



March 23, 2026

County Board of Supervisors
1600 Pacific Highway
San Diego, CA 92101

RE: ESTABLISHING A FRAMEWORK FOR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEES THAT DEMONSTRATES TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Dear Chair and Members of the San Diego County Board of Supervisors,

As representatives of San Diego's housing and business communities, this coalition expresses strong support for efforts to enhance transparency and accountability in the operations of Board of Supervisors ad hoc subcommittees. The coalition represents rental housing providers, builders, developers, small business owners, mom-and-pop landlords, and commercial real estate professionals who share a strong interest in ensuring that County policy discussions remain open, accessible, and predictable for the communities and industries they impact.

Ad hoc subcommittees of the Board frequently examine complex policy issues and develop recommendations that ultimately shape County decisions affecting employers, housing providers, workers, and the broader regional economy. When policy discussions and recommendations occur outside of clearly defined transparency standards, stakeholders may have limited ability to monitor proceedings or provide informed input. Establishing clear and consistent public access requirements will strengthen accountability and improve public confidence in the County's policymaking process.

Applying common-sense transparency practices to ad hoc subcommittees, including advance posting of agendas, publicly accessible meeting locations, livestreaming and recording of meetings, and the public availability of supporting materials, will align the operations of these subcommittees with the standards already applied to regular Board meetings and many County advisory bodies. Consistency across these

processes will ensure that residents, businesses, and community stakeholders have meaningful opportunities to remain informed and engaged as policy discussions take place.

A predictable and transparent policy environment is essential for the continued growth and stability of San Diego County's economy. Clear public processes allow employers, housing providers, and industry leaders to better understand proposed policy directions, evaluate potential impacts, and provide constructive input during the decision-making process. Establishing a formal framework for ad hoc subcommittee transparency represents an important step toward strengthening public engagement and maintaining trust in County governance.

For these reasons, the coalition strongly supports the proposed framework to enhance transparency and accountability for Board of Supervisors ad hoc subcommittees and encourages adoption of clear policies that ensure public access to meetings, materials, and communications associated with these bodies.

Sincerely,

Melanie Woods, California Apartment Association

Chris Duggan, California Restaurant Association

Justine Murray, Downtown San Diego Partnership

Craig Benedetto, NAIOP San Diego

Taylor Thompson, North County Realtors Association

Chris Cate, San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce

Molly Kirkland, Southern California Rental Housing Association



The Honorable Paloma Aguire
The Honorable Joel Anderson
The Honorable Terra Lawson-Remer
The Honorable Monica Montgomery Steppe
The Honorable Jim Desmond
San Diego County Board of Supervisors
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Dear Supervisors,

The San Diego Regional East County Chamber of Commerce strongly supports the proposed action to establish a framework for Board of Supervisors Ad Hoc Subcommittees to demonstrate transparency and accountability when conducting their meetings – Item #20 on the March 24, 2026, Board of Supervisors agenda.

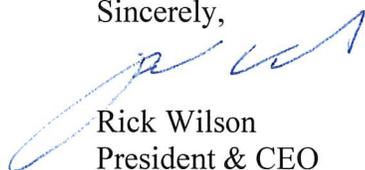
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These actions would be similar to those taken by the County to ensure the public is aware of, and can provide feedback on, regular Board of Supervisors meetings as well as the other meetings of boards, commissions, committees, councils, panels, teams and task forces created to advise the Board and County staff.

Accordingly, we urge you to approve Item #20 to protect public access to all ad hoc subcommittee meetings conducted by members of the Board of Supervisors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rick Wilson".

Rick Wilson
President & CEO



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Sincerely,

Kelcie Parra
Executive Director
Crisis House

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Dear Supervisors,

San Diego for Every Child strongly supports the proposed action to establish a framework for Board of Supervisors Ad Hoc Subcommittees to demonstrate transparency and accountability when conducting these meetings – Item #20 on the March 24, 2026, Board of Supervisors agenda.

It is in a spirit of transparency and public accountability that we support this. Subcommittees created to focus on specific policy issues are incredibly important to focus in on pertinent issues for the Board, but we also recognize that there are no rules or guidelines on how these Board subcommittee meetings are conducted. A uniform method for running ad hoc subcommittee meetings can help ensure there is consistency and help maintain public trust, critical pillars in a thriving democracy. Approval of this item will provide the public with the ability to keep themselves apprised of important County decisions being considered by Board members and to participate in and view meetings held by the County officials they elected to represent their interests.

As written, Supervisor Anderson’s Board Letter would require all Board ad hoc subcommittees to post agendas in advance of subcommittee meetings and to hold these meetings in publicly accessible locations, the same standards we hold meetings to under the Brown Act. It would also direct staff to create a County-hosted webpage providing all members of the public with easy access to the meetings (live and recorded videos), all meeting materials, official meeting minutes and other important documents and information.

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Therefore, we are in support of approving Item #20 to protect public access to all ad hoc subcommittee meetings conducted by members of the Board of Supervisors.

Sincerely,



Erin Hogeboom
San Diego for Every Child

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Dear Supervisors,

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Sincerely,



Joe Konieczka
President
Serra Mesa Community Council