

# Board of Supervisors

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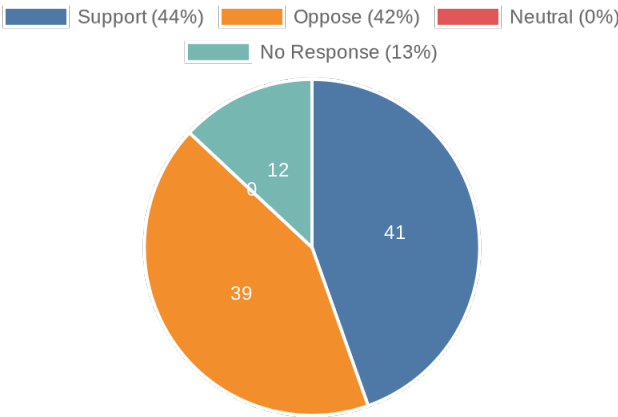
## eComments Report

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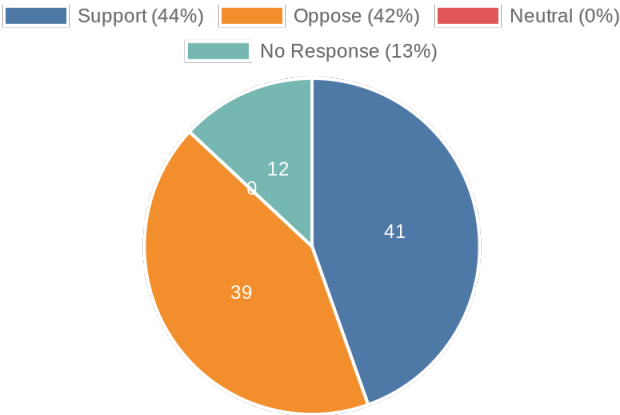


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17. ENHANCING REGIONAL EFFORTS AND FEDERAL ADVOCACY TO ADVANCE SOLUTIONS TO THE TIJUANA RIVER SEWAGE CRISIS	92	41	39	0

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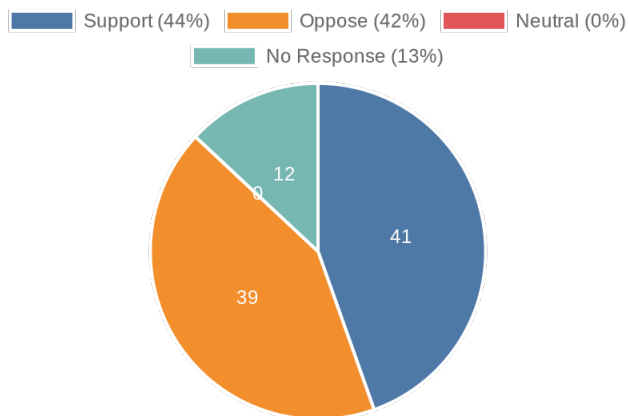
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Agenda Item: eComments for 17. ENHANCING REGIONAL EFFORTS AND FEDERAL ADVOCACY TO ADVANCE SOLUTIONS TO THE TIJUANA RIVER SEWAGE CRISIS

Overall Sentiment



**Andrew Myers**

Location: 92101, san diego  
Submitted At: 7:28am 09-10-25

I am writing to voice my concern about the proposal to cut the County's top arts position in the upcoming budget vote. While I understand the urgency of tackling the cross-border sewage crisis in the Tijuana River Valley, I urge the Board not to dismantle cultural leadership, which could help solve one problem but create another. South Bay residents have suffered for too long from the damaging effects of untreated sewage, and our communities deserve clean water and safe environments. I stand with those most directly impacted. However, cutting the County's \$150,000 staff position will not effectively solve this billion-dollar crisis. Instead, it will damage our cultural infrastructure and weaken our ability to access outside resources. I ask you to preserve this vital position while also seeking state and federal funds needed to address the Tijuana River Valley issue. Our communities shouldn't have to choose between clean water and cultural vitality; both are crucial.

**Jessica RabanzoFlores**

Location: 91910, Chula Vista  
Submitted At: 5:32pm 09-09-25

As a professional dancer for Malashock Dance, I am writing to voice my concern about the proposal to cut the County's top arts position in the upcoming budget vote. While I understand the urgency of tackling the cross-border sewage crisis in the Tijuana River Valley, I urge the Board not to dismantle cultural leadership, which could help solve one problem but create another. South Bay residents have suffered for too long from the damaging effects of untreated sewage, and our communities deserve clean water and safe environments. I stand with those most directly impacted. However, cutting the County's staff position will not effectively solve this billion-dollar crisis. Instead, it will damage our cultural infrastructure and weaken our ability to access outside resources. I ask you to preserve this vital position while also seeking state and federal funds needed to address the Tijuana River Valley issue. Our communities shouldn't have to choose between clean water and cultural vitality.

**Kyle Garrity**

Location: 92104, SAN DIEGO

Submitted At: 4:57pm 09-09-25

As a self employed artist and small business owner, I do not support this measure. While I agree that tackling the Tijuana River sewage crisis is a top priority for our shared environment, cutting funding to our already underfunded arts infrastructure is not the answer. San Diego's arts scene is a key reason why people travel to and move to San Diego and has the potential to generate additional revenue for our city. Consider cutting down on funding for the police department instead.

**Ilya Idelchik**

Location: 92130, SAN DIEGO

Submitted At: 4:54pm 09-09-25

I can not in good conscience support the defunding of the arts. They are an integral part of the community and culture of the area.

**Martha Grimes**

Location: 92109-4606, San Diego

Submitted At: 4:21pm 09-09-25

As a community member, nonprofit Board member, and CPA for many SD-based nonprofits, I do not approve of this resolution. Arts organizations are already severely impacted by budget cuts to the point where they are ceasing to exist, which is negatively impacting our community and job market. I urge you to identify other funding for the Tijuana River Sewage crisis.

**Christopher Morgan**

Location: 92103, San Diego

Submitted At: 4:08pm 09-09-25

As Artistic Director of Malashock Dance, a 38-year-old institution serving thousands annually, I write with concern about the proposal to eliminate the County's top arts position in the upcoming budget. While I recognize the urgency of addressing the cross-border sewage crisis in the Tijuana River Valley—and I stand with the South Bay residents who have endured its devastating impacts—cutting this \$150,000 arts leadership role will not resolve a billion-dollar environmental challenge. Instead, it risks dismantling cultural infrastructure and reducing our ability to secure outside resources. I urge the Board to protect this critical position while also pursuing the state and federal funding needed to address the sewage crisis. Our communities should not be forced to choose between clean water and cultural vitality—both are essential for a healthy, thriving region.

