdivision of Land
- h) I-21: Minor Modifications and Time Extensions on Subdivision Agreements
- i) I-74: Enforcement of Permitted and Non-Permitted Grading on Private Property
- j) I-84: Project Facility Availability and Commitment for Public Sewer, Water, School and Fire Services

Today's proposed actions include Board approval of amendments and sunset date extensions to December 31, 2032. If on November 4, 2025, the Board approves the Board Policy updates and first reading of the ordinances related to the reviewed codes, then on November 18, 2025, the Board will be asked to consider and adopt the ordinances to implement the amendments and sunset date extension.

RECOMMENDATION(S):
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

1. In accordance with the definitions in Section 15378 (b)(5) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, find that actions to amend the County of San Diego (County) Administrative Code and Board of Supervisors Policies do not constitute a project since they are administrative actions and will not result in direct or indirect changes in the environment. Further, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15061(b)(3), find that it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the proposed actions may have a significant effect on the environment for the reasons stated in the Environmental Statement.
2. Approve amendments to and establish the sunset review date of December 31, 2032, for the following Board of Supervisors (Board) Policies:
 - a) *F-40: Procuring Architectural, Engineering, and Related Professional Services*
 - b) *F-48: Review of Fire District Ordinances which Contain Requirements that Exceed those of the State Fire Marshall*
 - c) *F-52: Naming of County Park and Recreation Amenities*
 - d) *I-19: Subdivision of Land*
 - e) *I-21: Minor Modifications and Time Extensions on Subdivision Agreements*
 - f) *I-74: Enforcement of Permitted and Non-Permitted Grading on Private Property*
 - g) *I-84: Project Facility Availability and Commitment for Public Sewer, Water, School and Fire Services*
3. Establish the new sunset review date of December 31, 2032, for the following Board Policies that have been reviewed by staff and have no recommended changes:
 - a) *I-49: Distribution of Notification of Land Use Hearings*
 - b) *J-2 Relocation of Utility Facilities, Improvement of County Streets and Roads*
4. Determine no change is necessary and approve the sunset review date of December 31, 2032, for the following title of the County Regulatory Code:
 - a) *Title 1: General Regulations (Division 8: Administrative Civil Penalty*
5. Determine no change is necessary and approve the sunset review date of December 31, 2032, for the following title of the County Administrative Code:
 - b) *Article XL: San Diego County Palomar Airport Advisory Committee*
6. Approve the introduction of the following Ordinances entitled:
ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY REGULATORY CODE RELATING TO THE RETITLING OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH, DEFINING THE DUTIES AND AUTHORITIES OF THE POSITIONS OF DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND QUALITY AND DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH, AND RELATED ACTIONS

ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS OF TITLE 1 OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY CODE OF REGULATORY ORDINANCES RELATED TO HEARING BOARDS AND HEARING OFFICERS

If on November 4, 2025, the Board takes action as recommended, then, on November 18, 2025:

1. Consider Adopting the following Ordinances (unless Ordinances are modified on second reading):

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY REGULATORY CODE RELATING TO THE RETITLING OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH, DEFINING THE DUTIES AND AUTHORITIES OF THE POSITIONS OF DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND QUALITY AND DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH, AND RELATED ACTIONS

ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS OF TITLE 1 OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY CODE OF REGULATORY ORDINANCES RELATED TO HEARING BOARDS AND HEARING OFFICERS

2. Approve the new sunset review date of December 31, 2032, for the amended San Diego County Regulatory Code.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

County departments are guided by several Regulatory Codes, Administrative Codes, and Board Policies in order to serve the region and customers consistently and equitably. The review of County codes and policies ensures that departments keep documents up to date, provide clarifying language and continue to guide departmental practices. Additionally, this practice allows the language within these codes and policies to align with current efforts and be revised for inclusivity.

Today's recommendations will contribute to providing equitable, inclusive, and consistent service to the community and customers. The revisions proposed in this Board Letter enable the County of San Diego to provide residents the opportunity to review the updates that are made for consistency, clarity, and accuracy.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

This action to review and amend the San Diego County Regulatory Code and Board policies aligns with the goal to promote opportunities for community engagement. Updates proposed in today's action are meant to ensure that codes and policies are up to date, reflect current processes and to continue County services and responsibilities in the region. Some examples of these are policies for continued parks operations and care of park locations, environmental standards for facilities, and undergrounding utilities for community safety.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with these recommendations. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

19. SUBJECT: CLOSED SESSION (DISTRICTS: ALL)

OVERVIEW

A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION

(Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9)

Arabella McCormack, et al. v. San Diego Rock Church, et al.;

San Diego Superior Court Case No.: 37-2023-00029738-CU-PO-CTL

B. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE

(Government Code section 54957)

Title: County Counsel

C. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

(Government Code section 54957.6)

Designated Representatives: Susan Brazeau, Clint Obrigewitch

Conference with Labor Negotiators: Employee Organizations and Unrepresented

Employees: Teamsters Local 911, Deputy District Attorney Association, Deputy District

Attorney Investigators' Association, Deputy Sheriff's Association of San Diego County,

San Diego Deputy County Counsels Association, San Diego County Probation Officers'

Association, Public Defender Association of San Diego County, San Diego County

Supervising Probation Officers' Association, Service Employees International Union,

Local 221 and all unrepresented employees.