**K Corser**

Location: 92028, Fallbrook

Submitted At: 2:47pm 09-09-25

I do not support cutting the art staff for the county commission for arts and culture! I represent 4 organizations and I am based in San Diego!

[www.KiraCorser.com](http://www.KiraCorser.com)

[www.CompassionateArts.org](http://www.CompassionateArts.org)

[www.PostsForPeaceAndJustice.org](http://www.PostsForPeaceAndJustice.org)

[www.WellnessForChildrenProject.org](http://www.WellnessForChildrenProject.org)

[www.CompassionateCalifornia.org](http://www.CompassionateCalifornia.org)

**Deanne sabeck**

Location: 92024, Encinitas

Submitted At: 2:33pm 09-09-25

While I understand the importance of dealing with the Tijuana River sewage, I am sure there are other sources of funding that can be used. The arts are really important to the cultural heart of our county and taking away the leadership of that is a HUGE mistake. please consider other avenues of funding.

**Bianca Menzel**

Location: 92075-1231, Solana Beach

Submitted At: 1:47pm 09-09-25

I do not support cutting funds to arts and culture leadership in San Diego County. Arts and Culture fuel the local economy, provide gainful employment, and bring pride to our communities.

**Nickolas shadel**

Location:

Submitted At: 1:41pm 09-09-25

Hello My name is Niko or (nickolas) i am a juinor in high school, and im a little mad about the tijuana beach and river situations. I have just learned how bad its has gotten, and i have learned that about 40 million gallons of sewage are poured into the Tijuana beaches and rivers everyday, thats sad and no one does anything about it yet. What sucks about the Tj beach is that peope would love to come and sit around and go in the water to have fun, but now no one can do that beacuse of all the sewage and other unsafe chemicals in the ocean. Especially when me and my dad would love to come on the peer and look at the ocean and people surfing, but we cant do that anymore, and i loved that time when i hung out with my dad but now the area stinks and smells ultra bad. The air is so pulluted with the chemicals, that people that have those multi million dollar homes, have t onow move out because of all the bad air quality and other things that makes it unlivable there.

**Darwin Slindee**

Location: 92007, Cardiff by the Sea

Submitted At: 1:40pm 09-09-25

I do not support cutting the staffing for the SD County Arts and Culture Commission. This should not be a choice between the environment and the arts. The arts are what help the environment survive.

**Jessica Hanson**

Location: 92106, San Diego

Submitted At: 1:35pm 09-09-25

Please count me among the many with deep concern regarding the proposal to eliminate the County's top arts leadership position. Clean water and environmental remediation are essential, as is the rich cultural sector in our region. Both are important to the quality of life for our citizens, and neither should be sacrificed for the other or placed in conflict with each other. Eliminating the County's arts leadership role will cause lasting damage to the region's cultural infrastructure. Arts & culture are a powerful driver of SD's economy, generating tourism, jobs, & local business revenue. Cutting this role undermines that growth. I urge you to preserve this essential position while simultaneously pursuing the state & federal resources necessary to confront the TJ River Valley crisis. Our communities shouldn't be forced into a false choice between clean water & cultural vitality. BOTH are essential to the health, identity, & future of SD County.

**Artun Kutchuk**

Location: 92037, La Jolla

Submitted At: 1:34pm 09-09-25

As an avid supporter of local art community, I strongly oppose to eliminate the County's Art leadership position. There are many ways to address the urgency of the Tijuana Sewage crisis while addressing the needs of the local art communities. For the sewage crisis you also need to partner with industries who are truly vested in the local communities. Eliminating the County's arts leadership role—at an annual cost of approximately \$150,000—will not meaningfully advance solutions to this billion-dollar crisis. Instead, it will cause lasting damage to the region's cultural infrastructure and reduce our ability to leverage outside resources.

The arts leadership role helps secure millions in state, federal, and philanthropic funding. Without it, the County risks losing far more than it saves. Access to art and cultural funding is essential to nourish local communities in multiple ways and helps to heal the families and individuals.

**Naomi Nussbaum**

Location: 92075-1231, Solana Beach

Submitted At: 1:31pm 09-09-25

I support cleaning up the Tijuana River Valley

**Lauren Downey**

Location: 92102, San Diego

Submitted At: 1:26pm 09-09-25

As an Artist & an Arts Administrator, I'm concerned about the proposal to eliminate the County's top arts leadership position. I strongly urge the Board not to dismantle this position to pursue environmental remediation.

Eliminating the County's arts leadership role will cause lasting damage to the region's cultural infrastructure. This role helps secure millions in funding, is central to building alliances across the county & ensures that resources reach underserved & rural areas. Arts & culture are a powerful driver of SD's economy, generating tourism, jobs, & local business revenue. Cutting this role undermines that growth.

I urge you to preserve this essential position while simultaneously pursuing the state & federal resources necessary to confront the TJ River Valley crisis. Our communities shouldn't be forced into a false choice between clean water & cultural vitality. BOTH are essential to the health, identity & future of SD County.

Lauren B Downey  
Bravo School of Art

**James Gilliam**

Location: 92057, Oceanside  
Submitted At: 1:18pm 09-09-25

As chair of the San Diego county arts and culture commission I am opposed to item 17, which would eliminate the arts and culture staff position from the office of government affairs and economic development. This is a vital position and the only one that manages the arts and culture program of the county. The removal of this position would end all work, moving forward. Surely there are several unfilled positions within the county that could be utilized for the environmental purposes of this agenda item. Devastating the arts and culture program of the county is not the right option. The arts and culture commission is one of the most dedicated volunteer entities within the county and has made significant strides in the last two years since its formation. Removing the arts and culture staff position at this time would send a very bad signal to County residents and show a serious lack of support for the creative community. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

**Jeff Dunigan**

Location: 92037, La Jolla  
Submitted At: 1:16pm 09-09-25

Please preserve the arts-leadership role. Clean water and cultural leadership are both essential public goods. We don't need to sacrifice one for the other. Eliminating the County's top arts leadership position—at a cost of \$150,000—will not meaningfully advance sewage remediation. Clean water and cultural leadership are both essential public goods. We don't need to sacrifice one for the other.

**Martin Revilla**

Location: 92007, Cardiff  
Submitted At: 1:13pm 09-09-25

The region relies heavily on the health of its rivers, canals, and oceans. However, would devoting this amount of cash serve to fix or minimize the problem? I believe that more in-depth work could be done with binational agencies and with better strategy and planning.

As a result, I believe that decreasing resources for the arts in North San Diego is a catastrophic error. It undervalues the social and cultural work being done, which allows us to re-educate, inform, and improve community consciousness.

**Jordan Chaim**

Location: 92120, San Diego  
Submitted At: 1:09pm 09-09-25

While the sewage crisis is important, this remediation cannot happen at the cost of losing this arts advocacy position within the County. This runs counter to all of the investment in our arts & culture infrastructure and risks losing jobs, economic benefits, and the health/humanity benefits that come from investment in an arts ecosystem. Please do not cut this position.

**Sharlene O'Keefe**

Location: 92064, Poway  
Submitted At: 1:04pm 09-09-25

I do not agree with eliminating the staff position that provides administrative support to the San Diego County Arts

and Culture Commission. I recognize the Tijuana River sewage crisis as an important emergency, but these funds will not sufficiently impact the crisis enough to justify the gutting of the Arts Commission and essential County Arts Leadership.

**Judy Silbert**

Location: 92129, San Diego  
Submitted At: 12:59pm 09-09-25

I am deeply concerned about the proposal to eliminate the County's top arts leadership position. I strongly urge the Board not to dismantle cultural leadership to pursue environmental remediation.

Eliminating the County's arts leadership role will cause lasting damage to the region's cultural infrastructure. The cultural leadership role helps secure millions in funding, is central to building alliances across the county, and ensures that resources reach underserved and rural areas. Arts and culture are a generate tourism, jobs, and local business revenue. Cutting this role undermines that growth.

I urge you to preserve this essential position while simultaneously pursuing state and federal resources necessary to confront the TJ River Valley crisis. BOTH are essential to the health, identity, and future of SD County.

Judy Berman Silbert  
ArtReach Co-Founder/Current ArtReach Board Member/Non-Profit Consultant

**Tiffany Beres**

Location: 92037, La Jolla  
Submitted At: 12:48pm 09-09-25

Dear County Supervisors,

As an arts administrator, I am deeply concerned about the proposal to eliminate the County's arts leadership position. This role is crucial for securing funding, fostering countywide alliances, and ensuring resources reach underserved and rural areas. San Diego's nonprofit arts and culture sector is a \$1.3 billion industry, supporting 19,771 jobs and generating nearly \$321 million in tax revenue for local, state, and federal governments.

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Eliminating this position would undermine the growth and sustainability of our cultural sector. Arts and culture are vital to our community's identity and serve as a powerful economic driver. I urge you to preserve this essential position while pursuing the necessary resources to address the Tijuana River Valley crisis. Our communities shouldn't be forced into a false choice between clean water and cultural vitality.

Thank you for your consideration.

Tiffany Beres  
Public Arts Advocate

**Emily Knapp**

Location: 9202, San Diego  
Submitted At: 12:37pm 09-09-25

I stridently oppose the proposal to eliminate the County's top arts leadership position and urge the Board not to dismantle cultural leadership to pursue environmental remediation.

Eliminating the County's arts leadership role will cause lasting damage to the region's cultural infrastructure. The cultural leadership role helps secure millions in funding, is central to building alliances across the county, & ensures that resources reach underserved & rural areas. Arts & culture are a powerful driver of SD's economy, generating tourism, jobs, & local business revenue. Cutting this role undermines that growth.

I urge you to preserve this essential position while simultaneously pursuing the state & federal resources necessary to confront the TJ River Valley crisis. Our communities shouldn't be forced into a false choice between clean water & cultural vitality. BOTH are essential to the health, identity, & future of SD County.

Emily Knapp

Board President, Space 4 Art

**Llewelyn Crain**

Location: 92120, San Diego  
Submitted At: 12:23pm 09-09-25

I have deep concern regarding the proposal to eliminate the County's top arts leadership position. I strongly urge the Board not to dismantle cultural leadership to pursue environmental remediation.

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Llewellyn Crain  
San Diego Opera

**Renee Richetts**

Location: 92029, Escondido  
Submitted At: 12:23pm 09-09-25

I oppose cutting the county staff leadership position for the County Arts and Culture Commission for any reason. Elimination of this position will cause damage to the County's income-generating arts and cultural infrastructure. As a member of the Commission representing District 2, I have seen much progress made thanks to the County staff leadership's hard work. Do not "rob Peter to pay Paul" in this manner.

**Jennifer dePoyen**

Location: 92101, San Diego  
Submitted At: 12:11pm 09-09-25

As a nonprofit arts leader representing our region's highly impactful artists and cultural workers, I am deeply concerned about the proposal to eliminate the County's top arts leadership position. I strongly urge the Board not to dismantle cultural leadership to pursue environmental remediation.

Eliminating this leadership role will cause lasting damage to the region's cultural infrastructure. The role helps secure millions in funding, builds alliances across the county & ensures resources reach underserved & rural areas. Arts & culture are a powerful economic driver, generating tourism, jobs & local business revenue. Cutting this role undermines that growth.

I urge you to preserve this essential position while also pursuing state & federal resources necessary to ease the TJ River Valley crisis. Our communities reject a false choice between clean water & cultural vitality. BOTH are essential to our region's health, identity & future.

Jennifer de Poyen,  
Executive Director, Space 4 Art

**Heather LauterClay**

Location: 92109, San Diego  
Submitted At: 12:07pm 09-09-25

I oppose the cutting of the staff position for the Arts and Culture Commission in San Diego. This staff person is a very important liaison and bridge for the arts community that serves all San Diego. By engaging in arts, children and adults are inspired to think outside of the box and come up with imaginative solutions to our most pressing environmental and social challenges. Thank you.

**Steve dilley**

Location: 92081, Encinitas  
Submitted At: 12:06pm 09-09-25

Oppose cutting arts funding,  
Dea County Supervisors, please DO NOT eliminate the staff position that provides administrative support to the



San Diego County Arts and Culture Commission.  
Thank You  
Steve Dilley

**ADA SHIDO**

Location:  
Submitted At: 12:01pm 09-09-25

I have deep concern regarding the proposal to eliminate the County's top arts leadership position. I strongly urge the Board not to dismantle cultural leadership to pursue environmental remediation.

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Ada Shido,  
Former Arts Youth Commissioner

**Patricia Frischer**

Location: 92007-2105, Cardiff By The Sea  
Submitted At: 11:47am 09-09-25

Representing more that 4000 arts leaders and artists in San Diego, we are strongly opposed to cutting the staff position for the Arts and Culture Commission in San Diego. The arts are vital to saving the environment and this cut is a slap in the face to the huge efforts made by our dedicated arts commission.  
Patricia Frischer, San Diego Visual Arts Network and North County Arts Network

**Dylan Gervais**

Location: 92039, La Jolla  
Submitted At: 11:46am 09-09-25

I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the proposal to eliminate the County's top arts leadership position in the upcoming budget vote. While I recognize and respect the urgency of addressing the cross-border sewage crisis in the Tijuana River Valley, I strongly urge the Board not to dismantle cultural leadership in order to pursue environmental remediation.

Eliminating the County's top arts leadership position—at a cost of \$150,000—will not meaningfully advance sewage remediation, which requires hundreds of millions in state and federal investment. This is a false choice: clean water and cultural leadership are both essential public goods. We can't sacrifice one for the other.

**Shayla James**

Location:  
Submitted At: 11:43am 09-09-25

Clean water and cultural leadership are both essential public goods and we don't have to sacrifice one for the other. Clean water, safe beaches, and healthy communities are non-negotiable—and the arts sector stands in solidarity with residents who live with this daily reality. However, eliminating the County's arts leadership role—at an annual cost of approximately \$150,000—will not meaningfully advance solutions to this crisis. Instead, it will cause lasting damage to the region's cultural infrastructure and reduce our ability to leverage outside resources. This position is central to building alliances with schools, veterans, tribal communities, businesses, and cross-border partners. I urge you to preserve this essential arts leadership position while simultaneously pursuing the state and federal resources necessary to confront the Tijuana River Valley crisis. Please ensure that San Diego County invests in both healthy people and a healthy culture—because our future depends on both.

**Michael Camacho**

Location: 92109, San Diego

Submitted At: 11:38am 09-09-25

Despite growing up on Saturn boulevard, I must strongly oppose Agenda Item 17.

We can all agree that the Tijuana River sewage crisis is a real and urgent environmental disaster, and that it demands action. But this item represents an action that delays the delivery of the much needed bold leadership and investment needed for the arts commission.

When this Board first reinstated this commission, it promised equitable access to the arts throughout the San Diego Region in a community assessment that the county conducted not too dissimilar from the one proposed in this board letter. Rather than following through with the recommendations, you are now taking back what you promised.

If you can't follow through on these promises, then how can we trust you to fulfill your promises regarding other issues. Our community needs real accountability through the investment of real County dollars, with real timelines, and real responsible parties if this and any other issue is to succeed.

**Sarah RaiderWexler**

Location: 92037, San Diego

Submitted At: 11:31am 09-09-25

I'm deeply concerned about the proposal to eliminate the County's top arts leadership position in the upcoming budget vote. I understand the urgency and gravity of the Tijuana River Valley sewage crisis. But cutting this single arts leadership role — which costs about \$150,000 a year — will not meaningfully move the needle on what is ultimately a billion-dollar environmental crisis. What it will do is weaken the cultural infrastructure of our region, erase critical leadership, and cost us opportunities that bring far more resources into San Diego than the role costs to maintain. We shouldn't be forced into a false choice between clean water and a vibrant cultural life.

**Taylor Lehmkuhl**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:28am 09-09-25

I am concerned about eliminating the top arts leadership position in the budget vote in order to support the sewage crisis. We should not be choosing between cultural competency and clean water-- I implore you to find a different source of funding to address this problem.

**Felicia Shaw**

Location: 92105, San Diego

Submitted At: 11:26am 09-09-25

I am writing to voice my concern about the proposal to cut the County's top arts position in the upcoming budget vote. While I understand the urgency of tackling the cross-border sewage crisis in the Tijuana River Valley, I urge the Board not to dismantle cultural leadership, which could help solve one problem but create another. South Bay residents have suffered for too long from the damaging effects of untreated sewage, and our communities deserve clean water and safe environments. I stand with those most directly impacted. However, cutting the County's \$150,000 staff position will not effectively solve this billion-dollar crisis. Instead, it will damage our cultural infrastructure and weaken our ability to access outside resources. I ask you to preserve this vital position while also seeking state and federal funds needed to address the Tijuana River Valley issue. Our communities shouldn't have to choose between clean water and cultural vitality; both are crucial.

**Yogi Hernandez**

Location: San Diego

Submitted At: 11:25am 09-09-25

My name is Yogi Hernandez, and I strongly support this item.

For years, South Bay families have lived with the daily impacts of the Tijuana River sewage crisis—not just closed beaches, but toxic air, unsafe play spaces for kids, and small businesses losing customers. Over 1,300 days of closures means more than three years of families cut off from their own coastline.

CDC studies confirm what residents already feel: headaches, coughing, anxiety, and depression have become part of daily life. This is a public health and environmental emergency.

I thank Supervisor Aguirre for naming it as such. The health and economic studies, along with the Saturn

Boulevard infrastructure work, are essential to securing federal action and binational solutions. I urge you to approve this item and stand with South Bay. Every family in our county deserves clean air, clean water, and healthy lives. Thank you.

**Andrew Utt**

Location: 92111, Encinitas  
Submitted At: 11:24am 09-09-25

I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the proposal to eliminate the County's top arts leadership position in the upcoming budget vote. While I recognize and respect the urgency of addressing the cross-border sewage crisis in the Tijuana River Valley, I strongly urge the Board not to dismantle cultural leadership in order to pursue environmental remediation.

Eliminating the County's arts leadership role—at an annual cost of approximately \$150,000—will not meaningfully advance solutions to this billion-dollar crisis. Instead, it will cause lasting damage to the region's cultural infrastructure and reduce our ability to leverage outside resources.

Thank you for your leadership and for considering this perspective at such a critical moment.

Respectfully,  
Andrew Utt  
ICA San Diego  
Balboa Park & Encinitas

**Rebecca Goodman**

Location: 92039, La Jolla  
Submitted At: 11:14am 09-09-25

Eliminating the County's top arts leadership position—at a cost of \$150,000—will not meaningfully advance sewage remediation, which requires hundreds of millions in state and federal investment. This is a false choice: clean water and cultural leadership are both essential public goods. We can't sacrifice one for the other.

**Value of the Arts Leadership Position**

**Grant Leverage:** This role helps secure outside funding from state, federal, and philanthropic sources—far more than the \$150K cost

**Partnership Building:** The position is central to cultivating collaborations with schools, businesses, tribal nations, and cross-border partners—work that strengthens the county's identity and economy

**Community Equity:** Strong arts leadership ensures resources reach underserved and rural communities, creating opportunities for youth, veterans, and families often left behind

**Economic Impact:** Arts and culture contribute significantly to San Diego's tourism, small business, and workforce pipelines

**Tom Felkner**

Location: 92103, San Diego  
Submitted At: 11:13am 09-09-25

Please do not further harm our arts and culture community. We are already being cut left and right. We need your help!

**Nancy Behm**

Location: 92115, San Diego  
Submitted At: 11:11am 09-09-25

I am in support of the board taking greater action to resolve the Tijuana River Sewage Crisis. The crisis is harming the health of thousands of people - it's a public health crisis. This is closing our beautiful beaches, impacting tourism (and financial wellbeing of those whose livelihood depends on it) and the enjoyment of nature by the residents that live near the beach.

**Ines Nefzi**

Location: 92120, San Diego  
Submitted At: 10:51am 09-09-25

I have deep concern regarding the proposal to eliminate the County's top arts leadership position. Eliminating the County's arts leadership role won't meaningfully advance solutions to the billion-dollar crisis. It will cause lasting damage to the region's cultural infrastructure. The cultural leadership role helps secure millions in funding, is central to building alliances across the county, & ensures that resources reach underserved & rural areas. Arts & culture are a powerful driver of SD's economy, generating tourism, jobs, & local business revenue. Cutting this role undermines that growth. I urge you to preserve this essential position while SIMULTANEOUSLY pursuing the state & federal resources necessary to confront the TJ River Valley crisis. Our communities shouldn't be forced into a false choice between clean water & cultural vitality. BOTH are essential to the health, identity, & future of SD County.

Ines Nefzi  
San Diego ART Matters

### **Franco Garcia**

Location: 91911, Chula Vista  
Submitted At: 9:57am 09-09-25

As Executive Director of Environmental Health Coalition we want to express our support for item 17. As an environmental justice organization that has fought for children's health in the region for over 45 years we support efforts to reduce the injustices caused by the Tijuana River Sewage issue. We support these efforts working in collaboration with previous efforts by such entities as APCD to reduce the air pollution in the region.

### **Luca Barton**

Location:  
Submitted At: 9:43am 09-09-25

I strongly support Item 17. The Tijuana River sewage crisis is a severe public health and environmental injustice that has devastated South Bay communities for decades. Our beaches are closed, our air is toxic, and our families are getting sick. This board letter is a critical step forward. Funding health and economic impact studies will finally document the full scope of this disaster, and investing in infrastructure solutions at Saturn Boulevard is urgent to stop the poisoning of our air. We must act now to protect the health of our communities, support our small businesses, and hold the federal government accountable. Please vote YES on Item 17.

### **Jay Bell**

Location: 92023, Encinitas  
Submitted At: 8:33am 09-09-25

I fully support addressing the Tijuana River sewage crisis, but the proposed funding method for Federal Advocacy would devastate San Diego County's Arts and Culture Commission. Redirecting money from the vacant staff position eliminates the chance to hire a top-level professional to lead our Commission, halting the progress hard-won after decades of systemic underfunding. Without staff, the Commission cannot fulfill commitments to nonprofit partners or the broader community. Past administrations gutted arts and culture; please do not return us to those dark times. The County already holds multiple advocacy contracts that can be used instead. In a moment when freedom of expression is under attack, we should strengthen—not weaken—our support for the arts. Arts and culture are not luxuries; they are vital tools for resilience, unity, and democracy. Do not decimate the voices that help make San Diego County stronger, more creative, and more inclusive.

### **Win Heiskala**

Location: 91932, Imperial Beach  
Submitted At: 11:00pm 09-08-25

My husband and I have been beachfront owners/residents since August of 1989. Since then we have experienced multiple beach closures for severely contaminated water culminating in the last shutdown of over 3 years. The health of your District 1 residents as well as the financial stability of the community demands the support of these basic requests. We must keep working towards a solution as soon as possible. This is a major step in that direction and your total support is mandated.

**Julieta Garcia**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:59pm 09-08-25

Hello my name is Julieta, and I'm a local high school student. We are partners with the Tijuana River Coalition. Recently I have seen less people go to the beach in San Diego and the reason for that is because who wants to go to a beach where they cant enjoy the water it is unbelievable that our local beaches are filled with sewage, micro-plastics , heavy metals. This has affected my family as we used to go to walk down at the beach to relax and feel the breeze now we cant even enjoy that due to the dangers of the air pollution near the beaches and awful smells. Pollution is destroying biodiversity and putting long-term ecological restoration at risk. This ongoing problem has gone too far and there has to be an action made to resolve the problem of our beaches.

**Lee Keleher**

Location: 92106, San Diego

Submitted At: 8:20pm 09-08-25

My name is Lee Keleher and I am a student at a local high school. As a surfer and lover of the ocean, I find this issue very disturbing and think it needs immediate action. It is concerning to me that residents of San Diego are becoming ill because of the sewage in the ocean. We should not have to be this concerned about our health and safety. I suggest you continue to study the health risks of this and use that information to inspire change in the community.

**Paula StiglerGranados**

Location: 91978, SPRING VALLEY

Submitted At: 7:04pm 09-08-25

As a public health researcher at San Diego State University, I strongly support Chair Pro Tem Aguirre's recommended actions to address the Tijuana River sewage crisis. It is vital that public health and economic impacts are fully assessed and solutions developed alongside ongoing infrastructure and wastewater treatment upgrades. Our ongoing SDSU health survey already shows very high rates of headaches (84%), respiratory illness (76%), sleep problems (70%), and gastrointestinal illness (68%) among South Bay residents. Recent studies confirm hydrogen sulfide levels at the Saturn Boulevard hotspot more than 100 times above California's standard, validating community reports of odors and illness. Advancing the epidemiological and economic studies, and implementing evidence-based solutions at Saturn Boulevard, are urgent and necessary next steps to protect families, workers, and children.

**Phillip Musegaas**

Location: 92111, San Diego

Submitted At: 5:43pm 09-08-25

On behalf of San Diego Coastkeeper, I am asking the Board to support Chair Pro Tem Aguirre's recommended actions to address the Tijuana River Sewage Crisis. It's critically important that the public health and economic impacts of this ongoing crisis are fully assessed and solutions developed as soon as possible, and concurrent with any infrastructure and wastewater treatment repairs and upgrades currently being undertaken.

In particular, it is crucial that the County work with the US Navy, City of San Diego and others to address the Saturn Boulevard hotspot, which is the major source of noxious air pollution impacts to local residents. Coastkeeper has been monitoring water quality in the Tijuana River at Saturn boulevard since November 2024, and our data shows extremely high levels of fecal bacteria and pathogens, along with regular detections of a range of industrial chemicals, pesticides and other toxic substances that are an imminent threat to public health.

Thank you.

**CAMILA URIBE**

Location:

Submitted At: 3:23pm 09-08-25

I am a local high school student. I've live around the area. I can confirm that this is a issue because the smell is awful. As time passes by I've seen less or less people going to imperial beach anymore as much. This is

concerning since the pollution is in the air which concerns me for people that end up going or live near there because the air and water can cause serious health issues. Over all I agree that it's time to change this because people can't be living like that or risk getting sick.

**Erin TsurumotoGrassi**

Location:

Submitted At: 3:08pm 09-08-25

Alliance San Diego is in full support of this proposal. For too long, our community members in Imperial Beach have been subjected to pollution that impacts their health and ability to participate in everyday activities. This violates their human right to a standard of living adequate for the health and well-being of themselves and their families. We support the proposal to gather hard data to help inform advocacy efforts, and to allocate county resources towards federal advocacy to fix this public health crisis.

**J M**

Location: 92106, san Diego

Submitted At: 1:29pm 09-08-25

I am a local high school student and I am supporting this proposition for a better San Diego because the Tijuana river is dumping 40 million dumping into the water everyday. The smell of the water is getting people sick even if you don't go to the beach it's in the air around us.

**Ana RubioRuiz**

Location: 91977, Spring Valley

Submitted At: 12:20pm 09-08-25

I am a high school student, and I am in support of this proposition for a cleaner and safer San Diego. I often go to Tijuana and used to live there, so I can firsthand say that the sewage issue has gotten out of hand and needs to be addressed immediately. Right away, when you cross the border, there is an insense smell from the swedge. The same goes for Imperial Beach. We're living in uninhabitable spaces.

**Austin Cavazos**

Location:

Submitted At: 12:12pm 09-08-25

Hello, my name is Austin. I'm a high school student in San Diego. In eighth grade, my school took a trip to Camp Surf, located in Imperial Beach. The trip was very fun but during our time there, we were not allowed to enter the water due to health concerns. This worries me because this issue is happening within my community. And I also worry that the pollution will spread to other parts of San Diego. I hope that this problem is able to be fixed before it's too late.

**Kendall Adams**

Location: 92101, San Diego

Submitted At: 12:06pm 09-08-25

My name is Kendall Adams, and I am speaking on behalf of High Tech High in Point Loma. I support the Tijuana Coalition. I have a friend who lives in Imperial Beach who is affected by the sewage every day. The smell enters their home from the outside and is undeniable. My friends and I shouldn't have to worry about the water nor the air's contamination.

**Novie Soares**

Location: 92106, San Diego

Submitted At: 12:04pm 09-08-25

I am a local high school student, and I support this proposition for a healthier San Diego. I know lots of people like going to the beach, including myself. It's really sad knowing that I and a lot of other people can't enjoy the beaches in San Diego because of the risk of getting sick.

**Vincent Johnson**

Location:

Submitted At: 12:04pm 09-08-25

My name is Dru, and I am a student at High Tech High in Point Loma. I am reaching out in support of the Tijuana

River Coalition. The pollution and wastewater flowing in the Tijuana River and along the coast of southern San Diego County are affecting my friends. I have trouble visiting my friends and family living near the southern coast of the county due to the smell and the problems there. I even had a friend who lived in Imperial Beach move away due to concerns for health and the smell. I believe that concrete action and a public health study have to be enacted to protect people around the affected areas and the communities nearby.

**Dwayne Nash**

Location:

Submitted At: 12:03pm 09-08-25

Hello, my name is Dwayne, and I am speaking on behalf of High Tech High in Point Loma. I am reaching out in support of the Tijuana River Coalition. I am a resident of Chula Vista CA, and every time I want to go to Imperial Beach it's either closed due to contaminated waters, or the smell is rancid. The communities we serve should not be worried of their beaches smelling bad or the water being dangerous. The beach is a free space for all and should not be something that people should worry about. A Public Health Study is needed to understand the chronic health impacts and protect children and families.

**Cesar Amaro**

Location: 91911

Submitted At: 12:02pm 09-08-25

I am a local high school student and I strongly support this proposition for a cleaner San Diego. I live near Imperial Beach and used to regularly go there with my family and spend the whole day there. Ever since 40 million gallons of raw sewage started being dumped daily we stopped going completely because of the poor conditions. Once again I support this because I'm hopeful that one day I'll be able to revisit on better terms.

**Emanunel Servin**

Location: 92113, san dago

Submitted At: 12:02pm 09-08-25

Hi, I am Emanuel, a student in high school from High Tech High. I am supporting that the USA and Mexico need to work together and clean the sewage and trash from all the beaches and rivers.

**Nandani Shah**

Location:

Submitted At: 12:01pm 09-08-25

My name is Nandani, a high schooler from San Diego. People should not have to worry about their health at a place where it is said to heal you. I think the federal advocacy service should be involved because this issue is beginning to affect more than just the water.

**Carla Monzon**

Location:

Submitted At: 12:01pm 09-08-25

My name is Carla a local high school student, and i'm in support for this proposition for cleaner water in San Diego. We are partners with the Tijuana river coalition. I don't think is fair for people in my community to get sick just by getting near the beach. Me and my family used to go to walks to the beach but in recent years we haven't been doing that due to this issue.

**Bowie Badong**

Location: 92106, San Diego

Submitted At: 12:01pm 09-08-25

My name is Bowie and I'm a Highschool Student in San Diego. My class is working with the Tijuana River Coalition. It's reported that residents are experiencing chronic and mental health issues because of the consist chronic exposure of Hydrogen Sulfide. I support this bill because all my life, my family has struggled with health issues and every time we had gone to the beach at least one of my family members had gotten extremely sick the day after.

**Riley Purcell**

Location: 92106, San Diego

Submitted At: 11:59am 09-08-25

I am a local high school student who supports the proposition to create a healthier San Diego. People have been getting sick for years, not just from the polluted beaches but also from the deteriorating air quality.

### **Angelina Salazar**

Location: 92106, San Diego  
Submitted At: 10:57am 09-08-25

I am a high school student, and I am in support of this proposition for a cleaner and safer San Diego. I know countless amounts of people, including myself, who love the beach. It is devastating to see the state of some of the beaches here. It's incredibly concerning that these beaches are not safe even miles away. The amount of sewage being dumped in the river daily is making residents sick by impacting the air quality. We need change and we need it now.

### **Maximo Dena**

Location: 92106, San Diego  
Submitted At: 10:57am 09-08-25

Hello, my name is Maximo Dena, and I am a local high school student who cares about a healthy environment. We are partners with the Tijuana River Coalition. I often go to Tijuana, and when I'm near the river or just the canal, I hate the terrible smell that enters my car. So I think Federal Advocacy Services should be a priority action so that they can help homes build sewers to not pollute the river.

### **Emiliano Cedeno**

Location: 92106, San Diego  
Submitted At: 10:57am 09-08-25

I am a local high school student in San Diego. I am concerned about the health of citizens and the wildlife of the area. It's scary knowing that the polluted water isn't just affecting people in that area, but it is getting into the air and affecting people many miles away. Who knows how bad it's going to get and how much longer this is going to be ignored.

### **Andy Purdum**

Location: 92106, San Diego  
Submitted At: 10:56am 09-08-25

Hello my name is Andy, I'm a high school student and I've grown up in San Diego my whole life. A lot of my favorite memories are in Corando, whether that be going to Thanksgiving at my grandparents or Fourth of July at my cousins, the Christmas parade, or going to the beach, if I planned on doing these things just a few years later they would get me sick. It's already bad knowing it's in the water but now knowing that it's even in the air, it makes me sad to think that other kids or anyone else in the future won't be able to make their own memories or enjoy Corando, like I've been lucky enough to experience, due to the fear of breathing the air.

### **Hattie Bergel**

Location: 92106, San Diego  
Submitted At: 10:54am 09-08-25

My name is Hattie, and I'm a local high school student concerned about the health of San Diego's population. People are experiencing numerous illnesses, on top of that, it's affecting our marine wildlife, which is crucial to our ecosystem. Changes need to be implemented.

### **briana r**

Location: 92106, San diegp  
Submitted At: 10:54am 09-08-25

My name is briana. I'm speaking on behalf of a local high school student. 40 million gallons of sewage every day are dumped into the Pacific Ocean. Also, pollution is getting into the air- don't have to go to the.

### **Jackson Poon**

Location: 92106, San Diego  
Submitted At: 10:53am 09-08-25



Hello, I'm a local high school student. I used to go to Coronado for my birthday parties, and sometimes we wouldn't be able to go in the water because of contamination. This is a binational security challenge. Failing water waste infrastructure threatens communities on both sides of the border and requires federal coordination. The air and water affect many local people and make them sick.

### **Jorden Y**

Location: 92106, San Diego  
Submitted At: 10:53am 09-08-25

Hello, I am a high school student in San Diego, and I am in support of the Tijuana River Coalition. The current water crisis has impacted all of us, including our loved ones and the city's most vulnerable. Polluted water and air mean people are getting sick, not just at the beach but up to 3 miles away from it. This crisis is not only harming people, it's also harming our economy. The wastewater goes from Imperial Beach all the way up to Coronado, meaning money brought in from tourism has been down-trending ever since beaches started closing down frequently. I personally think a Public Health Study and a Saturn Feasibility Study should be done.

### **River Wong**

Location:  
Submitted At: 10:53am 09-08-25

Hello, my name is River, I am a local high school student, and I'm speaking on behalf of my community. A public health study is needed to understand the chronic health impacts and protect children and families. Nobody should be getting badly sick from breathing in the morning air.

### **O Lead**

Location: 92106, SD  
Submitted At: 10:52am 09-08-25

Hello, I am a local student in SD, and this problem has gotten out of hand. I wish to be able to swim in the ocean without risk of severe sickness. This is more than a small issue; it's a crisis. The Imperial Beach community is undervalued, the economy is being affected, and the ecosystem is being impacted. This requires several things to help, but I'm sure the federal government has more than enough to fix this. This can be helped, and I don't see why it isn't. We need help.

### **y Wickramarachchi**

Location:  
Submitted At: 10:52am 09-08-25

I am a local high school student in San Diego. I would say that I enjoy visiting the beach because it's one of the most popular things to do in San Diego. I would go down to various beaches, but in recent times, I have not been able to go to Imperial Beach. The reason being that it stinks over the, and sometimes when I'm down in South San Diego, I can smell it too. It's a shame to because the beach looks beautiful. No one can swim in the ocean or just be around the area. In my eyes, I see this as a huge problem for people who live there, too. Families at risk of health problems and people who live on the beach. This is a problem that we can't ignore, and it needs to be fixed now.

### **Indigo Abreu**

Location: 92069, San Marcos  
Submitted At: 10:52am 09-08-25

I'm Indigo Abreu, a junior in high school and a resident of California. My school, High Tech High, is partnered with the Tijuana River Coalition. Residents are currently experiencing significant issues due to the pollution in the water and air. Citizens and communities shouldn't have to live in constant fear.

All my life, I feared for my sibling due to her being in the hospital a lot, for medical conditions. Having to fear for someone you care about, let alone your own life, is so mentally hard on a person. I cannot in the fear and mental distress that the residents are going threw just to live, fearing that they friends, family, or themselves can get sick at any moment. We need to do something to protect the people.

### **Skye Stiles**

Location: 92106, San Diego

Submitted At: 10:52am 09-08-25

I am a local high school student, and I am in support of this proposition for a safer and cleaner San Diego. I go to High Tech High, and some of our teachers would like to take field trips to Imperial Beach or similar beaches, but they can't, because it's not safe. In my personal life, my family can't go to the beach anymore because it's so polluted. There is 40 million gallons of sewage being dumped daily. The communities around these areas are in danger of getting ill just by living there. This issue has endangered many people, and it's in the air; people could get sick without even getting in the water.

### **Adrian Ocampo**

Location: 92106, san diego

Submitted At: 10:52am 09-08-25

I am a local high school student here at sandiego and my thoughts at first seeing all of the problems and impacts theres no reason to not enhance efforts to solve this crisis because theres so many bad things coming out of this like people not even being able to swim let alone be in the area without being effected by the pollution and getting sick

### **James Guffey**

Location: 92106, San Diego

Submitted At: 10:51am 09-08-25

My name is James, and I'm a local high school student in San Diego. I'm speaking on behalf of myself and my classmates, who can't swim at the beaches anymore due to the pollution crisis. But not only are people at the beach being impacted, people miles away are also getting severely sick from the aerosolized infectious particles coming from the pollution. This is not just people having to deal with a bad smell. This is people becoming ill. This is people getting cancer and other severe long term conditions. This is people DYING. This public health emergency needs to be stopped as soon as possible, for the sake of the lives of people and animals on both sides of the border. I'm requesting a public health study to protect children and families, and understand the chronic health impacts caused by this emergency.

### **Alyssa uribe**

Location: 92106, San Diego

Submitted At: 10:51am 09-08-25

I am a local high school student, I really enjoy going to the beach with friends, but overtime it's gotten dangerous. Due to the Tijuana River causing over 40 million gallons of sewage daily. Not only does that affect me being able to go to certain beaches but due to the pollution in the water it also affects the air.

### **Paula Valdez**

Location: 92154, San Diego

Submitted At: 10:48am 09-08-25

My name is Paula, and I'm a local High School student and a resident near Imperial Beach. I'm a concerned student who worries about the local community living in Imperial Beach due to the health risks associated with living there. We're partners with the Tijuana River Coalition. My family and I would go to Imperial Beach at night to walk on the sand and relax after having a stressful day. When we discovered that the beach was being infested with raw sewage that was harming the water's pollution, we were devastated to find out that Imperial Beach closed down after that, and it remains closed until today. This is a binational security challenge. Failing wastewater infrastructure threatens communities on both sides of the border and requires federal coordination. A Public Health Study is needed to understand the chronic health impacts and protect children and families. An Economic Impact Study is essential to quantify losses and strengthen the case for federal funding.

### **Brandon Dunlavey**

Location: 92103, San Diego

Submitted At: 10:47am 09-08-25

I am a current High School student, and I am enrolled at High Tech High, and some our teachers would like to take field trips to Imperial Beach, but they can't since the water is polluted and has a very distinct smell due to what Tijuana dumps into the Pacific Ocean. 40 million gallons dumped daily into the Ocean which will lead to 100s of Millions of dollars which the US has to spend to solve the oceanic issues.

**Midah Obado**

Location: 92106, SD

Submitted At: 10:45am 09-08-25

My name is Midah Obado, and I'm a local high school student who is concerned and cares about the future of San Diego. We are partners with the Tijuana River Coalition. My family can't enjoy the beach anymore, because in past summers we would go to IB every week, but we slowly stopped going there when the yellow signs suggested that it wasn't safe to swim anymore.

**Kalle Palmer**

Location: 92110, San Diego

Submitted At: 10:19am 09-08-25

I am a teacher at High Tech High in Point Loma and I am reaching out in support of the Tijuana River Coalition. Pollution is destroying biodiversity and putting long-term ecological restoration at risk. It impacts many residents including a number of my students and their families significantly as they have lost access to beaches, parks, and open space, spaces essential for recreation, mental health, and cultural connection. My students are passionate about a healthier future for San Diego residents.

I request the following studies be pursued: A Public Health Study is needed to understand the chronic health impacts and protect children and families and an Economic Impact Study is essential to quantify losses and strengthen the case for federal funding.

**Patti Boman**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:44am 09-08-25

We live in IB and have not even touched the water, we are afraid of the pollution it carries and we even stopped walking our dog on the beach, she was having many stomach issues that stopped once we stopped taking her daily. We have air purifiers in all bedrooms and still suffer daily headaches that sometimes turn into migraines. Please fix this, support the science to get us out of this "Flint-like" contamination that is detrimental to our health

**Kristan Culbert**

Location: 20005, Washington

Submitted At: 9:10am 09-08-25

My name is Kristan Culbert, Associate Director of California River Conservation at American Rivers, a national conservation organization working to make every river across the United States clean and healthy for people and wildlife. In 2024, and again in 2025, American Rivers recognized the Tijuana River as one of America's Most Endangered Rivers due to decades of neglect and underinvestment needed to fix broken wastewater facilities and prevent sewage and industrial pollution from being released into the river.

As pollution continues to sicken communities, hurt local economies, and decimate fragile riverine ecosystems on both sides of the border, continued federal coordination with state and local governments and organizations is needed to bring a swift resolution to this crisis. We urge the Board of Supervisors to vote in favor of item 17's proposed action to request additional federal support. Thank you for your consideration.

**Susan Marrinan**

Location: 92118, Coronado

Submitted At: 4:17pm 09-07-25

Item # 17: Sept. 9, 2025:

My name is Susan Marrinan and I am a founding member of Stop the Sewage. I strongly urge the Board support of Supervisor Aguirre's proposals to protect the health of San Diego County. Recent studies show the connection between air quality and untreated Sewage and this crisis is affecting our health, our businesses, our Navy and every single person who lives and or visits our county. We need your help.

**Jean Seager**

Location: 92118, Coronado

Submitted At: 10:50am 09-07-25

My name is Jean Seager and I am a founding member of Stop the Sewage. I support this proposal. In Coronado, we are already seeing the economic effects of closed beaches. Many businesses are hurting. A study would help

quantify the impacts of our sewage-plagued beaches and enable us to get assistance to ameliorate the problem.

**SANDRA BRILLHART**

Location: 91932, Imperial Beach  
Submitted At: 10:06pm 09-06-25

Thanks to Supervisor Aguirre for bringing forward this multi pronged approach to address the environmental and health crises that continue to plague the residents, businesses and environment of Imperial Beach and the South Bay. The proposed projects will collect data that is necessary to assess the impacts of the sewage on health and the local economy; plan critical infrastructure fixes to stop the release of H<sub>2</sub>S at Saturn Blvd.; and, advocate for federal funding to finally address the Tijuana River sewage crisis. As a severely immunocompromised senior citizen who lives near the beach in IB, and enjoys bicycling in the Estuary and walking on the beach, I am concerned that these activities, which would otherwise be beneficial to my health, are hurting it. I've had good friends move because of worsening health, noticed significant degradation in aquatic and avian life in the Estuary, and have seen local businesses suffer. For these reasons, I ask you to please vote yes!

**Serge Dedina**

Location: 92014, Del Mar  
Submitted At: 12:04pm 09-05-25

I, Lillie Mulligan, am speaking on behalf of WILDCOAST, an international team conserving coastal and marine ecosystems and addressing climate change through natural solutions. Yet, 25 years later, we are still fighting against the sewage crisis in the Tijuana River Estuary. Daily outputs of pollution destroy local ecosystems and choke wildlife. This will not only have lasting effects on our ocean but also wreak havoc on human health and the economy of a bustling tourist and beach community.

WILDCOAST believes Item 17 is a part of the solution. The Letter will fund studies to provide a full scope of the problem, from its environmental and health impacts to its economic toll and strengthen future funding and mitigation efforts. We are also supporting the competitive procurement of federal advocacy services to address this complex issue effectively. Supporting Item 17 means prioritizing the health of our communities, the protection of our environment, and the vitality of our economy.

**Jenny Parker**

Location: 92122, San Diego Coastal  
Submitted At: 2:06pm 09-04-25

"My name is Jenny Parker, M.D. and I'm speaking on behalf of the Solana Beach Eco Rotary Club. I am strong in favor of 17. ENHANCING REGIONAL EFFORTS AND FEDERAL ADVOCACY TO ADVANCE SOLUTIONS TO THE TIJUANA RIVER SEWAGE CRISIS. I have been deeply concerned about water pollution in the Tijuana River watershed and along our coast. However, the recent findings of serious air pollution as a result of the water pollution is extremely worrying. Residents are experiencing respiratory symptoms, gastrointestinal illness, and mental health impacts consistent with chronic hydrogen sulfide exposure. The communities we serve should not have to live in constant fear for their health and safety. Furthermore, the sewage crisis is devastating marine ecosystems and the Tijuana River Estuary, one of the most significant wetlands in California. Pollution is destroying biodiversity and putting long-term ecological restoration at risk. Please vote in favor.